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#### Aparchit 16 June English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Which entity has introduced a regulatory framework for online investment platforms that facilitate investments in commission-free mutual fund (MF) schemes?

A) RBI	B) SEBI
C) SIDBI	D) NPCI

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has introduced a regulatory framework for online investment platforms that facilitate investments in commission-free mutual fund (MF) schemes.
- ✓ The regulation brings clarity on the obligations of such platforms while opening an avenue to monetize their business. It also addresses investor concerns on associated risks and introduces grievance redressal mechanism.
- ✓ As per the framework, platforms providing MF investment services in direct (commission-free) plans will have to apply for 'execution only platform' (EOP) licence either with Sebi or the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) within three months of the regulation coming into force, which happens in September 2023.
- Platforms of investment advisors and stock brokers will not need an EOP registration if it is open only for their advisory or broking clients.

#### **SEBI IN NEWS 2023**

- SEBI has introduced a regulatory framework for online investment platforms that facilitate investments in commission-free mutual fund (MF) schemes.
- > SEBI sets up intermediary advisory panel to be led by S Ravindran.
- SEBI Introduced Risk disclosure Framework for Trading by Individual Traders in Equity F&O Segment.
- SEBI introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for issuers of non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments and security receipts.
- NDTV appoints former SEBI Chairman UK Sinha and business leader Dipali Goenka as Independent Directors.



Sebi introduces Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) -like facility for secondary market trading in India.

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- ▶ NSE gets the final SEBI approval to launch Social Stock Exchange.
- Markets regulator SEBI has launched an information database on municipal bonds.
- allowed Alternative Investment Funds(AIFs) to participate in the Credit Default ➤ SEBI Swaps(CDS) market as protection buyers and sellers in a bid to facilitate the deepening of the domestic corporate bond segment.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
- ▶ It is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India established in 1988.
- > Its main objectives are to protect the interests of investors in securities and promote the development of the securities market in India by regulating intermediaries, ensuring transparency and accountability of listed companies, and promoting investor education.
- > It is owned by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, but functions as an autonomous body with its own governing board.
- > It has the power to issue guidelines, rules and regulations, investigate and punish fraudulent business practices.
- > It is the regulator of the Capital market and Commodities market in India.
- The first SEBI chairman was Dr S A Dave (1988-90)
- Madhabi Puri Buch is the current and 10th Chairperson of the SEBI.
- Headquarters : Mumbai

NTPC Secures Which Rank in Forbes 'The Global 2000'- List for 2023. Q.2.

A) 389

**C) 433** 

D) 456

**B) 411** 

Answer : C

- ✓ NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List.
- ✓ NTPC Limited, India's largest power generation company, has made significant progress in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List for 2023, climbing 52 positions to reach the 433rd rank.
- ✓ This remarkable advancement showcases NTPC's growing influence and presence in the global market.



 $\checkmark$  It is a testament to the company's consistent expansion, strong financial performance, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

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- ✓ "The Global 2000" List compiled by Forbes acknowledges the world's largest companies based on four key metrics: sales, profits, assets, and market value.
- ✓ NTPC's significant climb in the rankings from the 485th position in 2022 to the 433rd position in 2023 underscores its exceptional performance across these metrics.
- ✓ In addition to its global ranking, NTPC has also secured the 10th position among the largest Indian companies on the list, moving up one spot compared to the previous year.

#### NTPC IN NEWS 2023

- NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List.
- NTPC Kanti launches Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GeM)-2023.
- > NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- > Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- > NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- > India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- > NTPC hosts an international seminar on 'Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage' (CCUS) at First Energy Transitions Working Group meeting in Bengaluru.
- > NTPC Limited announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Vault Holdings ("Energy Vault).
- > NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL) signs MoU with Government of Tripura for cooperation in renewable energy development.
- > NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd has signed an MoU with the Indian Army for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) model.
- > About NTPC
- > The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.

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The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh
- Q.3. Who was given the 'Governor of the Year' award by Central Banking in London?
  - A) C. Rangarajan

B) Urjit Ravindra Patel

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- C) Shaktikanta Das
- D) Bimal Jalan

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das was honored with the 'Governor of the Year' award by Central Banking in London.
- ✓ Das is the second RBI governor to have received this award.
- ✓ In the year 2015, the then RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan received this award.
- ✓ The award is presented by Central Banking, a leading organisation that covers matters related to central banks and financial regulators globally.
- ✓ The Central Banking Awards 2023 announced the winners at the end of March, the National Bank of Ukraine received the title of Central Bank of the Year.
- ✓ Shaktikanta Das, representing the Reserve Bank of India, was honoured with the Governor of the Year award at the event.
- ✓ Das is a retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, who is currently serving as the 25th governor of the RBI.
- ✓ With the second term of three years, Das will head the RBI till December, 2024.
- Q.4. Which railway station was recently awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certificate?
  - A) Varanasi Railway Station
- **B)** Guwahati Railway Station
- C) Patna Railway Station
- **D)** Ahmedabad Railway Station

#### Answer : B

✓ The Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.



