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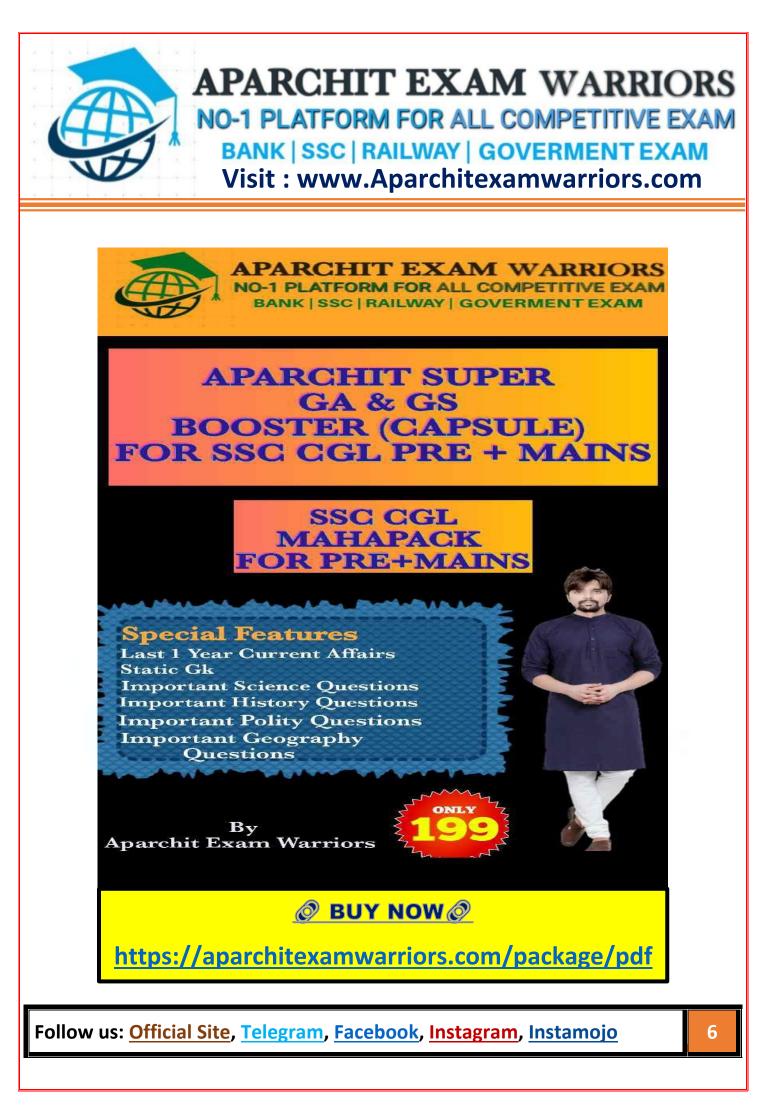
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Aparchit Super Current Affairs MCQ with facts– 1 & 2 January 2023 By APARCHIT EXAM WARRIORS/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at which state recently?

A) Karnataka

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Rajasthan

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli in Karnataka.
- ✓ He also inaugurated the residential and administrative complexes of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- Q.2. India and which country have signed a number of agreements in various areas including on Defence and Military Cooperation between the two countries?

D) Cyprus

- A) Ethiopia B) Kuwait
- C) Saudi Arabia

Answer : D

- India and Cyprus have signed a number of agreements in various areas including on Defence and Military Cooperation between the two countries.
- A Letter of Intent on Migration and Mobility Partnership was also signed to provide a common framework of arrangement and cooperation to facilitate the mobility of students, academics, business people and professionals.
- ✓ During his three-day visit to Cyprus, Dr Jaishankar will call on the President of the House of Representatives Annita Demetriou.
- ✓ In the second leg of his visit to Austria, Dr. Jaishankar will meet the Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs Alexander Schallenberg.
- ✓ According to the External Affairs Ministry, this will be the first External Affairs Minister-level visit from India to Austria in the last 27 years.
- Cyprus
- Capital : Nicosia



