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# **Aparchit 9&10 July English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023**

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

## Q.1. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 3rd World Hindu Congress (WHC) 2023?

A) Chicago

B) Bangkok

C) Washington

D) New Delhi

# Answer: B

- ✓ Third World Hindu Conference organized in Bangkok.
- ✓ According to the Word Hindu Foundation, the third 'World Hindu Congress' (WHC) 2023 will be organized in Bangkok in November.
- ✓ The three-day Vishwa Hindu Sammelan will be organized by the Vishwa Hindu Foundation from November 24 at the Convention Center in Bangkok.
- ✓ Organizer of World Hindu Congress:
- ✓ The World Hindu Congress is being organized by the World Hindu Foundation. Its trustee is Swami Vigyananand.
- ✓ Swami Vigyanananda is the Managing Trustee of the Vishwa Hindu Foundation as well as the Joint General Secretary of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).
- ✓ <u>Invited members from India:</u>
- ✓ Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath, Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Mohan Bhagwat and Ma Amritanandamayi have been invited to this event.
- ✓ Representatives of Hindu organizations and prominent Buddhist teachers from all over the world have been invited to the conference.
- ✓ Among politicians from India, only Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been invited.
- ✓ Former World Hindu Congress:
- ✓ The first World Hindu Congress was held in Delhi in 2014 and the second in 2018 in Chicago, USA.
- ✓ Organizing Issue:
- ✓ According to Trustee Swami Vigyanananda, the achievements of Hindus will be discussed in the Congress of Bangkok along with discrimination against Hindus in different regions of the world and ways to deal with it.

- ✓ According to the Word Hindu Foundation, there are 1.2 billion Hindus living in about 200 countries of the world and this forum provides an opportunity to discuss together irrespective of caste, creed, gender, language or any other discrimination.
- ✓ Tibetan Buddhism Guru Dalai Lama has participated in the first World Hindu Congress held in Delhi.
- ✓ Number of Representatives:
- ✓ The first Congress was attended by 1800 delegates and the second Congress by over 2400 delegates. This time the number of delegates has been limited to 2500
- Q.2. Which edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23) hosted by the Indian Navy is being conducted at Visakhapatnam?

A) 8th

B) 7th

**C)** 6th

D) 9th

# Answer: B

- ✓ The seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX 23) 2023 being conducted by the Indian Navy is being conducted at Visakhapatnam from 5 to 10 July 2023.
- ✓ The seventh edition marks the 11th anniversary of JIMEX since its inception in 2012.
- ✓ Practice Leadership:
- ✓ Units of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) under the command of RADM Nishiyama Takahiro while Indian Navy ships under the command of Admiral Gurcharan Singh are participating in the exercise.
- ✓ <u>Demonstration of practice weapons:</u>
- ✓ The exercise will see the participation of INS Delhi, India's first indigenously built Guided Missile Destroyer, INS Kamorta, an indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, Fleet Tanker INS Shakti, Maritime Patrol Aircraft P-8I and Dornier.

## **JAPAN IN NEWS 2023**

- > Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, was present at the unveiling ceremony of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan.
- > Japan 'seriously looking' at joining India's UPI payments system.
- > India invited to attend G7 Hiroshima summit in Japan.