✓ Guwahati Railway Station has become the first railway station of Northeast Frontier Railway to get this certification.

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✓ This certification is provided by FSSAI to those railway stations which meet the standard in providing safe and nutritious food to the passengers.

#### **FSSAI IN NEWS 2023**

- Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- > Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the stateof-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station of the Indian Railways has been awarded the 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high quality nutritious food to the passengers.
- > The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus'. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh...
- > G Kamala Vardhana Rao was appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- > FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statue related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- ➢ Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan
- CEO : G Kamala Vardhana Rao

**Q.5**. In which city the World Bank has launched its first 'Road Safety Project' in South Asia?

A) New Delhi	B) Dhaka
C) Colombo	D) Kathmandu



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#### Answer: B

- ✓ World Bank launches its first road safety project in South Asia.
- ✓ World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh.
- ✓ The project seeks to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injuries from road crashes in selected cities, high-risk highways, and district roads.

#### ✓ Implementation on National Highways.

- ✓ The project will focus on two national highways in Bangladesh: Gazipur-Elenga (N4) and Natore-Nawabganj (N6).
- ✓ These highways will serve as the primary sites for implementing various road safety measures.
- ✓ The aim is to achieve a substantial reduction of over 30 percent in road traffic deaths on these two highways.
- ✓ <u>Infrastructure Enhancements</u>
- ✓ To enhance road safety and reduce accidents and fatalities, the project will include the construction of essential infrastructure elements along the Gazipur-Elenga and Natore-Nawabganj highways.
- ✓ These improvements will encompass the installation of road signs, dividers, footpaths, zebra crossings, speed breakers, and bus bays.
- ✓ Emergency Services and Trauma Care
- ✓ The project will introduce innovative emergency services, including the use of bike-ambulances equipped with a toll-free number.
- ✓ These services will ensure swift transportation of road crash victims to hospitals, improving their chances of receiving timely medical attention
- Speed Control Measures and Institutional Strengthening
- ✓ To regulate speed and curb reckless driving, the project will install closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems along the roads and develop an electric messaging system.
- ✓ It will also allocate resources for patrol vehicles and crash site cleaning equipment

#### WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2023

- World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh.
- ▶ Indian origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the 14th President of World Bank.



Ministry of Education and the World Bank held a unique workshop on School-to-Work Transition under the STARS Program.

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- > The Cabinet approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project in October 2020.
- World Bank has approved a loan of US \$ 363 million for the supply of clean drinking water from taps to 2 million rural households in Karnataka.
- > World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- According to the World Bank's (WB) annual report 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2023' released on May 23, 2023, revenues collected from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) globally have reached a record high, about US\$95 billion in 2022.
- > World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.
- > India and the World Bank have signed aloan agreement for the construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in four States.
- These four states are-Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- World Bank has signed two complementary loans with India worth USD 500 million each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.
- > India will be the first country in the world to receive \$100 billion from remittances during 2022, the World Bank.
- > World Bank forecast Pakistan's economic growth to slow further to two percent during the current year; according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.
- > WORLD BANK
- ➢ Founded : 1944
- Headquarters : Washington Dc
- 14th President : Ajay Banga
- ➢ MD&CFO : Anshula Kant
- Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart
- Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar
- Member Countries :189

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- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID).
- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- > India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID

Q.6. PTC India Financial Services Limited has appointed whom as the Director (Finance) of the company?

A) Ajay Sinha

- B) Mahendra Lodha
- C) Abhishek Kapoor D) Rajiv Ranjan Kohli

#### Answer: B

- ✓ PTC India Financial Services Limited (PFS) has appointed Mahendra Lodha as Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer of the company.
- ✓ Lodha has earlier worked in companies like SIDBI Venture Capital Limited, Rajasthan Asset Management Company Limited
- Q.7. In which state was the country's 'first' toy train powered by CNG inaugurated?
  - A) Rajasthan

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Maharashtra

D) Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer : A

- Toy train was started once again in Gulab Bagh of Udaipur (Rajasthan), which has been named Maharana Pratap Express train.
- ✓ According to the engineer of the toy train, Anirudh Singh Nathawat, this is the country's first CNG-powered toy train. Here tourists will be able to ride this toy train for ₹25/₹50.