- Q.3. Which of the following company through its subsidiary will complete the acquisition of Ford India's manufacturing plant in Sanand?
 - A) Tata Motors B) Hyundai
 - C) Maruti Suzuki
- D) Kia Motors

Answer : A

- ✓ Tata Motors to complete the acquisition of Ford India's manufacturing plant at Sanand through its subsidiary on 10th January 2023.
- ✓ The subsidiary, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML), on August 2022, announced that would acquire Ford India Pvt Ltd's (FIPL) Sanand plant in Gujarat for ₹725.7 crore.
- Q.4. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the first phase of the New Zuari Bridge in which state?
 - A) Odisha B) Madhya Pradesh
 - C) Goa

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : C

- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the first phase of the New Zuari Bridge across River Zuari connecting Bambolim in North Goa to Verna junction in South Goa.
- ✓ Located on NH-17/NH-66 on the Panjim-Mangalore section in the state of Goa, the bridge will reduce the travel time between North and South Goa by minimizing the traffic blockades between the Bambolim-Agasaim-Cortalim-Sancoale to Verna Junction.
- Q.5. According to Reporters without Borders (RSF), a total of 1,668 journalists have been killed worldwide in connection with their work of journalism over the past two decades (2003–2022). Which of the following country has the highest death tolls?

B) Kuwait

C) Qatar

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : A

- ✓ According to Reporters without Borders (RSF), a total of 1,668 journalists have been killed worldwide in connection with their work of journalism over the past two decades (2003–2022), due to murders, contract killings, ambushes, war zone deaths, and fatal injuries.
- ✓ The report says that on average every year 80 journalists lost their lives. The total killed since 2000 is 1,787.
- ✓ The annual death tolls peaked in 2012 and 2013 with 144 and 142 journalists killed, respectively.
- ✓ These peaks, due in large measure to the war in Syria, were followed by a gradual fall and then historically low figures from 2019 onwards.
- ✓ During the past two decades, 80% of media fatalities have occurred in 15 countries. The two countries with the highest death tolls are Iraq and Syria, with a combined total of 578 journalists killed in the past 20 years, or more than a third of the worldwide total.
- They are followed by Afghanistan, Yemen, and Palestine. Africa has not been spared, with Somalia coming next.

Q.6. India has assumed the presidency of the plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement for how many years from 1 January 2023?

A) 1 year	B) 2 year	
C) 3 year	D) 4 year	

Answer : A

- India has assumed the chairmanship of the plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement for one year on 1st January 2023.
- ✓ At the 26th annual plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement, Eoin O'Leary (Ireland's ambassador) has handed over the chairmanship to Jaideep Mazumdar (India's ambassador).
- ✓ Jaideep Mazumdar is the permanent representative to the UN and international organizations in Vienna.
- ✓ India joined the Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) on 08 December 2017 as its 42nd Participating State.
- ✓ About Wassenaar Arrangement
- ✓ The Wassenaar Arrangement was established in July 1996 at Wassenaar, Netherlands. It is a voluntary export control regime of 42 member countries. The member countries exchange information on transfers of conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies.

The main aim of the Wassenaar agreement is to discourage its member countries from exporting conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies to countries which are a threat to global peace.

Q.7. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)?

- A) Sujoy Lal Thaosen
- **B) Anish Dayal Singh**

C) MA Ganapathy

D) Sheel Vardhan Singh

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government of India has given the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director General Sujoy Lal Thaosen the additional charge as Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).
- ✓ He succeeds BSF Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh.
- ✓ The about 2.65-lakh-personnel-strong BSF guards more than 6,300 kilometres of the Indian boundary with Pakistan and Bangladesh, apart from rendering a variety of roles in the country's internal security domain.
- ✓ BSF has been termed as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories.
- ✓ Border Security Force (BSF)
- ✓ Founded : 1965
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ Motto : Duty Unto Death
- ✓ Director General : Sujoy Lal Thaosen

Q.8. Who has joined the Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr on a two-and-a-half-year contract?