- > United Kingdom has announced sanctions on the military-industrial complex and metals as well as Russian diamonds in a new round of sanctions ahead of the G7 meeting in Japan.
- > Japan has decided to provide specialized training to 1,000 Indian engineers ahead of starting work on the high-speed rail track system for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR).
- > The total length of the corridor between Ahmedabad and Mumbai is 508 km, of which 348 km falls in Gujarat and 156 km in Maharashtra.
- > Japan will provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of USD 1.24 billion to Bangladesh for infrastructure and connectivity projects.
- > Japan has decided to provide specialized training to 1,000 Indian engineers ahead of starting work on the high-speed rail track system for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR).
- Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023' between the Indian Air Force and the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will be conducted from January 12 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan.
- > The dialogue on April 05, 2023 was co-chaired by Mr. Giridhar Armane, Defense Secretary of India and Mr. Oka Masami, Defense Minister of International Affairs of Japan.
- According to the latest Nikkei Asia industry data, India has overtaken Japan to become the third largest auto market for the first time.
- > Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture in Nagasaki, Japan.
- ➤ India and Japan will conduct their first Air exercise from 16 January to 26 January 2023 at the Hyakuri Air Base and at the Iruma Air Base in Sayama Japan.
- > The 4th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Japan, "X Dharma Guardians" will be conducted from 17 February to 2 March 2023 at Camp Imazu, Shiga Prefecture, Japan.
- > Bangladesh, India, and Japan are set to hold a connectivity event in Tripura, India on April 11-12.
- > Japan to invest ₹7,200 crores in Uttar Pradesh, HMI Group is developing 30 hotels in the state.

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- SJVN Ltd, a state-owned company, has secured Rs 915 crore in 'GREEN' financing from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to support its 90 MW Omkareshwar floating solar project in Madhya Pradesh and 100 MW Raghanesda solar project in Gujarat.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with the Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF) which was conducted from 13 February 2023 to 02 March 2023 at Komatsu, Japan.
- Japan, U.S., South Korea, Taiwan launch 'Chip 4' talks for supply chain.
- India has surpassed Japan in terms of auto sales last year to become the third-largest auto market globally for the first time.
- **JAPAN**
- Capital: Tokyo
- > Currency: Yen
- **Emperor**: Naruhito
- 100th Prime Minister: Fumio Kishida
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO) issues Ozone and UV bulletins at an interval of seven Q.3. years. The Montreal Protocol was signed in which year? Exam Warriors

A) 1985

B) 1973

C) 1987

D) 2005

# Answer: C

- ✓ 'Ozone UV Bulletin' released by WMO.
- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) issues Ozone and UV bulletins at an interval of seven years. According to which the ozone layer is continuously improving.
- ✓ To monitor and understand changes in the ozone layer, WMO has released its first Ozone and UV Bulletin.
- ✓ According to the information given by WMO, with the help of Montreal Protocol and amendments made from time to time, the use of substances that damage the ozone layer has been limited by 99 percent.
- The Montreal Protocol is an international treaty on the prevention of substances that deplete the ozone layer.
- ✓ It is designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out emissions of substances known to be responsible for depleting the ozone layer
- **International Initiative for the Protection of the Ozone Layer:**

- ✓ The 1985 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer provided a framework for international cooperation on ozone protection.
- ✓ The Montreal Protocol which was adopted in the year 1987 is a worldwide agreement to stop the production of ozone-depleting substances.
- ✓ The Montreal Protocol has been signed by 197 parties of the world.
- ✓ World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- ✓ It was established in 1873 by the International Meteorological Organization.
- ✓ Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ On March 23, 1950, the World Meteorological Organization became a specialised organisation of the United Nations.
- Q.4. Who has been presented with the British National Award for Best Director for 'What's Love Got To Do With It'?
  - A) Shekhar Kapur
  - B) Gurinder Chadha
  - C) Tarsem Singh
  - D) Mira Nair

## Answer: A

- ✓ Noted film director Shekhar Kapur has been presented with the British National Award for Best Director for 'What's Love Got To Do With It'.
- ✓ At the award ceremony, the film 'What's Love Got To Do With It' was nominated in nine categories, out of which the film won four.
- ✓ Apart from Best Director, the film was also awarded Best British Film, Best Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor.
- ✓ Shekhar Kapur is best known for directing films ranging from Bandit Queen, Mr. India to Elizabeth.
- ✓ National and International Career of Shekhar Kapur:
- ✓ Shekhar's international career His film Elizabeth, which came in 1998, was given the Oscar Award in the Best Make-up category.
- ✓ Its sequel Elizabeth The Golden Age, which came in the year 2007, won the Oscar Award in the Best Costume Design category.