#### **RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023**

- PM Modi Launches Projects Worth Rs 5,500 Crore In Rajasthan, Including 114 Km Long Six-Lane Udaipur-Shamlaji Section Of NH-48.
- Lithium reserves have been discovered in Rajasthan's Degana following the recent discovery in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi.



> Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan virtually on Abu Road in the Sirohi district of Rajasthan.

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- ▶ Indian Air Force's MiG-21 crashes near Hanumangarh in Rajasthan.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot has announced the launch of 19 new districts and 3 new divisions in Rajasthan.
- Presently there are 33 districts in the state.
- With the creation of these 19 new districts, the total number of districts in Rajasthan will increase to 52.

#### Who has flagged off the first Agri- SEZ project of Gabon from New Delhi? **Q.8**.

- A) Dharmendra Pradhan **B)** Smriti Irani
- C) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw

#### Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off Gabon's first Agri- SEZ project from New Delhi.
- ✓ In the primary part of the programme, 30 farmers and 20
- ✓ B.Sc./M.Sc. Agri and B.Tech/M. Tech Engineering college students from the
- ✓ Gajapati district, will likely be travelling collectively as agri-technical
- ✓ and technical consultants for the agriculture SEZ which is being
- developed underneath this undertaking.  $\checkmark$
- ✓ African coverage. Being a trusted accomplice within the journey of
- ✓ socio-economic growth, India has prolonged concessional loans
- of over USD 12.3 billion to Africa and USD 700 mn of grant  $\checkmark$
- help with growth tasks in numerous sectors, an
- official assertion quoted the Union minister as saying.  $\checkmark$
- Which Country SBER Bank has Launched Indian Rupee Accounts for Individuals? Q.9.
  - A) China
- **B)** Japan

**C)** Germany

**D)** Russia

Answer : D



✓ Russia's dominant lender, SBER Bank has launched Indian rupee accounts for individuals, expanding the range of foreign currencies available as Moscow strives to reduce dependency on the U.S. dollar and euro.

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- ✓ As Sberbank has highlighted, the bank supports the trend of de-dollarisation and constantly increases the number of foreign currencies available to clients.
- Sberbank has more than 100 million retail clients and already offers deposits in China's yuan and UAE dirhams.

Q.10. Microfinance loan portfolio increased by \_\_\_\_\_ to Rs 3.48 lakh crore during 2022-23.

A) 20%	B) 22%
<b>C)</b> 25%	D) 29%

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Microfinance loan portfolio increased by 22% to Rs 3.48 lakh crore during 2022-23.
- ✓ Gross loan portfolio stood at Rs 2.85 lakh crore as on March 31, 2022.
- ✓ Microfinance loan disbursals during FY 2022-23 improved by 23% to Rs 2,96,423 crores compared to Rs 2,39,433 crore in the previous financial year.
- ✓ About 7.17 crore loans were disbursed during FY 22-23 as against 6.30 crore in the previous year indicating higher ticket size of new loans, microfinance institutions network (MFIN), the microfinance industry association and an RBI-recognized self-regulatory organization.
- ✓ The microfinance active loan accounts increased by 14.6% during the past 12 months to 13 crore as on March 31, 2023.
- ✓ In terms of regional distribution of gross loan portfolio, East & Northeast and South account for 63% of the total portfolio.
- ✓ Bihar is the largest state in terms of portfolio outstanding followed by Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
- It further said 82 NBFC-MFIs are the largest provider of micro-credit with a loan amount outstanding of Rs  $\checkmark$ 1,38,310 crore, accounting for 39.7% to total industry portfolio.

#### Q.11. According to RBI data, the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew\_at ₹96,847 crore in the year 2022-23.

A) 11%	B) 15%
C) 17%	D) 19%
Answer : C	



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- ✓ According to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data, the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew 17% at ₹96,847 crore in the year 2022-23 as against ₹82,723 crore in the previous year.
- ✓ For the first time in five years, growth in education loans not only turned positive but also registered a 17% surge in the last financial year ended March, 2023.
- ✓ The NPA in education advances stood at 7.82% of a total outstanding portfolio of ₹80,000 crore at the end of the first quarter of FY23.
- Q.12. India will host the 2025 International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Annual Conference at Which State?