- A) Mohamed Salah B) Cristiano Ronaldo
- C) Kylian Mbappé
- D) Lionel Messi

Answer : B

- Portugal team captain Cristiano Ronaldo has joined Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr on a two-and-a-halfyear contract.
- ✓ The 37-year-old Ronaldo signed the deal, which is believed to be worth more than 200 million euros, which will continue till June 2025.
- Ronaldo will move to Saudi Arabia after a stellar spell at Spanish club Real Madrid from 2009 to 2018, winning two La Liga titles, two Spanish Cups, four Champions League titles, and three Club World Cups

- Q.9. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated Mega Dairy at Mandya in which state?
 - A) Kerala

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Karnataka

D) Telangana

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated Mega Dairy at Mandya in Karnataka.
- ✓ The mega-dairy inaugurated at a cost of Rs 260 crore would process 10 lakh liters of milk per day and will have the capacity to increase it up to 14 lakh liters per day.
- ✓ Currently, there are 15,210 village-level cooperative dairies in Karnataka, in which about 26.22 lakh farmers deliver their milk daily and through 16 district-level dairies, Rs 28 crore is deposited into the accounts of 26 lakh farmers every day.
- ✓ The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) will get all technical support and cooperation from Amul.
- The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the Ministry of Cooperation will establish a primary dairy in every panchayat of the country in the next three years.

Q.10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually flagged off Vande Bharat Express from Howrah Railway Station connecting Howrah to which station?

B) Katihar

- A) Kamakhya
- C) Kishanganj D)
 - D) New Jalpaiguri

Answer : D

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually flagged off Vande Bharat Express from Howrah Railway Station connecting Howrah to New Jalpaiguri.
- It is the first Vande Bharat Express to operate in West Bengal and on the Eastern parts of the country.
 Also, it is the seventh Vande Bharat train by Indian Railways in the country.
- Covering a distance of 564 km in 7.45 hours, this train will save three hours in travel time as compared to other trains on the route.
- ✓ He also inaugurated the Joka-Taratala Stretch of the Joka-Esplanade Metro Project (Purple Line) of Kolkata Metro

Q.11. According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by which date?

- A) December 2023 B) March 2024
- C) June 2024 D) October 2023

Answer : A

- ✓ According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- ✓ The East-West corridor of the Kolkata Metro is 15 Km-long and spans from Salt Lake Stadium to Howrah.
- This metro line between Salt Lake Sector-5 to Salt Lake Stadium has Karunamayi, Central Park, City Center, and Bengal Chemical metro stations.
- ✓ It costs about ₹120 crore per kilometre to build the tunnel but the manufacturing cost of the tunnel underwater, which is deep in the Hooghly river costs increased to around 157 crores by per kilometre.
- ✓ First metro in India, Kolkata Metro which started its operation 24 October 1984 between Dum Dam to Tollygunge. It was started with the help of the Soviet Union.
- Largest metro rail in operation in India, Delhi Metro (390.14 km). It started operation on 24 December 2002.
- ✓ Smallest Metro- Ahmedabad metro (6 km)
- The metro rail systems in operation in India are in the cities of Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi,
 Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Noida, and Pune.

Q.12. Who has inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield recently?

- A) Amit Shah
- C) Pralhad Joshi

- **B) Piyush Goyal**
- D) Narendra Modi

Answer : C

- Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the Rs 300 crore Angul-Balram rail line connecting Odisha's Talcher Coalfield.
- ✓ The 14-km-long Angul-Balram rail link is the first phase of a total 68-km inner corridor connecting Angul with Putugadia, Jarapada, and Tentuloi, which will cater to coal mines of Talcher coalfields.