- ✓ Currently Shekhar is in news for the sequel of his classic Hindi film Masoom.
- ✓ What's Love Got To Do With It is a British romantic comedy, released in the UK as well as the US and India.
- ✓ The film stars Lily James, Shazad Latif, Shabana Azmi, Emma Thompson, Sajal Ali, Oliver Chris and Asim Chowdhary in lead roles.
- Q.5. RBI's working group has recommended the inclusion of the rupee in the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) basket and recalibration of the foreign portfolio investor (FPI) regime to accelerate the pace of internationalization of the rupee. These recommendations have been given by an Inter-Departmental Group (IDG) headed by\_.

A) Deepak Mohanty

B) Ajay Shankar

C) Janki Ballabh

D) Radha Shyam Ratho

## Answer: D

- ✓ RBI's working group has recommended the inclusion of the rupee in the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) basket and recalibration of the foreign portfolio investor (FPI) regime to accelerate the pace of internationalization of the rupee.
- ✓ The recommendations by an Inter-Departmental Group (IDG), headed by RBI Executive Director Radha Shyam Ratho.
- ✓ The group was constituted by RBI Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar to review the position of the rupee as an international currency and to frame a road map for the internationalization of the domestic currency.
- ✓ Internationalization of the rupee is a process that involves increasing the use of the local currency in cross-border transactions.
- ✓ The rupee has the potential to become an internationalized currency as India is one of the fastest-growing countries and has shown remarkable resilience even in the face of major headwinds.
- ✓ Last year in July, the RBI put in place a mechanism to settle international trade in rupees in order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of the global trading community in the rupee.
- ✓ As part of the long-term measures to achieve internationalization of the rupee, the group suggested inclusion of the rupee in SDR (Special Drawing Rights) basket.

- ✓ The SDR is an international reserve asset created by the IMF (International Monetary Fund) to supplement the official reserves of its member countries. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of five currencies—the U.S. dollar, the euro, the Chinese renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.
- ✓ The RBI should also look at expanding the footprint of the rupee-denominated payment mechanism.
- ✓ For the medium term, the group recommended review of withholding tax for masala bonds issuances, expansion of RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) system for settling international transactions and inclusion of the rupee in the Continuous Linked Settlement (CLS) system

# **COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023**

- Sovernment of India has constituted an expert panel headed by former Law Secretary TK Vishwanathan to propose reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act and reduce the burden on the courts.
- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has established an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Rajesh Gopal, secretary general of Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as its chairman.
- > Government of India has constituted a Peace Committee in Manipur under the Chairpersonship of Governor, Manipur Anusuiya Uikey.
- > IRDAI has recently constituted a five-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance; Headed By: Pratima Murthy.
- Razorpay forms 4-member advisory board to strengthen corporate governance; Head-former RBI deputy governor NS Vishwanathan.
- Ministry of Finance has set up of a four-member committee forms panel to suggest changes to National Pension Scheme (NPS); Headed By-Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
- ➤ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has set up a 14-member committee to look into stalled real estate projects; Headed By Amitabh Kant.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force to make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'. Chaired By Bhuvnesh Kumar.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has formed an expert committee to create a roadmap to encourage Indian startups/fintech domiciled abroad to relocate to the GIFT City in Gujarat. Chaired By G. Padmanabhan.

- A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) will now be made by a high-power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.
- The five-judge Constitution Bench was headed by Justice K M Joseph.
- > Supreme Court has formed a six-member expert committee to examine Hindenburg Research firm's report on the Adani Group and probe the stock price crash in Adani stocks. Headed By AM Sapre.
- ➤ Government of India (GoI) constituted a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to analyse the need for a separate law for competition in the digital market and to draft a digital competition act within three months. Headed By Manoj Govil.
- The Shipping Ministry has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for operationalization of Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. Headed By- Sanjay K. Mehta.
- Q.6. India and which country will co-host a two-day 'India-Africa International Millet Conference' on 30 31 August 2023?