A) Gujarat

C) Uttar Pradesh

B) TelanganaD) Kerala

#### Answer : D

- ✓ India expressed its willingness to host the 2025 IIAS (International Institute of Administrative Sciences) Annual Conference at Kochi, Kerala, in February, 2025.
- ✓ The IIAS established in 1930, is a federation of member States, national sections and academic research centres jointly elaborating public administration solutions to the policy challenges of the day with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
- The 2025 Annual Conference of IIAS would be attended by 30 Member Countries, 18 National Sections and over 50 IIAS Universities/ Institutes of Public Administration in Member Countries.
- ✓ Theme : In accordance with India's governance model, the theme for 2025 IIAS Annual Conference at Kochi is proposed as "Next Generation Administrative Reforms - Empowering the Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile".
- Q.13. Who has launched the multilingual India Legal app, a helpline to enable citizens obtain legal assistance from their homes?
  - A) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud
- B) Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana

C) Uday Umesh Lalit

D) N. Venkatachaliah

#### Answer : D

- ✓ Former Chief Justice of India N. Venkatachaliah has launched the multilingual India Legal app, a helpline to enable citizens obtain legal assistance from their homes.
- $\checkmark$  The app will help in disposing of around 70 percent of new cases.



✓ The app will benefit a wide range of consumers, including a large legal community of 1.2 million lawyers and half a million students.

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- ✓ The first call on the app came from Meerut. An employee alleged that his employer did not give him money. Venkatachaliah directed him to file a case against the employer and to approach the High Court.
- ✓ The second call came from Chennai. A woman, speaking in Tamil, said she was in a live-in relationship with a man who clicked her private photographs and was now blackmailing her.
- $\checkmark$  As per the woman, the man was threatening to upload her photographs on social media. Venkatachaliah advised her to file a complaint with the police

#### Q.14. Which state has recently celebrated the Raja festival?

A) Assam

**B)** Odisha

C) Haryana

**D)** Rajasthan

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Odisha has celebrated the Raja festival, an agricultural festival.
- ✓ Raja festival is celebrated for three days.
- ✓ The first day of the festival is called 'Pahili Raja', the second day is called 'Majhi Raja' 'Raja Sankranti' or 'Mithuna Sankranti', the third day is 'Bhudaha' or 'Basi Raja' or 'Sesha Raja'.
- ✓ Most of the festivals are connected to agriculture in one way or the other. So is the Raja festival. Odisha's Raja festival is a unique one as mother earth is worshipped during this festival.
- ✓ Notably, 'Pahili Raja' falls on the last day of month 'Jyestha' and 'Raja Sankranti' on the first day of month 'Asadha', celebrating the beginning of the rainy season.

Q.15. Which bank has launched a digital platform for hassle-free account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation?

- A) Indian Overseas Bank
- **B) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

C) South Indian Bank

D) Karur Vysya Bank

#### Answer : C

- ✓ South Indian Bank has introduced SIB SWIFTe, an innovative and customer-centric digital account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation.
- The platform prioritizes customer convenience and transforms the account opening process, enabling the bank to swiftly on-board customers in less than five minutes.



#### This facility brings the branch-like experience to the comfort of customers' homes, allowing them to connect with bankers at their convenience.

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- ✓ SIB SWIFTe, a user-friendly and intuitive interface, provides clear instructions and visual cues to guide both customers and bank representatives through each step.
- ✓ South Indian Bank
- ✓ Founded : 1929
- ✓ Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala
- ✓ Chairman : Salim Gangadharan
- ✓ MD & CEO : Murali Ramakrishnan
- ✓ Tagline : Experience Next Generation Banking.

#### Q.16. Which payments bank has entered into a tie-up with Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble to introduce India's first spending account?

- A) India Post Payments Bank **B)** Fino Payments Bank
- **C)** Paytm Payments Bank D) Airtel Payments Bank

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Fino Payments Bank has entered into a tie-up with Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble to introduce India's first spending account.
- ✓ The bank customers can park their funds, spend (on categories such as food ordering, shopping, travel, entertainment, etc.) and save up to 10 percent on all purchases made from the account.
- ✓ Further, users can track spends across categories of over 50 brands that Hubble has partnered with and save up to ₹20,000 a year.
- ✓ The spending account is integrated with the bank's digital savings account operated through its mobile app FinoPay. Users earn an interest rate of 2.75 percent per annum on the funds parked in the account

#### Q.17. Which has launched mission EVOLVE (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) in association with NITI Aayog to finance MSMEs in the EV space?

- A) SEBI **B) RBI**
- **C) SIDBI D) NABARD**

Answer	:	C	

SIDBI launches EVOLVE mission with NITI Aayog.



✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem (EVOLVE) mission.

