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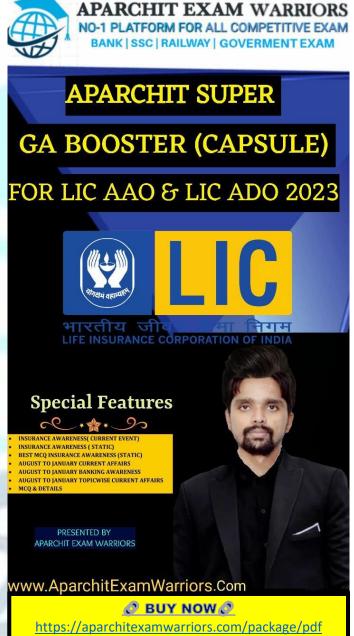
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Aparchit Super Current Affairs MCQ with facts- 15 March 2023 By APARCHIT EXAM WARRIORS/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. What is the target of bilateral trade between India and Australia in the next five years?

- A) \$100 billion
- B) \$500 billion
- C) \$400 billion
- D) \$200 billion

Answer: A

- ✓ India and Australia target \$100 billion bilateral trade in next five years.
- ✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on 11 March, Australia and India will target \$100 billion trade in the next five years.
- ✓ Both the countries are currently dissatisfied with the \$30 billion trade.
- ✓ Both countries expressed their commitment to complete negotiations to expand the scope of the existing Free Trade Agreement by the end of this year.
- ✓ He was addressing the media in New Delhi on the India-Australia 18th Joint Ministerial Commission along with Australian Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell.
- ✓ On 29 December 2022 India and Australia implemented an economic cooperation and trade agreement (ECTA).
- ✓ They are now negotiating to expand its scope for a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement (CECA).
- ✓ Both sides are looking at firming up the ambitious CECA by 2023.
- ✓ India-Australia Trade Relations
- ✓ Australia is the 17th largest trading partner of India and India is Australia's 9th largest trading partner.
- ✓ India-Australia bilateral trade in goods and services is pegged at US\$ 27.5 billion in 2021.
- ✓ India's merchandise exports to Australia grew by 135% between 2019 and 2021.
- ✓ India's exports to Australia- Manufactured goods such as petroleum, medicaments, diamonds, jewellery, railway coaches and vehicles, milled rice and herbicides.
- ✓ India's imports to Australia 82% of its imports from Australia are coal, gold, copper ore, aluminum oxide, liquified natural gas, manganese ore, aluminum waste, pigments, lentils, etc.



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AUSTRALIA IN NEWS 2022-23

- India and Australia target \$100 billion bilateral trade in next five years.
- Australia and India have agreed to accelerate a broader economic partnership and to boost their defence ties, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in New Delhi.
- Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in Gujarat International Financial Tec-City (GIFT) City.
- India and Australia sign a framework mechanism for mutual recognition of qualifications.
- > India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- Australia announced it will erase the British monarch from its banknotes, replacing the late Queen Elizabeth II's image on its \$5 note with a design honoring Indigenous culture.
- Australia's longest-serving captain in the shortest format of the game, veteran batter Aaron Finch called time on his international career.
- Now Punjabi is all set to be taught in public schools in Western Australia.
- The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRA HIND 22" between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army begins at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new prime minister
- ➤ Novak Djokovic defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of men's singles match of the Australian Open 2023.
- > In the Women's Singles category, Aryna Sabalenka defeated Elena Rybakina.
- ➤ ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final: Australia won the Women's T20 World Cup for the sixth time when they beat South Africa by 19 runs in the final at Newlands
- AUSTRALIA

Capital : CanberraCurrency : Dollar

Prime Minister : Anthony Albanese



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- Defense Ministry has signed a contract with which company for General Refit of INS Q.2. Sindhukirti submarine at a total cost of Rs 934 crore?
 - A) Cochin Shipyard