A) Kenya

B) Ethiopia

C) Nigeria

D) Rwanda

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## Answer: A

- ✓ India and Kenya will co-host a two-day 'India-Africa International Millet Conference' on 30 31 August 2023.
- ✓ The event will witness participation from government leaders, researchers, farmers, entrepreneurs and industry associations from around the globe.
- ✓ Through the international conference, the government of India and Kenya aim to raise public awareness about millet as the world's emerging smart food.
- ✓ The government of India spearheaded the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution for declaring the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets.
- ✓ India produces all the nine commonly known traditional millets viz. Sorghum, Pearl Millet, Finger Millet, Foxtail Millet, Proso Millet, Little Millet, Barnyard Millet, Browntop Millet and Kodo Millet.
- ✓ Millet is a common term for categorizing small-seeded grasses that are often called Nutri-cereals. Most of the states in India grow one or more millet crop species.

- ✓ Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana are the major millets producing states.
- ✓ In March, India held its first mega-global event Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in Delhi to celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM)

## ✓ Millets and India

- ✓ According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), India is the largest producer of millet in the world.
- ✓ The total production of millets in India in 2020-21 was 17.96 million tonnes which was nearly 41% of the world production.
- ✓ Rajasthan was the largest millet producing state in India.
- ✓ Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Uttarakhand being the top 10 states in terms of millet production.
- ✓ In India, millet is primarily a kharif crop, requiring less water and agricultural inputs.
- ✓ India declared 2018 as the National Year for Millets to promote millets for nutrition security.

# **MILLET IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ India and Kenya will co-host a two-day 'India-Africa International Millet Conference' on 30 31 August 2023.
- ➤ India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in New Delhi on 18th March, 2023.
- ➤ United Nations agency Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) hosted an opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy.
- ➤ The 4th International Trade Fair of Millets and Organics Products began on 20 January 2023 at Tripuravasini, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ➤ The year 2023 is being observed all over the world as the International Year of the millets.
- > The Government of India aims to make the International Year of the millets a 'People's Movement' and position India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'.
- India is the largest producer of millets in the world.



- ➤ According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation, global millet production in 2020 was 30.464 million metric tonnes (MMT), of which India accounted for 12.49 MMT or 41 per cent of the total millet production.
- > India is the largest producer of millets in the world followed by Niger and China and the second largest exporter of these grains.
- ➤ The Government of India has set a target of production of 205 lakh tonnes of Nutri Cereals in the country by 2022-23.
- > To promote the export of millets, a one-day 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' conclave was organised by the government on 5th December in New Delhi.
- Assam government launches millet mission to double the income of state farmers.
- > Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced to observe the first Thursday of the Margasira month of the Hindu calendar on November 10 as 'Mandia Day' or 'Millet Day' in the state.
- Q.7. The Ministry of Home Affairs has launched the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States" with a total budget of how many rupees?

A) Rs. 2,000 crore

B) Rs. 3,000 crore

C) Rs. 4,000 crore

D) Rs. 5,000 crore

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs launched the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States" with a total budget of Rs. 5,000 crore.
- ✓ The scheme, part of the preparedness and capacity building funding window under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), aims to strengthen fire services across the country.
- ✓ Out of the allocated amount, Rs. 500 crore has been reserved for incentivizing states based on their legal and infrastructure-related reforms.
- ✓ The primary objective of the scheme is to expand and modernize fire services at the state level through the preparedness and capacity-building components of the NDRF.
- ✓ The concerned State Governments shall have to contribute 25% of the total cost of such projects/proposals from their budgetary resources.

