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### Aparchit Super Current Affairs MCQ with facts- 19 August 2022 By APARCHIT EXAM WARRIORS/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Recently 11 new wetlands from India have been added to the Ramsar sites list. What is the total Ramsar sites tally so far in India?

A) 58

B) 69

C) 81

D) 75

Answer : D

### **RAMSAR SITES IN NEWS 2021-22**

- ➤ India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites to make a total of 75 such sites covering an area of 13,26,677 hectares in the country. 75 Ramsar Sites in 75th Year of Independence India.
  - 1. Tampara Lake in Odisha;
  - 2. Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha;
  - 3. Ansupa Lake in Odisha;
  - 4. Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
  - 5. Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
  - 6. Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu;
  - 7. Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
  - 8. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu:
  - 9. Thane Creek in Maharashtra;
  - 10. Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir;
  - 11. Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir.
- India has designated 10 more wetlands as Ramsar sites recently the total Ramsar sites in India has become 64, covering an area of 12,50,361 ha.
  - 1. Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu
  - 2. Satkosia Gorge Odisha
  - 3. Nanda Lake Goa
  - 4. Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve Tamil Nadu



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- 5. Ranganathituu BS Karnataka.
- 6. Vembannur Wetland Complex Tamil Nadu.
- 7. Sirpur wetland Madhya Pradesh.
- 8. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu.
- 9. Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu.
- 10. Vellode Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu
- Government of India Designates 5 New Ramsar Sites, taking total number to 54.
  - 1. Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu
  - 2. Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest, Tamil Nadu
  - 3. Pichavaram Mangrove, Tamil Nadu
  - 4. Pala wetland, Mizoram
  - 5. Sakhya Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.
- ➤ Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat & Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in UP listed as India's 48th & 49th Ramsar sites.
- 2nd February 2022 marked the 51st anniversary of the Ramsar Convention, the day which is also celebrated as World Wetlands Day.
- Uttar Pradesh's Haiderpur Wetland Recognized as 47th Ramsar Site in India.
- Four new sites of India added to Ramsar list as 'wetlands of International importance (Thol Gujarat, Wadhwana-Gjarat, Sultanpur Haryana & Bhindawas -Haryana).
- Ladakh's Tso Kar wetland complex added to list of Ramsar sites.
- Lonar Lake in Buldhana district of Maharashtra selected under 'Ramsar site'.
- ➤ Keetham lake, also known as Sur Sarovar, in Agra of Uttar Pradesh added to Ramsar sites.
- > Asan Conservation Reserve gets first Ramsar site tag from Uttarakhand, Dehradun district.
- ➤ Kabartal Wetland becomes Bihar's first Ramsar site, Begusarai district.
- There are 75 Ramsar sites in India.
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is an international treaty for "the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands".
- It is also known as the Convention on Wetlands and is named after the city of Ramsar in Iran.
- Ramsar Convention or the Convention of Wetlands was established in 1971 and came into force in the year 1975, upon receipt by UNESCO.



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- Ramsar convention came into force on 1 December 1975.
- India signed the Ramsar Convention on 1 February 1982.
- > Sundarban wetlands (West Bengal) are the largest Ramsar site in India.
- > Chilika Lake (Orissa) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) were recognized as the first Ramsar Sites of India.
- > Tamil Nadu has the highest number of 14 Ramsar sites in India.
- > Renuka Wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest wetland of India.
- ➤ Chilka lake and Keoladeo Ghana National Park is the oldest Ramsar site in India which was declared in 1981.
- > World's First Ramsar site was identified in 1974, which was the Cobourg Peninsula in Australia.
- ➤ The United Kingdom has the world's largest number of Ramsar Sites i.e. 175. and Mexico (142).
- ➤ Bolivia (148,000 sq. kms) has the largest area under Ramsar protection.
- ➤ There are currently over 2,424 Ramsar Sites around the world. They cover over 2.5 million square kms, an area larger than Mexico.