B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Answer: C

- ✓ Centre signs Rs 934 crore deal with HSL to Refit INS Sindhukirti Submarine in Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ In a further boost to achieve 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', the Ministry of Defense on March 13, 2023 signed a contract for General Refit of Sindhukirti Submarine at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam at a total cost of Rs 934 crore.
- ✓ Sindhukirti is the third Kilo class Diesel Electric Submarine.
- ✓ The project involves over 20 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and will generate employment of 1,000 man-days per day for the project duration.
- ✓ INS Sindhukirti Submarine
- ✓ It is a diesel-electric submarine.
- ✓ It was commissioned on June 7, 1990 and since then has been serving the nation in various capacities.
- ✓ It has a displacement of 1860 tonnes when submerged and is 67.5 metres in length.
- ✓ The submarine has a maximum speed of 20 knots (about 37 km per hour) when submerged and can dive to a depth of 300 metres.
- ✓ It is armed with six 533 mm torpedo tubes and can carry up to 18 torpedoes or missiles.
- ✓ About Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)
- ✓ The shipyard 'Hindustan Shipyard Limited' is located in Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ It is the country's first shipbuilding yard.
- ✓ Establishment 21 June 1941
- ✓ Construction Walchand Hirachand
- Which state has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for Q.3. sericulturists?

A) Haryana

B) Rajasthan

C) Uttarakhand

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C

✓ Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.



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- ✓ In the first phase of this pilot project, 200 sericulturists from five blocks of four districts Dehradun, Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, and Nainital have been insured from the ill effects of climate change, scarcity of water, and other hazards.
- ✓ This scheme will be run under Saral Krishi Beema.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2022-23

- Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists.
- Uttarakhand tableau which showcased the state's wildlife and religious sites at the 74th Republic Day parade has won the top prize.
- India's First Green Solar Panel Factory to Build by Luminous in Uttarakhand.
- > Uttarakhand awarded for adventure tourism & all round development of tourism.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister launches Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- Uttarakhand Plans Genetic Enhancement of Its Indigenous Badri Cow.
- Uttarakhand Government appoints Prasoon Joshi as its Brand Ambassador.
- Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS Gen Rawat to receive award.
- Uttarakhand CM Launched SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project for Chamoli.
- Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year.
- Uttarakhand Governor Approved 30% Women's Reservation Bill.
- ➤ PM Modi has inaugurated connectivity projects worth 3,400 crores in Mana village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand recently received the first prize in two categories the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- India's first commercial space observatory will be set up in the Garhwal division of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- > Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal "Samarth".
- India-US Armies to hold mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" from October 14 to 31, 2022, at Auli in Uttarakhand.



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- Uttarakhand becomes first state in India to implement New Education Policy (NEP) at pre-primary level.
- Uttarakhand govt decides to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each district.
- ➤ World Bank has approved a project worth ₹1,000 crore for taking rain-fed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand.
- Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami introduces e-FIR service and a police app for Uttarakhand.
- ➤ Uttarakhand to launch "Him Prahari" scheme for ex-servicemen & youngsters.
- > Rishabh Pant appointed as the State Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand becomes the 1st Indian state to roll out drone in healthcare.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approves new Defence Estates Circle for Uttarakhand.
- Pushkar Singh Dhami takes oath as 11th CM of Uttarakhand.
- India's 1st liquid-mirror telescope in Uttarakhand will be Asia's largest.
- ➤ The telescope, built by astronomers from India, Belgium and Canada, is located at an altitude of 2,450 metres at the Devasthal Observatory campus of Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) in Nainital district, Uttarakhand.

Q.4. Asia's first female locomotive pilot, ___ is now operating the Vande Bharat Express.

A) Bhanu Lall

B) Tinku Singh

C) Surekha Yadav

D) Deepika Rajan

Answer : C

- ✓ Surekha Yadav becomes Asia's first woman loco pilot to operate Vande Bharat Express.
- ✓ Asia's first woman loco pilot Surekha Yadav has become the first female to operate the newlyintroduced semi-high speed Vande Bharat Express train.
- ✓ She piloted a semi-high speed train between Solapur station and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai on 13 March.
- ✓ The train left Solapur station on March 13 on schedule and reached CSMT five minutes before its scheduled arrival for a journey of over 450 km.
- ✓ Yadav set another record in Central Railway by becoming the first woman loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express.