- Q.8. Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited has launched five all-women branches as part of its commitment to diversity and equal opportunities. What is the name of these branches?
  - A) Maitreyi

B) Lady Brunchers

C) Coyote Sisters

D) Pink Ladies

## Answer: A

- ✓ Piramal Finance opened the first all women branch named "Maitreyi" at Thripunithura near Kochi to cater to the unique needs of women customers.
- ✓ Kerala was chosen as the location for the inaugural branch due to its demographic and market dynamics, 50% of customers in Kerala are women, as against the national average of 20%.
- ✓ Kerala also has a high percentage of self-employed individuals, highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit of the state's population.
- ✓ Each Maitreyi branch has a dedicated team of 7-15 women employees to cater to the specific needs of the customers.
- ✓ The branch offers a wide range of services including home loans, MSME loans with a focus on home construction and property loans.
- ✓ Piramal Finance aims to strengthen its commitment to provide financial services to women across India by Aparchit Exam Warrior opening branches in Jaipur, Mumbai, Mohali and New Delhi
- ✓ About Kerala
- ✓ Formation 1 November 1956
- ✓ Capital Thiruvananthapuram
- ✓ Official Bird Great Hornbill
- ✓ Governor Arif Mohammad Khan
- ✓ Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan

# **KERALA IN NEWS 2023**

- Piramal Finance opened the first all women branch named "Maitreyi" at Thripunithura near Kochi to cater to the unique needs of women customers.
- ➤ Kerala has become the first state in the country to launch its own internet service.
- ➤ Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet services.

- According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala received the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in the fiscal year 23 (FY23).
- > Kerala has adopted a water budget, the first of its kind in the country, to deal with the problem of water scarcity in summer.
- > Dharmadam, Kerala becomes first complete library constituency in India.
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project.
- India's first Graphene Innovation center to be set up in Kerala.
- > Recently, a group of researchers discovered a butterfly subspecies from the fringes of Akkulam and Vembanad lakes in Kerala.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th April flagged off Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod at Thiruvananthapuram Central Station.
- ➤ Kerala declared first State to enable digital banking service.
- M T Vasudevan Nair was awarded the "Kerala Jyoti", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.
- ➤ The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the 2nd G20 Empower meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the theme "Women Empowerment: Win-win for Equality and Economy".
- ➤ Kerala to become first State to use robotics tech extensively for manhole cleaning.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to protect the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites.
- Q.9. European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the specially designed Euclid Space Telescope to review solar system bodies. This telescope will be installed at a distance of about \_\_\_ from the Earth.

A) 2.3 million kilometers

B) 1.8 million kilometers

C) 2.2 million kilometers

D) 1.5 million kilometers

# Answer: D

- ✓ ESA launches 'Euclid Space Telescope' to review solar system bodies.
- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the specially designed Euclid Space Telescope to review solar system bodies and obtain new information.
- ✓ Through this telescope, the scientist will prepare a three-dimensional map of billions of galaxies spread over a wide area of 10 billion light years of the universe.

- ✓ Also, it is expected that its observations will help in solving the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy.
- ✓ This teslascope is named after the Greek mathematician Euclid.
- ✓ This telescope will be installed at a distance of about 1.5 million kilometers from the Earth by going to the second Lagrange Point (L2) and from there it will also be able to observe those waves which are difficult to reach the surface of the Earth.
- ✓ The goal of the Euclid teslascope is to create the most accurate three-dimensional map of the universe by observing billions of galaxies that span an area of 10 billion light-years.
- ✓ The age of this campaign has been kept at six years.
- ✓ Through this detailed map, scientists will be able to collect a lot of data to solve the mystery of the expansion of the universe and will get a lot of information about its development.
- ✓ In the past, the James Webb Space Telescope has also been established near the Lagrange 2 point.
- ✓ <u>Uses of Euclid Telescope:</u>
- ✓ Euclid consists of a 1.2 m diameter principal mirror, a near infrared spectrometer, and a photometer. It is heavy about 2 tons heavy.
- ✓ Through this, pictures of space, spectroscopy, and photometry can be obtained in the near infrared spectrum.
- ✓ A sunshield will act to protect the telescope from solar radiation and keep its temperature constant for accurate measurements.
- ✓ This telescope will make important contributions to the study of human resources, global health, climate change, and oceans.

