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Aparchit 3&4 September English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q.1. Which institution has operationalized the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF)?
 - A) Rs 10000 crore B) Rs 40000 crore
 - C) Rs 30000 crore D) Rs 20000 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ Officials from the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry recently said the first tranche of loans to fund ongoing projects in tier-2 and tier-3 cities - under the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) will likely be disbursed soon.
- ✓ <u>About Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF):</u>
- ✓ UIDF is established through the use of priority sector lending shortfall.
- ✓ Purpose: The Fund will be used by public agencies to create urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
- ✓ The focus will be on basic services like sewerage and Solid Waste Management, water supply and sanitation, construction and improvement of drains/storm water drains, etc., and impact-oriented projects will be Warriors prioritised.
- ✓ It is managed by the National Housing Bank.
- ✓ The initial corpus for this Fund is ₹10,000 crore.
- ✓ It is established on the lines of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
- ✓ States will be encouraged to leverage resources from the grants of the 15th Finance Commission, as well as existing schemes, to adopt appropriate user charges while accessing the UIDF.
- ✓ It currently covers 459 tier-2 cities and 580 tier-3 cities.
- ✓ UIDF Loans:
- ✓ The interest rate on UIDF loans has been kept at Bank Rate minus 1.5 per cent.
- ✓ The loan (Principal) will be repayable in five equal annual instalments within seven years from the date of the draw, including a moratorium period of two years.
- ✓ Interest will be payable on a quarterly basis.
- ✓ What are tier-2 and tier-3 cities?



The NHB, the nodal agency for the implementation of the UIDF, defines tier-2 cities as those with a population of 50,000 to less than a lakh and tier-3 cities as those between one lakh and less than a million as per the 2011 census.

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- ✓ <u>Key Facts about Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF):</u>
- ✓ The RIDF was set up by the Government in 1995-96 to finance ongoing rural Infrastructure projects.
- ✓ The Fund is maintained by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- ✓ Contribution: Domestic commercial banks contribute to the Fund to the extent of their shortfall in stipulated priority sector lending to agriculture.
- ✓ Main Objective: To provide loans to State Governments and State-owned corporations to enable them to complete ongoing rural infrastructure projects.
- ✓ Repayment period: Loan to be repaid in equal annual instalments within seven years from the date of withdrawal, including a grace period of two years.
- Recently, Koraput Kalajeera rice, an aromatic rice, has received Geographical Indication status of Q.2. which state?
 - A) Assam
 - C) Odisha

B) Manipur

D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, Koraput Kalajeera Rice,' an aromatic rice, has got Geographical Indications status.
- About Koraput Kalajeera Rice:
- ✓ The farmers of Koraput district in Odisha have domesticated Kalajeera rice over generations.
- It is known as the 'Prince of Rice' and is an aromatic variety of rice. \checkmark
- It is popular among rice consumers for its black colour, good aroma, taste and texture.

GI TAG IN NEWS 2023

- Chokuwa rice of Assam recently earned a GI (Geographical Indication) tag for its exquisiteness. \geq
- > The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- > Mushkbudji rice, which was granted the GI tag along with eight other products from Jammu and Kashmir.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.



▶ Geographical Indications Registry, in June 2023, accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the Kari Ishad mango predominantly grown in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada in Karnataka.

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- > Mircha rice variety from West Champaran district of Bihar has recently been granted the GI tag.
- ▶ With the recently added products in GI tag lists, has made the total number of GI tags in India 2023 to over 430.
- > The products included are Tandur red gram of Telangana, gamocha of Assam, Alibag white onion of Maharashtra, and Raktsey Karpo apricot of Ladakh among others.
- > After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- > The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- > Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- > 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).
- Ladakh wood carvings, also known as 'Ladakh Shingskos', have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- > The GI tag was granted to Tamil Nadu's famous Cumbum Paneer Thirachai, also known as Cumbum Grapes.
- Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh have bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- > Banarasi paan has been awarded the GI tag, which signifies its unique identity and origin. Three other foods from the Varanasi region, including Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal), and Adamchini rice, have also received the GI tag.
- Chhattisgarh's Nagri Dubraj rice variety gets geographical indication tag.
- Gamocha', a symbol of the culture and identity of Assam, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- European Commission (EC) has recently granted Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, aunique variety of tea grown in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh in India.
- > The Central Government has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana, Bihar.
- **GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-**



GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry

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Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- > Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- > A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Kerala has topped among Indian states for having most number of products securing the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in financial year 2022-23.
- ➢ What is GI tag?
- A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

Q.3. Who has won the 8th Dr M S Swaminathan Award for the period 2021-2022?