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- ✓ Surekha Yadav, a resident of Satara in the western Maharashtra region, became India's first woman train driver in 1988.
- ✓ She has won many awards at the state and national level for his achievements so far.
- ✓ Central Railway has introduced two Vande Bharat Express trains on CSMT-Solapur and CSMT-Sainagar Shirdi route which were flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 10, 2023.
- ✓ Mumtaz Kazi, who has the distinction of being Asia's first suburban motor woman, piloted the K99 local, a women's special train running between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai and Kalyan

Q.5. How many crore loans extended since inception of MUDRA Yojana?

A) 38.58 Crore

B) 42.58 Crore

C) 46.58 Crore

D) 49.58 Crore

Answer: A

- ✓ According to the Mudra portal (as of 27.01.2023), more than 38.58 crore loans have been extended since the inception of the Scheme in April 2015.
- ✓ Out of this, over 26.35 crore loans have been extended to Women Entrepreneurs (68%).
- ✓ SC/ST/OBC category borrowers received 19.84 crore loans (51%).
- ✓ As per the Ministry of Labour survey, PMMY helped in generating 1.12 crore net additional employment in the country from 2015 to 2018.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) MUDRA Scheme
- ✓ Definition : Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is a scheme to extend collateral free loans
- ✓ Maximum limit of loan is Rs 10 lakh.
- ✓ Stands for Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd (MUDRA) Bank
- ✓ Founded: 8 April 2015
- ✓ Headquarters: Mumbai
- ✓ Chairman : S. Ramann
- ✓ It was converted as a wholly owned subsidiary of SIDBI and renamed as MUDRA (SIDBI) Bank
- ✓ MUDRA Portal : Borrowers can also now file online application for MUDRA loans on Mudramitra portal
- ✓ Mudra Yojana offers three type of product namely Shishu, Kishor and Tarun
- ✓ Shishu: covering loans upto 50,000/- (Single page application form for this product)



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✓ Kishor: covering loans above 50,000/- and upto 5 lakh

✓ Tarun: covering loans above 5 lakh and upto 10 lakh

Q.6. The Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden, which is Asia's largest tulip garden, will open to the public on 19 March 2023. It is located in which place?

A) Jammu and Kashmir

B) Ladakh

C) Himachal Pradesh

D) Uttarakhand

Answer: A

- ✓ The Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden, which is Asia's largest tulip garden in Kashmir, will open to the public on March 19, 2023.
- ✓ The garden spread between Dal Lake and Zabarwan Hills.
- ✓ This garden is spread over 1050 kanals (52.5 hectares. It started with 50,000 tulips, then 3.50 lakh tulips and now we have 15 Lakh.
- ✓ Besides 1.5 million Tulips of various colours and hues, the garden, also known as Siraj Bagh, will have other spring flowers like hyacinths, daffodils, muscari and cyclamens on display.
- ✓ Formerly known as Siraj Bagh, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden was opened in 2008 by then chief minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state Ghulam Nabi Azad.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN NEWS 2022-23

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has unveiled Rs 1,18,500 crore budget for Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory for the next financial year.
- > Jammu and Kashmir Government to Host its First SARAS Fair 2023.
- > Lithium reserves for the first time found in J&K.
- > J&K Becomes First Indian UT to Completely Shift to e-Governance Mode.
- Government Declared Jammu and Kashmir as 'Free Area' for PCICDA 2009
- Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 33rd Police-Public Mela at Gulshan Ground, Jammu.
- India's First Glass Igloo Restaurant in Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir.
- In the rugged Doda area of Jammu & Kashmir, the Army erected the tallest "Iconic National Banner". The highest tricolour in the Doda district, which has been erected on a 100-foot pole.



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- The India Today Tourism Survey has chosen Jammu & Kashmir Tourism for best adventure tourism award.
- ➤ Jammu and Kashmir has been awarded 1st prize in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation and 2nd prize in the category for Teleconsultation conducted during the celebration of Universal Health Coverage Day 2022.
- ➤ India's longest escape tunnel, which is 12.89 km long constructed on the 111 km underconstruction Banihal-Katra railway line in Jammu and Kashmir
- Jammu and Kashmir becomes the first Indian Union Territory to completely shift to e-governance mode
- Third Khelo India Winter Games begins in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir

Q.7. India and which country has conducted Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) in the Arabian Sea?