# Q.10. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

A) Adarsh Kumar Goel

B) Sheo Kumar Singh

C) Swatanter Kumar

D) Lokeshwar Singh Panta

## Answer: B

- ✓ Justice Sheo Kumar Singh becomes NGT acting chairman.
- ✓ Central Government has authorized Justice Sheo Kumar Singh-I, Judicial Member of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), to act as the Chairperson of the Tribunal till a new Chairperson is appointed.
- ✓ Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel who was appointed as the Chairman in July 2018; Retired on 6 July 2023.
- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued a notification on 6 July 2023 authorizing Justice Sheo Kumar Singh-I to act as the Chairperson.

# ✓ National Green Tribunal (NGT):

- ✓ India is the third (first developing) country in the world after Australia and New Zealand to set up a Special Environment Tribunal.
- ✓ Establishment: On 18th October, 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
- ✓ Objective: To speed up disposal of environmental issues.
- ✓ Headquarters: Delhi (Four Regional Offices Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai).
- ✓ Settlement of issues: Settlement of environmental issues within 6 months.
- ✓ Composition: Consists of Chairperson, Judicial Members and Expert Members.
- ✓ Appointment of Chairperson: By the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.
- ✓ Tenure: Term of three years or till the age of sixty five years and not eligible for reappointment

# Q.11. Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of UK based Lloyds Banking Group?

A) Pramod Kumar Mishra

B) Ajit Kumar Doval

C) Rajiv Gauba

D) Sirisha Voruganti

## Answer: D

- ✓ Sirisha Voruganti appointed MD & CEO of Lloyds Banking Group's Technology Center in India.
- ✓ Lloyds Banking Group, one of the leading UK-based financial services groups, has appointed Sirisha Voruganti as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of its new Lloyds Technology Centre.
- ✓ Voruganti is a globally renowned technology and innovation leader.
- ✓ She previously served as the Managing Director and Board Member of JCPenney in India.
- ✓ About Lloyds Banking Group:
- ✓ Lloyds Banking Group is a British financial institution formed in 2009 through the acquisition of HBOS by Lloyds TSB.
- ✓ It is one of the UK's largest financial services organisations, serving 30 million customers and employing 65,000 people.
- ✓ Lloyds Bank was founded in 1765, and the legacy of the wider group stretches back 320 years.
- ✓ The group is listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and is a constituent of the FTSE 100 Index.
- ✓ It has a market capitalization of approximately £30.65 billion as of August 1, 2022.
- ✓ The headquarters of Lloyds Banking Group is located in Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- ✓ Robin Budenberg is the chairman of Lloyds Banking Group.

Q.12. India has been included in the "Champions Group" of the Global Crisis Resolution Group (GCRG). Who has been designated as the "Sherpa" for the GCRG process?

A) Amitabh Kant

B) Piyush Goyal

C) Sanjay Verma

D) Rajnath Singh

# Answer: C

- ✓ India in 'Champions Group' of Global Crisis Resolution Group.
- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India informed on 7 July 2023 that India has been included in the "Champions Group" of the Global Crisis Resolution Group (GCRG).
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
- ✓ UN Secretary-General Guterres established the Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG) in March 2022 to address urgent and critical global issues such as food and energy security challenges.
- ✓ Champions Group:
- ✓ Champions Group maintains GCRG.
- ✓ It includes the Heads of State and Government of Bangladesh, Barbados, Denmark, Germany, Indonesia and Senegal.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the decision to join the grouping reflects India's growing global leadership and commitment to address current global challenges.
- ✓ India's participation will further strengthen the efforts of the United Nations in finding result-oriented solutions to development issues affecting the world, especially developing countries.
- ✓ Sanjay Verma became the Sherpa of GCRG.
- ✓ Sanjay Verma, who was Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been designated as the "Sherpa" for the GCRG process.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of External Affairs, these Sherpas will have an online meeting on July 14 and the Champions Group meeting will be held on July 21
- Q.13. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)?