### Q.2. Identify the incorrect option with regard to the wetlands designated as Ramsar sites?

- A) Ansupa Lake Odisha
- B) Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu
- C) Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary Karnataka

#### Answer: D

- √ Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites to make total 75 Ramsar sites covering an area of 13,26,677 Hectare in the country in the 75th year of Independence.
- ✓ Of the 11 new sites four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu & Kashmir, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of Ramsar sites at 14, followed by Uttar Pradesh which has 10.
- ✓ India is one of the Contracting Parties to Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran in 1971. India signed it on 1st February 1982. From 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 sites were added to the list of Ramsar sites



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- ✓ From 2014 to 2022, the country has added 49 new wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites.
- ✓ The 11 Indian wetlands which have been designated as new Ramsar sites
  - 1. Tampara Lake Odisha
  - 2. Hirakud Reservoir Odisha
  - 3. Ansupa Lake Odisha
  - 4. Yashwant Sagar Madhya Pradesh
  - 5.. Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu
  - 6. Such-dram Theroor Wetland Complex Tamil Nadu
  - 7. Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu
  - 8. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary Tamil Nadu
  - 9. Thane Creek Maharashtra
  - 10. Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve Jammu and Kashmir
  - 11. Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve Jammu and Kashmir
- Q.3. Identify the correct option with respect to wetlands designated as Ramsar sites?
  - A) Tampara Lake Madhya Pradesh
  - B) Yashwant Sagar Odisha
  - C) Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex Karnataka
  - D) Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve Jammu and Kashmir

#### Answer : D

- √ Tampara Lake in Odisha
- ✓ Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
- Q.4. The newly designated Ramsar site, Hirakud Reservoir is in which state?
  - A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Odisha

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer: B

✓ Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha



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- Q.5. The newly designated Ramsar site, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary is in which state?
  - A) Odisha

**B) Tamil Nadu** 

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: B

- Q.6. The Border Road Organization (BRO) will construct a pilot road using steel slag in which state, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions?
  - A) Odisha

B) Uttarakhand

C) Himachal Pradesh

D) Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Border Road Organization (BRO) will construct a pilot road using steel slag in Arunachal Pradesh, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions.
- ✓ The project was developed with the aim to "convert waste to wealth" and around one lakh tones of processed steel slag aggregates have been utilized here substituting the natural aggregate.
- ✓ If this is found successful, then this can become a big solution for building durable roads along strategic areas.
- ✓ This project has been initiated after the success of using 100% steel slag on a port connectivity road in Gujarat, which has longer life and built at low cost.

### **BRO IN NEWS 2021-22**

- > Border Road Organization (BRO) to build First Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh
- ➤ "BRO Cafes" to be established at 75 border areas in 12 states and UTs, Defense Ministry Approved.
- BRO celebrates its 62nd raising day on 7th May 2022.
- BRO's Atal Tunnel Receives 'Best Infrastructure Project' Award
- ➤ BRO to construct world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass connecting Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh at 16.580 feet.
- > BRO received Guinness World Record for world's highest motorable road Umlingla Pass.
- > BRO Builds World's Highest Motorable Road Umlingla Pass in eastern Ladakh at 19,300 ft
- Border Roads Organisation (BRO)



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Formation: 7 May 1960 Headquarters: New Delhi

Director General: Rajeev Chaudhary

#### Q.7. Who has launched India's first Companionship Startup for the senior citizens?

A) Gautam Adani

**B) Ratan Tata** 

C) Azim Premji

D) Mukesh Ambani

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Industrialist Ratan Tata launched India's companionship startup for senior citizens, Goodfellows, in a bid to encourage intergenerational friendships
- ✓ Shantanu Naidu, an MBA from Cornell University, founded the Goodfellows startup. The 28-year-old is a General Manager at Mr Tata's office and is the fifth generation of his family to work in the Tata Group.
- ✓ At the launch of Goodfellows, Ratan Tata said, "You do not know what it is like to be lonely until you spend time alone wishing for companionship."
- ✓ The startup appoints young graduates, 'Goodfellows', who help in assisting the senior citizens and provide companionship, "similar to what a grandkid would do".
- ✓ With 15 million elderlies in India living alone, either due to the loss of a partner, or families moving away for unavoidable work reasons, many of them have caregivers but the issue of loneliness or lack of company has been the primary reason for deteriorating mental and physical health

## Q.8. What percentage of interest subsidy on short-term agricultural loan up to 3 lakh rupees has been approved by the cabinet?