A) United States

B) France

C) Japan

D) Singapore

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian Navy's indigenously built Guided Missile Frigate, INS Sahyadriparticipated in the Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships in the Arabian Sea from 10 11 March 2023.
- ✓ French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral class amphibious assault ship, and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette class frigate participated in the exercise.
- ✓ The exercise featured a wide spectrum of development at sea which included cross deck landings, boarding exercises and seamanship development.
- ✓ The smooth conduct of the exercise reaffirmed the high level of interoperability and cooperation between the two navies.
- ✓ INS Sahyadri is equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors capable of detecting and neutralizing air, surface and sub-surface threats.
- ✓ The ship is a part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam, under the operational control of FOCinC (East).
- ✓ INS Sahyadri



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- ✓ It is the Shivalik-class advanced, guided-missile frigate warship.
- ✓ It is built by the Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai.
- ✓ It was launched in 2005.
- ✓ It was commissioned along with INS Shivalik (F-47), INS Satpura (F-48) into the Indian Navy on July 21st, 2012.
- ✓ It is 468 feet in length and 55 feet in breadth.
- ✓ It has a displacement capacity of 6,800 tons.
- ✓ It has a massive surface speed of 32 knots
- ✓ Defence Exercises between India and France:
- ✓ Varuna Naval exercise
- √ Garuda Air exercise
- ✓ Shakti Army exercise

Q.8. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism Ministers' meeting will be held in which city in India?

A) Varanasi

B) Jaipur

C) Patna

D) Lucknow

Answer: A

- ✓ India is hosting the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) tourism ministers' meeting.
- ✓ According to this, SCO Tourism Ministers' meeting is being organized in Varanasi.
- ✓ Varanasi (Kashi) has been designated as the first cultural capital of SCO.
- ✓ Presently India is chairing the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- ✓ Before this, the second tourism expert working group meeting is being organized on March 14 and 15, 2023. SCO was established in 2001, its headquarter is located in Beijing, China.
- ✓ The eight member countries of SCO represent around 42% of the world population and 25% of the global GDP

Q.9. Who is organizing the third edition of the 'La Perouse' Exercise?

A) India

B) Singapore

C) France

D) United States

Answer: C



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- ✓ The third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse is being organized from 13 to 14 March 2023 in the Indian Ocean region.
- ✓ This biennial exercise 'La Perouse' is organized by the French Navy.
- ✓ Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, Royal Navy and United States Navy and Indian Navy are participating in this exercise.
- ✓ From the Indian side, the indigenously built Guided Missile Frigate INS Sahyadri and Fleet Tanker INS Jyoti are participating in the exercise.

Q.10. India has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with which country for cooperation in the field of research?

A) Sweden

B) Switzerland

C) Norway

D) Portugal

Answer: A

- ✓ The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) of India and The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) of Sweden have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC).
- ✓ Its objective is to promote research networking among research institutions.
- ✓ Both these institutes will facilitate the mobility of researchers through their regular funding programmes.
- ✓ Sweden is a Scandinavian nation, its capital is Stockholm.

Q.11. In which city is the G20 Flower Festival being organized?

A) Lucknow

B) Mumbai

C) Guwahati

D) New Delhi

Answer: D

- ✓ The Flower Festival began at Delhi's Connaught Plaza with an aim to showcase the diversity of the G20 participants and invited nations.
- ✓ It was inaugurated by Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav.
- ✓ Themain objective of the festival is to showcase the vibrancy and diversity of the G20 members and quest countries.



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- ✓ To achieve this objective, the festival will showcase a variety of flowering plants in various colours and arrangements, highlighting the richness of the Indian subcontinent.
- ✓ Along with plants, paintings and photographs of flowers from G20 members and invited countries will be displayed.
- ✓ The festival provides a unique opportunity to appreciate the beauty and diversity of flora and cultural heritage of the participating countries.
- Q.12. Who has been appointed as the independent director of the Indian public sector undertaking Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam?

A) Umesh Sinha

B) Ajay Garg

C) Shashikant Jagannath Wani

D) Dinesh Mohanty

Answer: C

- ✓ The Ministry of Power has appointed Shashikant Jagannath Wani as the independent director of the Indian public sector undertaking Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN).
- ✓ He has been appointed for a period of three years or till further orders.
- ✓ Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam is an Indian public sector undertaking and it was established in 1988.
- ✓ It is involved in hydroelectric power generation and distribution.
- Q.13. New York-based ____Bank was shut by regulators in the US, becoming the second bank in the country after Silicon Valley Bank.