A) Dr. A. Krishnaiah

B) Dr. P V Satyanarayana

C) Dr. K. Nagaiah

D) Dr.C.M.Senthil Kumar

Answer: B

- ✓ Dr P V Satyanarayana, Principal Scientist at the Agricultural Research Station, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Ragolu, has been recently awarded the prestigious Dr MS Swaminathan Award.
- ✓ <u>About M S Swaminathan Award:</u>
- ✓ It was instituted in 2004 with the objective to recognise the lifetime contributions of eminent persons who have made great impacts and outstanding contributions to agricultural research and development and to the overall food security and sustainability of agriculture, with special reference to India.
- ✓ It is named after the doyen of Indian Agriculture, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.
- ✓ It is a biennial award constituted by the Retired Indian Council of Agricultural Research Employees Association (RICAREA) and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited (NSL).
- ✓ The award carries a Cash prize of Rs.2 lakhs (Rupees Two Lakhs only), a Medal, and a Citation.
- ✓ The award is open to all, irrespective of his/her nationality.
- ✓ Who was M S Swaminathan?



✓ Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan, often referred to as Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, is a renowned Indian agricultural scientist and geneticist.

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- ✓ Green Revolution in India:
- ✓ He is often referred to as the "Father of the Green Revolution in India."
- ✓ His research and work in crop breeding, particularly for wheat and rice, led to the development of highyielding varieties that significantly increased agricultural productivity.
- ✓ This Green Revolution helped India overcome food shortages and played a crucial role in the country's agricultural transformation.
- ✓ In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was awarded the first World Food Prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award and many other national and international honours.

Under the GRIHA Rating Norms, a building securing 71 points on a 80 point scale, will be assigned **Q.4**. which of the following star ratings

A) Two star	B) Three star
C) Four star	D) Five star

Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian Army's new Thal Sena Bhawan (TSB) is coming up with GRIHA-IV (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) norms.
- ✓ About GRIHA norms:
- ✓ GRIHA is an acronym for Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment. GRIHA is a Sanskrit word meaning – 'Abode'.
- ✓ It is a rating tool that helps people assess the performance of their building against certain nationally acceptable benchmarks.
- ✓ It evaluates the environmental performance of a building holistically over its entire life cycle, thereby providing a definitive standard for what constitutes a 'green building'.
- ✓ The rating system, based on accepted energy and environmental principles, will seek to strike a balance between the established practices and emerging concepts, both national and international.
- ✓ It is developed by TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute).
- This tool has been adopted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. \checkmark
- Criteria:
- It assesses a building out of 34 criteria and awards points on a scale of 100. \checkmark



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✓ In order to qualify for GRIHA certification, a project must achieve at least 50 points.

✓ <u>Project scoring</u>

- ✓ 50-60 points are certified as a 1-star GRIHA rated building,
- ✓ 61-70 is a 2-star GRIHA rated building,
- ✓ 71-80 is a 3-star GRIHA rating building,
- ✓ 81-90 is a 4-star GRIHA rated building
- ✓ 91-100 is a 5-star GRIHA rated building
- Q.5. Which of the following statement about PM-Daksh Yojana is/are not correct?
 - A) During 2020-21 to 2022-23, a total of 107,156 beneficiaries
 - B) It was launched during 2020-21
 - C) The age criterion of the scheme is between 18-60 years
 - D) Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Answer : C

- ✓ During 2020-21 to 2022-23, a total of 107,156 beneficiaries have been trained under the PM-DAKSH Yojana.
- ✓ <u>PM-DAKSH Yojana:</u>
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme.
- ✓ It was launched during 2020-21.
- ✓ The main objective of the Scheme is to enhance the competency level of the target groups to make them employable both in self-employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development.
- ✓ It is a National Action Plan for skilling marginalised persons covering SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Sanitation workers and waste pickers.
- ✓ The age criterion of the scheme is between 18-45 years, and the income criteria are no income limit for SCs, SafaiKaramcharis, including waste pickers and DNT.
- ✓ The annual family income should be below Rs.3 lakh for OBCs, and the EBCs (Economically Backward Classes) annual family income should be below Rs.1 lakh.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E).



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- Q.6. Which state government has recently proposed to develop Gilbert Hill into a tourist spot on the lines of Burj Khalifa in Dubai?
 - A) Uttar Pradesh B) Maharashtra
 - C) Rajasthan

D) Delhi

Answer: B

- The Maharashtra Government recently proposed to develop Gilbert Hill into a tourist spot on the lines of Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- ✓ <u>About Gilbert Hill:</u>
- ✓ It is a 200-foot monolithic column of black basalt rock located at Andheri in Mumbai.
- ✓ The rock has a sheer vertical face and was formed when molten lava was squeezed out of the Earth's clefts during the Mesozoic Era about 66 million years ago.
- ✓ It was declared a National Park in 1952, while the Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation categorised it as a Grade II heritage structure in 2007.