A) 3.1%

B) 2.6%

C) 1.9%

D) 1.5%

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Union cabinet has approved to restore interest subvention on short term agriculture loans to 1.5% for all financial institutions.
- ✓ Thus, interest subvention of 1.5% will be provided to lending institutions for the financial year 2022-23 to 2024-25 for lending short term agri-loans upto Rs 3 lakh to the farmers



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- ✓ Increase in interest subvention will ensure sustainability of credit flow in the agriculture sector as well as ensure financial health and viability of the lending institutions especially regional rural banks & cooperative banks, ensuring adequate agriculture credit in rural economy.
- ✓ Farmers will continue to avail short term agriculture credit at interest rate of 4% per annum while repaying the loan in time.
- ✓ Under this scheme, short term agriculture loan upto Rs 3 lakh is available to farmers engaged in agriculture and other allied activities including animal husbandry, dairying, poultry, fisheries etc. at the rate of 7% p.a.
- ✓ This increase in interest subvention support requires additional budgetary provisions of Rs 34,856 crore for the period of 2022-23 to 2024-25 under the scheme
- ✓ Union Cabinet also approved raising the outlay of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECGLS) by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore
- Q.9. Which one has launched its mobile app and e-portal to provide digital personal loan in august 2022?

A) Indel Money Ltd

B) Bajaj Finserv

C) Muthoot Finance Ltd

D) Manappuram Finance Limited

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Indel Money Limited, the gold loan NBFC, has launched on its mobile app and e-portal a digital personal loan. Initially offered for its existing customers, the service will be completely digitised with faster loan disbursement experience.
- ✓ The roll-out of the digital personal loan marks its foray into the personal loan segment. In the initial phase, it plans to leverage the existing customer base and would gradually open this space for others across varied income segments
- ✓ This exercise is part of Indel Money's ongoing digital transformation drive. The company, in the recent past, had launched online gold loan facility in select markets.
- ✓ The loan would be sanctioned based on the average transaction value in the previous 12 months. The rate of interest will be 10-20 per cent based on the individual credit score. The repayment tenure is in the bracket of 3-6 months
- ✓ The NBFC has launched this product across 225 branches based in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha.



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- Q.10. Which company has signed an agreement with global petroleum giant ExxonMobil for deepwater exploration on the east and the west coasts of India?
  - A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
  - B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
  - C) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
  - D) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has signed an agreement with global petroleum giant ExxonMobil for deep-water exploration on the east and the west coasts of India.
- ✓ The two companies will focus on the Krishna-Godavari and Cauvery basins in the eastern offshore and
  the Kutch-Mumbai region in the western offshore.
- ✓ ExxonMobil is an American multinational oil and gas corporation.
- ✓ India, the world's third-biggest oil importer and consumer, ships in over 85% of its oil needs from overseas. The country wants to quickly monetize its oil and gas resources to reduce its reliance on costly imports.
- ✓ India's crude oil production fell 1.6% to about 600,000 barrels per day (2.44 million tonnes) in June, dipping over 4% versus the previous month.
- ✓ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

Founded: 1956

Headquarteres : New Delhi

CMD: Alka Mittal,

Owner: Government of India (60.409%)

Life Insurance Corporation of India (9.69%)

Gas Authority of India Limited(5.45%)

Indian Oil Corporation (5.45%)

Q.11. Union Minister of Road, Transport & Highway Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first electric double-decker bus in which city?

A) Chennai

B) Mumbai

C) Kolkata

D) Hyderabad



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#### Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister of Road, Transport & Highway Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first electric doubledecker bus in Mumbai.
- ✓ Two new electric buses, including the first air-conditioned double-decker bus in the country, will join the fleet of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST).
- ✓ A single-decker electric bus for app-based premium bus service and a double-decker air-conditioned bus was launched at a function held at NCPA in south Mumbai
- Q.12. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world. How many vision points of this initiative?