A) Signature Bank

B) Chase Bank

C) Silvergate Bank

D) Santander Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ California-based Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), the 16th largest bank in the United States, was closed on 9 March by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
- ✓ It is the biggest banking failure since the 2008 financial crisis.
- ✓ It is considered the biggest financial crisis since the collapse of Washington Mutual and Lehman Brothers during the 2008 recession.
- ✓ The regulator appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. as the receiver.
- ✓ As of December 31, 2022, the Silicon Valley Bank had approximately \$209.0 billion in total assets and about \$175.4 billion in total deposits.



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- ✓ Why did SVB have to be shut down?
- ✓ SVB announced the sale of securities worth \$21 billion from its portfolio.
- ✓ The company said that to strengthen its financial position, shares worth \$ 2.25 billion are being sold.
- ✓ The widespread slowdown in the startup industry led to high deposit withdrawals in the bank, resulting
 in the move.
- ✓ The increase in interest rates by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp also messed up SVB Bank's math.
- ✓ Experts believe that the biggest reason for the closure of SVB was the simultaneous withdrawal of money from the bank by its investors.
- ✓ About Silicon Valley banks
- ✓ It was established in 1983, it was the 16th largest bank in America.
- ✓ It primarily invested in Silicon Valley based startups and provided banking related services.
- ✓ The firm had a deal with half of all venture-backed startups in the US in 2022.
- ✓ As of December 31, 2022, the bank had close to \$212 billion in assets with clients such as Shopify, Pinterest, VC firm Andreessen Horowitz, Crowdstrike and Teladoc Health.

Q.14. Ministry of Jal Shakti had constituted a Committee to identify How many Water Heritage Sites?

A) 70

B) 75

C) 80

D) 85

Answer: B

- ✓ There is no provision under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 to declare a site as a "Water Heritage Site" under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ✓ The Ministry of Jal Shakti had constituted a Committee to identify 75 Water Heritage Structure (WHS) in reference to 75 years of India's Independence.

Q.15. Which metro becomes the first to accept digital currency for parking?

A) Kolkata Metro

B) Kochi Metro

C) Bengaluru Metro

D) Mumbai Metro

Answer: B

✓ Kochi Metro becomes the first to accept digital currency for parking.



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- ✓ IDFC First Bank has partnered with Anantham Online, a technology startup focused in digital parking to enable acceptance of digital rupee at Kochi Metro's parking locations.
- ✓ This initiative comes as a pilot programme launched by the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✓ In an initiative to promote Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), Kochi Metro has started accepting digital currency in its parking facilities.
- ✓ With this, Kochi Metro is the first Metro in the country to accept CBDC.
- ✓ The program was inaugurated at the parking facility in Thykoodam and system would be introduced in all other parking areas of the Metro soon
- ✓ The program was introduced in association with IDFC FIRST Bank partnered with Anantham Online, a technology startup.
- Q.16. Which company has unveiled a new production line that would produce engines at its manufacturing facility in Hosur completely operated by women employees?

A) Tata Motors Ltd

B) Ashok Leyland

C) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd

D) Hyundai Motor India Limited

Answer: B

- ✓ Ashok Leyland unveils all-women production line at Tamil Nadu plant
- ✓ Heavy commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland has unveiled a new production line that would produce engines at its manufacturing facility in Hosur completely operated by women employees.
- ✓ The initiative to introduce an all-women production line is to promote women empowerment and encourage them take up roles in the manufacturing industry.
- ✓ Ashok Leyland, the flagship company of Hinduja Group, has set up this new line with 80 women employees.
- ✓ This initiative is in line with our brand philosophy of 'Koi Manzil Door Nahin' as we aim to upskill and generate employment for these women.
- ✓ Ashok Leyland
- √ Founded: 1948
- ✓ Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- ✓ MD & CEO : Shenu Agarwal
- ✓ It is owned by the Hinduja Group



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Q.17. An international conference on "Shared Buddhist Heritage" will be held on 14-15 March in which city?