- ✓ The project was constructed by Mahanadi Coal Railway Ltd, a joint venture entity of MCL, IRCON International Ltd, and IDCO, an industrial infrastructure development agency of the Odisha government.
- ✓ The internal corridor is being implemented by Mahanadi Coal Railway Ltd (MCRL) in two phases.
- ✓ In phase two, the Balram-Putugadia-Jarapada-Tentuloi rail link would be completed.
- ✓ The project is likely to enable Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) to increase its daily dispatch of coal by around 40,000 tonnes
- Q.13. Non-banking financial company Shriram Finance Ltd. has secured a \$100 million loan from which of the following organizations?
 - A) ADB B) IMF
 - C) AIIB

D) NDB

- Answer : A
- ✓ Non-banking financial company Shriram Finance Ltd. has secured long-term funding of \$100 million from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance its purchase of new and used vehicles across India.
- The loan amount will be used by Shriram Finance to provide loans to customers to buy new or used BS VI-compliant vehicles and electric vehicles", besides providing financial support to women entrepreneurs and under-developed states.
- ✓ Shriram Finance Limited is the largest retail NBFC in India. It was formed after the merger of mainly Shriram City Union Finance and Shriram Transport Finance
- Q.14. The government has increased interest rates on various small savings schemes for the fourth quarter of the current Financial Year starting from 1st January 2023. The interest rate on Kisan Vikas Patra has increased to how much percent from 7 percent?
 - A) 7.2%
 B) 7.3%

 C) 7.4%
 D) 7.5%

Answer : A

- ✓ Government has increased interest rates on various small savings schemes for the fourth quarter of the current Financial Year starting from 1st January 2023.
- The interest rate of five year National Saving Certificate has been increased to 7 percent from 6.8 percent.

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- ✓ The interest rate on the senior citizen saving scheme increased to 8 percent from 7.6 percent. The Monthly Income Account Saving has also been increased to 7.1 percent from 6.7 percent.
- ✓ The interest rate on Kisan Vikas Patra will now be 7.2 percent and will mature in 120 months.
- ✓ The interest rate of small savings deposit of one year time period has been increased to 6.6 percent from 5.5 percent.
- ✓ However, the interest rate on the Public Provident Fund scheme, Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme, and Saving Deposit have been kept unchanged
- Q.15. Who has been appointed as the Chairman-Cum-Managing Director of the public sector enterprise MOIL Limited?
 - A) Ajit Kumar Saxena B) Dilip Singh
 - C) Rajesh Kumar D) Rajiv Dixit

Answer : A

- ✓ Ajit Kumar Saxena has been appointed as the Chairman-Cum-Managing Director of the public sector enterprise MOIL Limited.
- ✓ Prior to this assignment, Shri Saxena held the position of director (Operations) at RINL-Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant.
- He started his career as a management trainee (Technical) in Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) in 1986 and thereafter, held various positions during his long tenure in SAIL such as chief general manager, Mills, IISCO, Burnpur, and general manager, Bhilai Steel Plant, etc.
- Q.16. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Limited?
 - A) Pramod Shukhla B) Sundararaman Ramamurthy
 - C) Prakash Chauhan D) Vinod Badaria

Answer : B

- Sundararaman Ramamurthy has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Limited
- ✓ He has been appointed for a five-year term with effect from January 4.
- ✓ In November, BSE received consent from regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to appoint Ramamurthy as MD and CEO of the exchange.

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- The position has been vacant since July when the then MD and CEO Ashishkumar Chauhan resigned from the post to join the National Stock Exchange (NSE). He was appointed as MD and CEO of NSE, in late July.
- ✓ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- ✓ Founded : 1875
- ✓ HQ : Mumbai Maharashtra
- ✓ Chairman : Subhash Sheoratan Mundra
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sundararaman Ramamurthy
- ✓ Premchand Roychand founded the Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE)
- ✓ BSE became the first stock exchange to be recognized by the Government of India in 1956.
- The BSE is established in 1875, it is the oldest stock exchange of Asia, and also the tenth oldest in the world.
- ✓ Bombay Stock Exchange became the first stock exchange in India to launch commodity derivatives contracts in gold and silver.
- ✓ SENSEX(SENSitve indEX) is a free-float market-weighted stock market index of 30 well-established and financially sound companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

Q.17. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of which of the following bank?