A) Three

B) Five

C) Four

D) Six

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world.
- ✓ The five-point vision of this initiative-
  - 1. Free education
  - 2.Free treatment
  - 3. Employment for youth
  - 4. Equal rights, dignity and security for women
  - 5. Fair price to farmers for their produce
- ✓ This mission was launched at the Talkatora Stadium in Delhi.
- ✓ During the launch, he urged every citizen to join this mission and make India No. 1 in the world.

#### Q.13. Which of the following bank has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme'?

A) Canara Bank

**B) Kotak Mahindra Bank** 

C) Bank of Baroda

D) Yes Bank

#### Answer: C

✓ Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme', a special retail term deposit product that offers interest rates of 5.75% for 444 days and 6% for 555 days.



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- √ This scheme is applicable on retail deposits below Rs 2 crore and remains in force till December 31, 2022.
- ✓ Senior citizens will earn an additional interest rate of 0.50%, while non-callable deposits will get 0.15% extra.
- ✓ Bank of Baroda (BOB)

Founded: 1908

HQ: Varodara, Gujarat

MD & CEO: Sanjiv Chadha

Tagline: India's International Bank

BOB Becomes 3rd Largest Bank As Dena, Vijaya Merger Take Effect

- Q.14. Which Bank has partnered with SellerApp (a seller-centric intelligence platform) to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC)?
  - A) Yes Bank
  - B) Axis Bank
  - C) HDFC Bank
  - D) ICICI Bank

### Answer: A

- ✓ Yes Bank has partnered with SellerApp (a seller-centric intelligence platform) to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- ✓ This partnership will help them to expand their digital commerce footprint.
- ✓ ONDC is a strategic initiative of the Indian government with an aim to democratize the entire digital commerce space.
- ✓ The network is also being built as an alternative to e-tailers like Walmart-owned Flipkart and Amazon in the Indian ecommerce market.
- ✓ YES BANK

Founded: 2004

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar

Tagline: Experience our Expertise



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#### Q.15. Which bank has launched a new Term Deposit Scheme named KBL Amrit Samriddhi?

A) IndusInd Bank

B) Karnataka Bank

C) Karur Vysya Bank

D) Dhanlaxmi Bank

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Karnataka Bank has launched a new Term Deposit Scheme named KBL Amrit Samriddhi under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) and Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days).
- ✓ The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum.
- ✓ With the new product, KBL Amrit Samriddhi, the bank has extended the benefit of increase in the
  interest rates to customers
- ✓ KARNATAKA BANK

Founded: 1924

Headquarters : Mangaluru, Karnataka MD & CEO : Mahabaleshwara M. S Chairmam : Pradeep Kumar Panja

Tagline: Your Family Bank Across India

#### Q.16. Paytm has partnered with which company to deploy smart PoS (Point-of-Sale) devices?

A) Samsung

B) Nokia

C) OPPO

D) Apple

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Paytm has partnered with Samsung stores across India to provide smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point-of-sale devices.
- ✓ The partnership will enable consumers purchasing Samsung devices- laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches, etc.- from any authorized store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments, including UPI, wallet, buy now pay later scheme, debit cards, and credit cards.
- ✓ Paytm through its Postpaid service will provide credit limit of up to Rs 60,000 per month.
- ✓ It will also give customers an option to avail personal loan of up to Rs 2 lakh through financial institution partners of Paytm
- √ Samsung (South Korea Company)

Founded: 1938



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Founder: Lee Byung-chul

Headquarters: Seoul, South Korea

Chairmam: Lee Jae-yong

✓ PAYTM

Founded: August 2010

Headquarteres: Noida, Uttar Pradesh Owner: One97 Communications Ltd. Founder(s): Vijay Shekhar Sharma

CEO : Varun Sridhar President : Amit Nayyar

Vice president : Ajay Shekhar Sharma

Q.17. Which of the following bank has signed an MoU with FCI to provide "Ultima Salary Package"?