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- ✓ The mission has been launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korean-World Bank and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF).
- ✓ Its main objective is to provide financial assistance to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in the electric vehicle sector.
- ✓ The collaboration between SIDBI, NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korea-World Bank and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) highlights the importance of public-private partnership.
- ✓ The EVOLVE mission contributes to the promotion of sustainable transportation solutions in India.
- ✓ By supporting MSMEs in the electric vehicle industry, the initiative aims to foster a vibrant ecosystem for electric vehicles.
- ✓ EVOLVE Mission Aim:
- ✓ Its primary objective is to provide funds for the purchase of 50,000 Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- ✓ Sanction letters have been sent to companies such as Aristo Securities and Muffin Green Finance to achieve this goal.
- ✓ These companies have been tasked with facilitating the introduction of around 5,000 two-wheeler and threewheeler electric vehicles on the roads in the near future
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):
- ✓ Apex regulatory body for micro, small and medium enterprise finance companies in India.
- ✓ Responsible for licensing and regulation in this sector.
- ✓ Jurisdiction:
- ✓ Under the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- ✓ The headquarters is located in Lucknow.
- ✓ Establishment:
- ✓ Established on 2nd April, 1990 by the Government of India.
- ✓ Initially a wholly owned subsidiary of IDBI Bank.
- ✓ Delinked from IDBI Bank on March 27, 2000



Q.18. A Book titled Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023. Who is the author of this book?

- A) Jhumpa Lahiri
- C) Aravind Adiga

**B)** Vikram Seth

D) Ramchandra Guha

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#### Answer : D

- ✓ Historian and writer Ramchandra Guha's book Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023.
- ✓ Guha has been awarded £5,000 (₹5 lakhs approximately) and a bound copy of Elizabeth Longford's memoir, The Pebbled Shore.
- The Bengaluru-based historian's book tells the story of seven foreigners four British, Two American, and  $\checkmark$ one Irish — who joined India's freedom fight against British rule. The list of names includes Annie Besant, B.G. Horniman, Philip Spratt, Richard Ralph Keithahn, Samuel Stokes, Madeline Slade, and Catherine Mary Heilemann.
- The award was founded in 2003 by Flora Fraser and Peter Soros to commemorate British historian Elizabeth Longford. Every year it rewards exemplary works in historical biography. The prize is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year

#### Q.19. The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is marked annually on which day?

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- A) 16 June
- **B) 15 June**
- **C)** 14 June
- **D) 13 June**

#### Answer : A

- ✓ The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is a United Nations General Assembly recognized day, observed on 16 June each year to celebrate the contribution of migrant workers, improve the lives of their family members back home, and to create a future of hope for their children.
- ✓ The theme of 2023 IDFR is "Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction."
- $\checkmark$ The first International Day of Family Remittances was celebrated on June 16, 2015.



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Q.1.	Kanwar Lake is located in which part o	f India ?
	A) Rajasthan	B) Jammu & Kashmir
	C) Chhattisgarh	D) Bihar
Ansv	ver : D	
Q.2.	The Asian Hockey Federation is headqu	artered in
	A) Dubai, United Arab Emirates	B) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	C) Vienna, Austria	D) New York, United States
Ansv	ver : B	
<b>Q</b> .3.	Kamlang Tiger Reserve is situated in w	hich Indian state?
	A) Andhra Pradesh	B) Arunachal Pradesh
	C) Sikkim	D) Odisha
Ansv	ver : B	
Q.4.	In which part of India is the Sirohi Nati	ional Park located?
	A) Goa	B) West Bengal
	C) Ladakh	D) Manipur
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	What is the currency of South Africa?	nit un
<b>Q</b> .0.	A) Zloty	R) Kyat
	C) Bond	
		D) 501
<b>Q</b> .6.	Where is the Ujjivan Small Finance Bar	hk headquartered ?
	A) Bengaluru	B) Noida
	C) New Delhi	D) Chennai
Ansv	ver : A	
Q.5. Ansv Q.6.	C) New Delhi	B) Noida



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Q.7.	. Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport is located in which of these states?		
	A) Tripura	B) Sikkim	
	C) Nagaland	D) Arunachal Pradesh	
Ansv	ver: A		
<b>Q</b> .8.	Merdeka Cup is associated with which	of these sports?	
	A) Tennis	B) Football	
	C) Cricket	D) Hockey	
Ansv	ver : B		
Q.9.	The Indian folk dance Tertali or teratali	i has its origin from which state?	
	A) Punjab	B) Haryana	
	C) Madhya Pradesh	D) Gujarat	
Ansv	ver : C		
<b>Q</b> .10.	The Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirang	an is a stadium based in which of these place?	
	A) Kolkata	B) New Delhi	
	C) Patna	D) Bhubaneswar	
Ansv	ver: A	Warrie	
		D) Bhubaneswar Warrions nit Exam	
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