A) B. Neeraj Prabhakar

B) Sri Konda Laxman

C) Himanshu Pathak

D) Tarun Bajaj

Answer: A



- ✓ B. Neeraj Prabhakar has been appointed as the chairman of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- ✓ Ms. Prabhakar, Vice-Chancellor of Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIOPR) at Pedavegi, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ In addition, Ms. Prabhakar has also served as a member of the Telangana Oil Palm Advisory Committee, which advises the state government on various issues for the cultivation and promotion of oil palm.
- ✓ Telangana boasts of the highest oil extraction from oil palm kernels produced among all states in India.
- The ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIOPR) at Pedavegi (Andhra Pradesh) is the only dedicated institute in India dedicated to research on oil palm and developing technologies applicable to all oil palm growing states.
- ✓ Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):

✓ Established: 16 July 1929

✓ Headquarters: New Delhi

Director General: Himanshu Pathak

## Q.14. Who has been appointed by Google as India Policy Head?

A) Ajit Mohan

B) Sanjay Gupta

C) Amit Agarwal

D) Srinivasa Reddy

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Google appoints Srinivasa Reddy as new India policy head.
- ✓ Google has appointed Srinivasa Reddy as India Policy Head. In this new role, Reddy has been tasked with ensuring fair and secure Internet access for users across the Indian subcontinent.
- ✓ This will lead to greater dedication of Google's products and services for Indian users and to use them in a fair and reliable manner.
- ✓ Srinivasa Reddy has been appointed in place of Archana Gulati who exits Google in September 2022 after her five-month tenure.
- ✓ Reddy has also contributed to Apple in the past.
- ✓ Reddy served as Apple's head of regulatory affairs in India between 2018 and 2021, in a policy and regulatory role.

- ✓ Prior to that he served for five years at Ericsson as Vice President and Head of Government and Industry Relations. He has also worked with Aircel, Marconi and Blue Star.
- ✓ Reddy will help Google deal with several policy and regulatory challenges in the country.
- ✓ In October last year, India's antitrust body fined Google \$275 million in two cases for abusing its dominant position in the Android market and forcing developers to use in-app payment systems.
- Q.15. Indian aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation has signed an MoU with which of the following for cooperation in unmanned aircraft systems and innovative air mobility?
  - A) European Union Aviation Safety Agency
  - B) Federal Aviation Administration
  - C) Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia
  - D) Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore

## Answer: A

- ✓ Indian aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation has signed an MoU with the European aviation regulator European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) for cooperation in unmanned aircraft systems and innovative air mobility.
- ✓ This MoU will focus on collaboration on unmanned aircraft and innovative air mobility between the two civil aviation authorities.
- ✓ This would include cooperation between the two organizations in the areas of development of certification standards, environmental standards, related requirements for the certification, use of unmanned aircraft system, innovative air mobility operations which includes licensing of personnel, training, air traffic management and infrastructure, including Unmanned Aircraft System Traffic Management (UTM) standards and services.
- ✓ Further, this will result in collaboration in conducting conferences, workshops, training programmers by DGCA and EASA in the matter.
- Q.16. India has signed a protocol document with which country to extend the current MoU on cooperation in personnel management and public administration until 2028?

A) Singapore

B) Malaysia

C) Vietnam

D) Indonesia

Answer: A

- ✓ Aparchit 9&10th July English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023
- Q.17. Which Municipal Corporation has become the first urban body in the country to get the Extended **Producers Responsibility (EPR)?** 
  - A) Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- B) Indore Municipal Corporation
- C) Pune Municipal Corporation
- D) Surat Municipal Corporation

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has become the first urban body in the country to get the Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) credit by recycling the banned single-use plastic items after seizing them.
- ✓ Notably, Indore was adjudged India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row last year in the central government's annual cleanliness survey.
- ✓ Single-use plastic is completely banned in the city. About eight tonnes of such plastic in the recent past and stopped from getting circulated.
- ✓ On average, 1,162 tonnes of solid waste is generated every day in Indore, which includes about 164 tonnes of plastic waste.
- This waste is collected under different categories from every doorstep in the city by civic vehicles and disposed of the same day in the plant being run under the PPP model.
- Q.18. Which country will ban mobile phones, tablets, and smartwatches from classrooms starting 1 January 2024?