A) Axis Bank

B) Yes Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Axis Bank has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide "Ultima Salary Package" with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees.
- ✓ Through this exclusive Ultima Salary package, the Bank will offer numerous benefits such as –
- ✓ Personal Accidental cover of up to Rs.20 lakhs
- ✓ Additional Education Grantupto Rs. 8 lakhs
- ✓ Total Permanent Disability Cover benefit up to Rs. 20 lakhs
- ✓ Permanent Partial disability cover of up to Rs.20 lakhs
- ✓ Air Accident cover of Rs. 1 Crore
- ✓ Free additional debit card for a family member
- √ 12 equated monthly instalment (EMI) waiver on Home loan
- √ 3 zero balance accounts for family member
- ✓ AXIS BANK

Founded: 1993



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HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

MD & CEO : Amitabh ChaudharyTagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi✓ Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Founded: 14 January 1965 Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairman & Managing Director: Atish Chandra.

✓ FCI is a statutory body created and run by the Government of India. It is under the ownership of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India formed by the enactment of Food Corporation Act, 1964

## Q.18. Who has been reappointed as Chief of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for another 3 months?

A) Dr. VG Somani

B) Dr. Balram Bhargava

C) Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla

D) Dr. Krishna Ella

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Union government has extended the tenure of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) VG Somani
  by 3 months.
- ✓ In 2019, the government appointed Dr. Somani as DCGI for a period of three years to head India's apex drug regulatory agency Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).
- ✓ Dr. Somani played a key role in the approval of Covid-19 vaccines.
- ✓ Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) is the head of department of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization of the Government of India responsible for approval of licences of specified categories of drugs such as blood and blood products, IV fluids, vaccines, and sera in India.
- ✓ Drugs Controller General of India, comes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

## Q.19. Who has been recommended by the Bureau of Financial Services Institutions (FSIB) for the post of Chairman of NABARD?

A) Sivasubramanian Ramann

B) Madhabi Puri Buch

C) Mohammad Mustafa

D) Biswamohan Mahapatra



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#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Mohammad Mustafa for the post of NABARD Chairman.
- ✓ Mustafa, a 1995 batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, served as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- ✓ Prior to this, he had served as a Joint Secretary in the Department of Financial Services and also as a director. He had also served as CMD of National Housing Bank between 2014-15 and as MD of CERSAI in 2016.
- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the cabinet headed by PM Modi will take the final decision.
- √ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Founded: 12 July 1982

HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Govinda Rajulu Chintala

- ✓ Government of India now holds 100% stake.
- ✓ NABARD established on the recommendations of B.Sivaramman Committee

#### Q.20. Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of Bajaj Electricals elevates?

A) K N Radhakrishnan

B) Pawan Munjal

C) Rajiv Bajaj

D) Anuj Poddar

### Answer: D

- ✓ Consumer durable products maker Bajaj Electricals has elevated its Executive Director Anuj Poddar to Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✓ The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director and its patron Shekhar Bajaj
  will continue as Executive Chairman of the company.
- ✓ Bajaj Electricals is a part of the business conglomerate Bajaj Group
- ✓ Bajaj Electricals, part of business conglomerate Bajaj Group, had a turnover of Rs 4,813 crore in FY22.
- ✓ Bajaj Electricals Ltd.

Founded: 14 July 1938

Founder: Kamalnayan Bajaj

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra



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Chairman & MD : Shekhar Bajaj

#### Q.21. Which of the following country has signed a \$750 billion climate change and health care bill?

A) United States

B) United Kingdom

C) Russia

D) Japan

#### Answer: A

- ✓ United States President Joe Biden has signed a massive climate change and health care spending bill.
- ✓ According to the White House, the \$750 billion bill is one of the government's biggest commitments to climate change in the country's history
- ✓ The White House says Biden's Inflation Reduction Act will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about one billion tons in 2030
- ✓ UNITED STATES (US)

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Largest city: New York City

Currency: Dollar

First President : George Washington

46th President: Joe Biden

49th Vice President: Kamala Harris

- ✓ India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- ✓ Exercises between India and the US:
- ✓ Exercise Tiger Triumph (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise)
- ✓ Exercise Vajra Prahar (Special Forces' Exercise)
- Cope India (Air Force).
- ✓ Malabar Exercise (Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia).
- ✓ Red Flag (US' multilateral air exercise).