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS 2023

- Maharashtra Government recently proposed to develop Gilbert Hill into a tourist spot on the lines of Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- > Maharashtra signs MoU with Germany's professional association football.
- Maharashtra government has launched the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Road Scheme which aims to enhance road connectivity in tribal areas of the 17 districts of the state.
- Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Samant will present the first 'Udyog Ratna' award to veteran industrialist and Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata.
- Maharashtra topped the list with the highest number of missing women in 2021, with a reported count of 56,498.
- Maharashtra's Economy will become a trillion dollar by 2028, said N Chandrashekhar, president of the State Economy Development Council.
- Maharashtra Prisons Department has launched a "video call" facility for foreign nationals lodged in different jails across the state.
- > NCP leader Ajit Pawar has been sworn in as the new Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- > Maharashtra Government launched Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana.



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- Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations.
- Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season.
- A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' started in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister, is scheduled to present the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' Award to Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari, also known as Appasaheb Dharmadhikari, on April 16 for his notable work as a social worker and reformer.
- > Maharashtra Government has introduced a 4% quota for employees with disabilities in promotions.
- Bank of Maharashtra inaugurated its first dedicated Branch for Start-ups in Pune.
- Ramesh Bais Appointed as the New Governor of Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra became the first state in the country to pass the Lokayukta Bill.
- Recently a rare low altitude basalt plateau has been discovered in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra...
- Nilesh Sambre conferred with 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' by Maharashtra State.
- > Talon Grikspoor of the Netherlands won the singles title at the Maharashtra Open tennis tournament in Pune.

Which among the following ministries launched programme under "Gramodyog Vikas Yojana" to **O.7**. benefit artisans? Warrior

- A) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, the Chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises distributed tool-kits and machineries to artisans under 'Gramodyog Vikas Yojna.
- ✓ About Gramodyog Vikas Yojana :
- ✓ It is one of the two components of the Khadi Gramodyog Vikas Yojana, which aims to promote and develop the village industries through common facilities, technological modernisation, training, etc.
- ✓ It includes the activities carried out under different village industries.
- Target beneficiaries: Artisans, Unemployed Youth and Self Help Groups (SHGs) \checkmark



✓ Eligibility criteria: Any person who is a Traditional Artisan, has Knowledge of Skill, and has experience in Art and Craft

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- Q.8. Which drone company has recently secured type certification approvals from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its AG-365S kisan drone for use in agriculture?
 - A) Garuda Aerospace **B)** Aero360
 - C) Asteria Aerospace
- **D)** Marut Drones