A) Canara Bank

B) Indian Overseas Bank

C) Bank of Baroda

D) Indian Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- ✓ Prior to taking up the new role, Srivastava was serving as an executive director in the bank.
- ✓ He replaced Partha Pratim Sengupta whose tenure ended on 31 December 2022.
- He started his banking career as a probationary officer in 1991 with Allahabad Bank where he worked in various capacities in different parts of the country
- ✓ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- ✓ Founded : 1937
- ✓ Founder : M. Chidambaram Chettyar
- Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu



- MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- ✓ Tagline : Good People to Grow With
- Q.18. Who has won India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan?
 - A) Koneru Humpy

- **B)** Tania Sachdev
- C) Vaishali Rameshbabu
- D) Harika Dronavalli

Answer : A

- ✓ Former world rapid champion Koneru Humpy has won India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Humpy defeated China's Zhongyi Tan to win Silver in the 17th and final round.
- ✓ Fourth-seeded Humpy scored an impressive 12.5 points, just half a point behind the gold medal winner Bibisara Balabayeva of Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Humpy is the second Indian to win a medal at World Blitz, after Viswanathan Anand.
- Q.19. Which state has clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar?
 - A) Haryana
 - **B) Madhya Pradesh**
 - C) Maharashtra
 - D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- In hockey, Madhya Pradesh clinched the title by defeating Odisha 6-5 in the Khelo India Youth Games
 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ Jamir Mohammad was the star of the final, scoring a hat-trick, while Ali Ahmed, Mohammad Zaid Khan, and Captain Ankit Pal scored one goal each for Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Haryana claimed third place in the competition with a win against Jharkhand 2-0 in the 3rd and 4th place clash. Amandeep and Roshan scored goals for Haryana.
- With this, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana, and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year



Q.20. Which state has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0 in the final at Bhubaneswar?

A) Haryana

B) Maharashtra

C) Karnataka D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : A

- ✓ Hockey Haryana's women's team has won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0 in the final at Bhubaneswar.
- In the final match, Pooja and Gurmail Kaur scored a goal each for Haryana to end the contest in their favour.
- Odisha stepped up to claim third place after beating Hockey Jharkhand 2-1 in the 3rd and 4th place encounter.
- Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.

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Q.1.	Kanwar Lake is located in which part of India ?		
	A) Rajasthan	B) Jammu & Kashmir	
	C) Chhattisgarh	D) Bihar	
Ans	wer:D		
Q.2.	The Asian Hockey Federation is headquartered in		
	A) Dubai, United Arab Emirates	B) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
	C) Vienna <mark>, Austria</mark>	D) New York, United States	
Ans	wer:B		
Q .3.	Kamlang Tiger Reserve is situated in which Indian state?		
	A) Andhra Pradesh	B) Arunachal Pradesh	
	C) Sikkim	D) Odisha	
Ans	wer:B		
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	In which part of India is the		
	A) Goa	B) West Bengal	
	C) Ladakh	D) Manipur	
Ans	wer:D		
Q.5.	What is the currency of South Africa?		
	A) Zloty	B) Kyat	
	C) Rand	D) Sol	
Ans	wer:C		
Q .6.	Where is the Ujjivan Small	Finance Bank headquartered ?	
	A) Bengaluru	B) Noida	
	C) New Delhi	D) Chennai	
Ans	wer:A		
Q.7.	0.7. Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport is located in which of these states?		
	A) Tripura	B) Sikkim	
	C) Nagaland	D) Arunachal Pradesh	
Ans	wer:A		
Q .8.	Merdeka Cup is associated with which of these sports?		
	A) Tennis	B) Football	
	C) Cricket	D) Hockey	
Ans	wer:B		
Q.9.	The Indian folk dance Tert	ali or teratali has its origin from which state?	
	A) Punjab		
	B) Haryana		
	C) Madhya Pradesh		
	D) Gujarat		
	wer:C		





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