#### Q.22. 'Manthan Manch' has been started by the Government of India for what purpose?

A) Cooperation in R&D

**B) Artificial Intelligence** 

C) Supply Chain Management D) Quality assurance

Answer: A



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- ✓ Gol unveils "Manthan" platform for better industry and R&D collaboration
- ✓ Government of India has launched Manthan platform to enhance collaboration between industry and research institutions, which will help in implementing technology-based social impact innovations and their solutions in the country.
- ✓ The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to augment our efforts to build and nurture industry participation in R&D, is also a testimony of our commitment to the UN's SDG goals.
- Q.23. Which state government has launched 'Aama Yojana' & 'Vatsalya Yojana' for the welfare of women of the state in August 2022?

A) Assam

B) Odisha

C) Sikkim

D) Telangana

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Sikkim Chief Minister P S Tamang on 15 August 2022 launched 2 schemes, 'Aama Yojana' & 'Vatsalya Yojana' for the welfare of women of the state.
- ✓ Under Aama Yojana all unemployed mothers in the state will receive Rs 20,000 annually which will be deposited in their bank accounts.
- ✓ Under Vatsalya Yojana an aid of Rs 3 lakh will be provided to childless women for in vitro fertilization treatment
- Q.24. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed whom to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel?

A) Ramesh Kandula

B) Alkesh Kumar Sharma

C) Alok Chakrawal

D) Rajendra Singh

#### Answer: B

- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.
- ✓ In addition, Guterres' envoy on technology, Amandeep Singh Gill, was also appointed to the panel.
- ✓ The panel's role is to deal with "strategic and urgent issues" of the internet



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Q.25. Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Reza Bin Mohd Sany is on an official visit to India from 16-19 August 2022. He is the Chief of Royal Navy of which country?

A) Singapore

B) Malaysia

C) Indonesia

D) Madagascar

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Reza Bin Mohd Sany, Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy is on an official visit to India from 16-19 August 2022.
- ✓ He is an alumni of INS Dronacharya, premier Gunnery Training Establishment of the Indian Navy, at Kochi, from where he graduated as a Gunnery Specialist back in 1990.
- ✓ Both Navies have recently concluded the Bilateral Exercise Samudra Laksamana in May 22.
- ✓ MALAYSIA

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

Currency: Ringgit

Prime Minister: Ismail Sabri Yaakob

- Q.26. ISRO has received two space instruments manufactured by which organization, which will be used in the first unmanned development launch of India's manned space mission, Gaganyaan.
  - A) Bharat Electronics

B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

**C) Bharat Dynamics** 

D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

#### Answer : D

- ✓ ISRO has received two space equipment built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), to be used in the first unmanned development launch of India's manned space mission, Gaganyaan.
- ✓ This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that ISRO has taken delivery of, for Gaganyaan.
- ✓ The CMF is a protective structure that surrounds the actual housing for India's to-be space scientists.
- ✓ Two uncrewed Gaganyan missions will be launched in 2022 and the final crewed Gaganyaan mission will be launched in 2023.
- ✓ India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will be launched in 2023.
- ✓ This was informed by Union of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, on 9 December 2021.



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- ✓ Two uncrewed missions of Gaganyaan will also take place in 2022.
- ✓ The second mission will carry "Vyommitra", a spacefaring human-robot developed by ISRO, at the end
  of 2022.
- ✓ India will become the fourth nation in the world to launch a Human Spaceflight Mission after USA, Russia and China.
- ✓ Mission cost: Rs 10,000 crore.
- ✓ Launch vehicle: GSLV Mk III, the three-stage heavy-lift launch vehicle.
- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Founded: 1940

Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

Chairman & MD: R Madhavan

#### Q.27. Which state government launched 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' project?

A) Odisha

B) Assam

C) Kerala

D) Chhattisgarh

#### Answer: B

✓ Assam has started Vidya Rath- School on Wheels, a project aimed at imparting elementary education to economically challenged children of the society. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice R.M. Chhaya launched Vidya Rath

#### Q.28. 'National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022' in which of the following city?

A) Mumbai

B) Chennai

C) Bengaluru

D) New Delhi

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi 17th Aug 2022. The Conference is being attended by 600 officers from across the country, physically and virtually
- ✓ Home Ministry has said that on the first day of the Conference, deliberations were held on various aspects of national security, including counter-terrorism, radicalisation, issues pertaining to crypto currencies, counter rogue drone technology and challenges posed by Maoist outfits.