A) Chennai

B) Guwahati

C) Hyderabad

D) New Delhi

Answer: D

- ✓ An international conference on "Shared Buddhist Heritage" will be held on March 14-15 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- ✓ The conference will focus on India's civilizational connection with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) nations 2023.
- ✓ It is the first of its kind event under India's leadership of SCO (for a period of one year from September 17, 2022 to September 2023).
- ✓ It will bring Central Asian, East Asian, South Asian and Arab countries on a common platform to discuss the "Common Buddhist Heritage".
- ✓ Conference organiser
- ✓ The two-day event is being organized by the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of External Affairs and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC-as a grantee body of the Ministry of Culture).
- ✓ Many Indian scholars of Buddhism will also participate in this program.
- ✓ Aim of the Conference
- ✓ To re-establish the trans-cultural link between Buddhist art, art styles, archaeological sites and antiquity of Central Asia in the collections of various museums in SCO countries.

Q.18. Who has been appointed as new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tech Mahindra?

A) Mohit Joshi

B) Rajeev Suri

C) Nikesh Arora

D) Ashok Vemuri

Answer: A

- ✓ Tech Mahindra names former Infosys President Mohit Joshi as MD and CEO.
- ✓ Tech Mahindra, India's sixth largest IT services player, on 11 March announced the appointment of Mohit Joshi as MD & CEO.
- ✓ He will take over when CP Gurnani retires on December 19, 2023.



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- ✓ The Board of Directors has approved his appointment for a period of five years from December 20, 2023 to December 19, 2028.
- ✓ The aforesaid appointment will be subject to approval by the shareholders.
- ✓ Joshi is currently serving as the Infosys chairman.
- ✓ About Tech Mahindra
- ✓ Tech Mahindra was established in 1986.
- ✓ It provides information technology (IT) services and solutions to the telecommunications sector across the globe.
- ✓ Tech Mahindra is part of the \$12.5 billion Mahindra Group in partnership with British Telecom plc (BT), one of the world's leading communications service providers.
- ✓ Chairperson TN Manoharan

Q.19. Who has won the bronze medal at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2023 in Doha, Qatar?

A) Jaspal Rana

B) Prithviraj Tondiman

C) Gagan Narang

D) Jitu Rai

Answer : B

- ✓ Prithviraj Tondiman of India won the bronze medal at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2023 on March 11, 2023 in Doha, Qatar
- ✓ Two-time world champion Oguzhan Tuzun of Turkey won gold with a score of 33/35, while Great Britain's Matthew John took silver with a score of 30/35.
- ✓ This was India's first medal at the ISSF World Cup, which is currently taking place.

- √ About the ISSF
- ✓ The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) governs the Olympic shooting disciplines of rifle, pistol, and shotgun.
- ✓ Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the ISSF barred Russian and Belarussian athletes and officials from participating in its events.
- ✓ Headquarters Munich, Germany
- ✓ Chairman Vladimir Lisin
- √ Founded 1907
- ✓ General Secretary Willie Grill



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Q.20. Which country has received Gold and Silver Stars at the International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023'?

A) Japan

B) Singapore

C) Malaysia

D) India

Answer : D

✓ India's Ministry of Tourism has won the Golden and Silver Stars at The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' in the 'TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International' Category at ITB, Berlin.

Q.21. Who addressed the post-budget webinar on PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman?

A) Draupadi Murmu

B) Narendra Modi

C) Nirmala Sitharaman

D) Amit Shah

Answer: B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the post-budget webinar on 'PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman (PM VIKAS)'
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, this is part of the series of 12 post-budget webinars being organized by the Government of India for ideas and suggestions for effective implementation of the initiatives announced in the Union Budget.
- ✓ The Prime Minister said that through these schemes, the youth of the country are getting a lot of employment opportunities.
- ✓ There is a need for a more targeted approachin the field of skill development to get better results and the PM-Vishwakarma scheme is a result of that thinking.
- ✓ The objective of the PM-Vishwakarma scheme is not only to preserve the rich tradition of traditional artisans and craftsmen but also to develop them.
- ✓ Now the skill infrastructure system needs to be changed according to their needs.
- ✓ PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Scheme
- ✓ This scheme has been announced for traditional artisans and craftsmen in the budget 2023-24.
- ✓ The objective of the scheme is to improve the quality and accessibility of artisans/craftsmen by integrating them with domestic and global value chains of their products/services.