A) New Zealand

B) Netherlands

C) Peru

D) Brazil

# Answer: B

- ✓ The Netherlands government will ban mobile phones, tablets, and smartwatches from classrooms starting 1 January 2024.
- ✓ School authorities are asked to develop internal rules with teachers, parents, and pupils by October.
- ✓ Devices will only be allowed if they are specifically needed, for instance during lessons on digital skills, for medical reasons or for people with disabilities.
- Students need to be able to concentrate and need to be given the opportunity to study well. Mobile phones are a disturbance, scientific research shows. We need to protect students against this.



- ✓ Schools can find their own way to organize the ban, but legal rules will follow if this does not yield enough results by the summer of 2024.
- ✓ The ban is aimed at improving students' concentration and academic performance.
- ✓ The ban applies to all students, rega rdless of their age or grade level..
- Q.19. In India, which day is observed as the National Fish Farmers' Day?

**A) 07 July** 

**B) 08 July** 

**C)** 09 July

**D)** 10 July

# Answer: D

- ✓ The National Fish Farmers' Day is celebrated every year on 10 July, by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).
- ✓ The day is commemorated annually in remembrance of scientists Dr K H Alikunhi and Dr. H.L. Chaudhury who had invented induced breeding technology of Indian major carps on 10 July 1957.
- ✓ 2023 will mark 23rd National Fish Farmers' Day.

# STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 9&10 July 2023

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- Q.1. Scheduled banks are included under which schedule of the RBI act 1934?
  - A) 1st schedule
  - B) 2nd schedule
  - C) 3rd schedule
  - D) 4th schedule

# Answer: B

Q.2. What is the minimum paid up capital of a bank, must have to be eligible for inclusion in the Reserve Bank of India at 1934's Second Schedule to attain Scheduled Banks' status?

A) Rs. 2 lakhs

B) Rs. 4 lakhs

C) Rs. 5 lakhs

D) Rs. 20 lakhs

Answer: C



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Q.3.	RRBs are Indian government owned scheduled commercial banks that operate at the regional level in
	several states. What is the share of the central government in the regional rural banks?

A) 50

B) 35

C) 45

D) 15

# Answer: A

✓ Regional Rural Banks should have the share of 50%, 15% and 35% owned by the central government, state government and sponsoring bank respectively.

Q.4. What is the authorized capital of regional rural banks?

A) ₹20 lakhs

B) ₹50 lakhs

C) ₹ 1 crore

D) ₹5 crores

## Answer: D

Q.5. Which bank is the sponsor Bank of India's first regional rural bank Prathama Grama bank in Uttar Pradesh?

A) Indian bank

B) Canara Bank

C) Punjab National Bank

D) Syndicate Bank

# Answer: D

Q.6. Anyonya Co-operative Bank Limited (ACBL) is the first cooperative bank in India. Where was it located?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Gujarat

C) Maharashtra

Aparch D) Bihar

# Answer: B

- ✓ First co-operative bank in India is Anyonya Co-operative Bank Limited (ACBL), which is based in Vadodara (previously Baroda) in Gujarat
- Q.7. The local area bank scheme was introduced in August 1996. What is the minimum paid up capital required for setting up of local area banks?

A) Rs. 1 crore

B) Rs. 2 crores

C) Rs. 5 crores

D) Rs. 10 crores

Answer: C



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- Q.8. What is the number of digits used to represent the universal account number?
  - A) 10

B) 20

C) 12

D) 16

# Answer: C

- Q.9. Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) is 8 to 11\_.
  - A) digital code

- B) alphabetic code
- C) alpha-numerical code
- D) Roman code

# Answer: B

- O.10. What is the full form of PPI?
  - A) Postpaid Payment Instrument
- B) Prepaid Payment Instrument
- C) PostOffice Payment Inclusion
- D) none of the above

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Answer: B



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