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✓ This system will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database

#### Q.29. How many cities have recently declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'?

A) 300

B) 500

C) 400

D) 600

#### Answer: B

- ✓ According to Government data, 500 cities across India have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'. All the cities have achieved sufficiency in terms of institutional capacity, equipment norms and manpower as provided by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- ✓ All the cities are now providing safe working conditions for Safai Mitras.
- ✓ The "Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar" declaration is in line with goal of promoting sustainable sanitation practices under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.
- ✓ This move will act as catalyst in transforming every 'manhole' into a 'machine hole'. This, it will help in eliminating manual scavenging.
- ✓ Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Safai Mitra Suraksha Challenge on the occasion of World Toilet Day on November 19, 2020. It was launched across 243 cities of India, with the objective of mechanizing all sewer and septic tank cleaning operations

#### Q.30. Which card signs badminton players to promote digital payments in India?

A) Visa Card

B) RuPay Card

C) Mastercard

**D)** American Express

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been signed as the brand ambassadors of mastercard to promote digital payment in India.
- ✓ Focus: To spread awareness about safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.
- ✓ This partnership will buildup the efforts of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and PM Modi's vision of Digital India.
- ✓ MASTERCARD Founded : 1966



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Q.1. What is the maximum age of a girl eligible for opening an account in Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana?

A) 7 years

B) 9 years

C) 8 years

D) 10 years

#### Answer: D

✓ Sukanya samriddhi yojana is a savings scheme launched by Government of India in 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under this scheme a special deposit account can be opened for girlchild in her name by her parents in any post office or authorized branches of commercial banks. The maximum age off girl eligible for opening an account in Sukanya samriddhi yojana is 10 years.

Q.2. What is the age to enroll in PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana?

A) 18 to 40 years

B) 18 to 50 years

C) 10 to 60 years

D) 16 to 45 years

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The age to enroll in PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima yojana is 18 to 50 years.
- Q.3. In which year Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya was started?

A) 2003

B) 2004

C) 2005

D) 1992

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya was started in 2004 and was introduced by Government of India
- Q.4. When was Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana was launched?

A) 2014

B) 2015

C) 2016

D) 2017



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#### Answer: A

✓ Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi launched the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana on 11th October 2014 on the birth anniversary of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

#### Q.5. PM Gram Sadak Yojana was started in Uttar Pradesh in which year?

A) 2012

B) 2015

C) 2009

D) 2010

#### Answer: A

✓ PM Gram Sadak Yojana was started in Uttar Pradesh in 2012. The yojana was introduced in 2000 by the then PM of India Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

#### Q.6. What is the validity of Job card under MGNREGS?

A) 2 Years

B) 3 years

C) 5 years

D) 10 years

#### Answer: C

✓ Job card is a unique document that records workers entitlements under Mahatma Gandhi national rural employment guarantee scheme. The validity of a job card under MGNREGS is 5 years.

### Q.7. Pradhan Mantri Ujiwala Yojana is related to

A) Skill Imparting

**B) Financial Inclusion** 

C) LPG Connection

D) Electricity connection

#### Answer: B

✓ Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched by government of India 15 July 2015. Rural Skill India is also a part of this scheme. It has started to impart skill and vocation to individual to become self-reliant and to increase the economic growth of the country.

#### Q.8. Which of the following cities of Uttar Pradesh is not a part of Ramayan Circuit Plan?

A) Ayodhya

**B) Nandigram** 

C) Chitrakoot

D) Varanasi

#### Answer: D

✓ Ramayan Circuit Plan is a part of thematic tourist circuits identified for development. The scheme was introduced by Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. 15 places will be connected to form a circuit.



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Q.9. What is the tenure of the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme (SGB)?

A) 8 years

B) 7 years

C) 6 years

D) 5 years

Answer: A

Q.10. What is the share of Central government in the budget financing of the POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission)?

A) 100%

**B) 70%** 

C) 30%

D) 50%

Answer: D

✓ The Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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