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- ✓ The scheme includes financial support as well as access to advanced skills, training, knowledge of modern digital technologies and efficient green technologies, brand promotion and social security.
- ✓ In this scheme, more attention has been given to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Women and Weaker Sections.
- ✓ Under the Vishwakarma community, more than 140 castesof the country come, which cover a large population of the country.

Q.22. Which country hosted the 146th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)?

A) Philippines

B) Malaysia

C) Bahrain

D) Japan

Answer : C

- ✓ The 146th Assembly of the IPU was held in Manama, Bahrain in March 2023.
- ✓ India's Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla arrived in Bahrain's capital Manama, leading an Indian Parliamentary delegation, to attend the Assembly.
- ✓ The Indian delegation will participate in the Asia Pacific Group meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ✓ Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

√ Founded: 1889

✓ Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland✓ President : Saber Hossain Chowdhury

✓ Secretary General: Martin Chungong

Q.23. World Consumer Rights Day is observed globally on which day?

A) March 12

B) March 13

C) March 14

D) March 15

Answer : D

- ✓ World Consumer Rights Day is an annual celebration that is celebrated on 15 March
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness of consumer rights and needs globally.
- ✓ "Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions" is the theme for World Consumer Rights
 Day 2023.



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- ✓ This theme focuses on the importance of the clean energy transition in empowering consumers to make informed decisions about their energy consumption and its impact on the environment.
- ✓ President John F. Kennedy played an important role in the history of World Consumer Rights Day.
- ✓ He sent a special message to the US Congress on March 15, 1962, where he officially addressed the issue of consumer rights.
- ✓ Additional Secretary of Consumer Affairs Department Mrs. Nidhi Khare

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 15 March 2023 By APARCHIT EXAM WARRIORS/ Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Bank credit to registered NBFCs for on-lending to micro and small enterprises up to _ per borrower are eligible for classification as priority sector lending.

A) ₹ 10 lakh

B) ₹ 20 lakh

C) ₹ 30 lakh

D) ₹ 50 lakh

Answer: B

Q.2. RBI has allowed Small Finance Banks which have completed ___ years, to undertake non-risk sharing simple financial service activities without prior approval of RBI.

A) 2 years

B) 4 years

C) 3 years

D) 5 years

Answer: C

- Q.3. The accounts that shows symptoms of bad asset quality in the first 90 days itself or before it being identified as NPA are known as?
 - A) WMA
 - B) SMA
 - C) IMA
 - D) IFA

Answer: B

✓ Special Mention Accounts (SMA)



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Q.4.	Who manages the Rural Infrastruc	cture Development Fund (RIDF)?	
	A) SIDBI	B) RBI	
	C) NABARD	D) SBI	
Ans	wer: C		
Q.5.	5. What is the Minimum tenor of investments under the Medium Term Fran Investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in Government Securities?		
	A) 2 years	B) 5 years	
	C) 3 years	D) 4 years	
Ans	wer: C		
Q.6.	.6. With respect to the Restructuring of Advances to MSMEs the aggregate exposure o and NBFCs to the borrower should not exceed?		
	A) Rs 15 crore	B) Rs 10 crore	
	C) Rs 50 crore	D) Rs 25 crore	
Ans	wer : D		
Q.7.	Q.7. Who regulates the Housing Finance Companies?		
	A) NHB	B) RBI	
	C) SEBI	D) NABARD	
Ans	wer: B		
Q.8.	Q.8. What is the metric that measures whether or not a firm has enough resource short-term obligations known as?		
	A) Acid test ratio	B) Current ratio	
	C) Overtrading	D) Financial accounting	
Ans	wer: B		
Q.9.	With which article of the Indian Co	onstitution is Money Bill related?	
	A) Article 110	B) Article 112	
	C) Article 108	D) None of these	
Ans	wer: A		



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Q.10. Headquarters of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is located at _____.

A) New Delhi

B) Mumbai

C) Kolkata

D) None of these

Answer: B





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