Answer : D

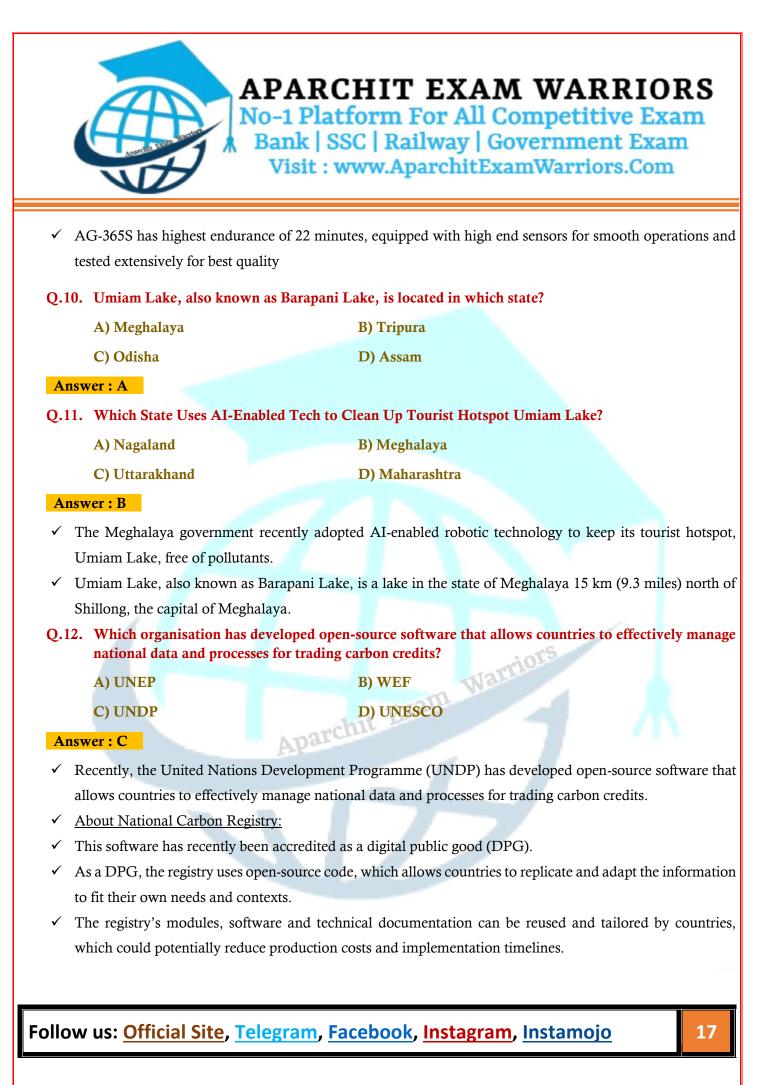
- ✓ Hyderabad-based drone manufacturer Marut Drones has become the first player in the market to receive the DGCA type certification in both small and medium-category battery-operated drones.
- ✓ Marut Drones recently secured type certification approvals from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its AG-365S kisan drone for use in agriculture.
- ✓ About AG 365S:
- ✓ It is a multi-utility agricultural drone in the small category (less than 25kg).
- ✓ It has been designed and developed by Marut Drones; an Indian drone technology company based in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Purpose: The made-in-India kisan drone AG 365 has been developed particularly for agricultural purposes to reduce crop loss, lower agrochemical usage, and better yield and profits to the farmers.
- ✓ It is the first multi-utility agriculture small-category drone to receive the DGCA-approved type certificate in India. parchit
- \checkmark Features:
- ✓ The AG-365S drone has the highest endurance of 22 minutes.
- _ of Marut Drones Becomes first DGCA-Certified Drone for Multi-utility Agriculture Small Q.9. Category Drone.
 - A) AG-312S
 - **C) AG-427S**

B) AG-365S

D) AG-475S

Answer : B

✓ "AG-365S kisan drone is India's first Multi-utility Agriculture small Category Drone to receive the prestigious DGCA approved type certificate.





The registry follows national and international best practices, which include UNDP, the World Bank, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Q.13. Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform is associated with which Union **Ministry**?

- A) Ministry of Education
- **B)** Ministry of Civil Aviation

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C) Ministry of Jal Shakti

D) Ministry of Earth Sciences

Answer : A

- The National eGovernance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information \checkmark Technology (MeitY) is set to integrate Personalised Adaptive Learning (PAL) into its existing Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform.
- ✓ About DIKSHA Platform:
- ✓ It is a national platform for school education, an initiative of the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), Ministry of Education.
- \checkmark It provides e-content for schools via an online portal and a mobile application.
- ✓ It was developed based on the core principles of open architecture, open access, open licensing, choice and autonomy.
- ✓ It is built on open-source technology that is made in India and for India, incorporating internet-scale technologies and allowing for a variety of use cases and solutions for teaching and learning.

Q.14. Which Union Ministry implements the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana?

- A) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- **B)** Ministry of Finance
- **C)** Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Answer : A

✓ The Central Government's innovative employment incentive scheme, the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY), has exceeded its initial employment generation goals, showcasing its success in fostering job creation and recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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- About Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana:
- It was launched in 2020.
- ✓ This was designed to stimulate the creation of new job opportunities by extending financial support to employers of establishments registered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).
- This scheme aimed to incentivise employment of unemployed individuals, including those who lost their jobs due to the pandemic, by covering both the employee and employer contributions (24% of wages) for establishments with up to 1000 employees.
- ✓ For establishments with over 1000 employees, only the employee's EPF contributions (12% of wages) were covered in respect of new employees.
- ✓ As of July 31, 2023, the ABRY has already achieved an enrolment of over 7.58 million new employees, surpassing its initial employment generation target.
- ✓ Significance: It substantially contributed to the job market's revival, underscoring its role in boosting economic recovery during these challenging times.
- ✓ The EPFO is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India

Q.15. Pulikkali is a traditional street art form played in which state?

A) Karnataka	B) Tamil Nadu
C) Kerala	D) Telangana
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Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, human tigers and leopards pranced about the streets in a rollicking show of Pulikkali to lend a carnivalesque finish to Onam celebrations.
- ✓ <u>About Pulikkali:</u>
- ✓ Pulikkali (Tiger Dance) is one of the folk art forms of Kerala.
- ✓ On the fourth day of the Onam festival, artists paint their bodies like tigers with stripes of yellow, red and black and dance to the rhythm of traditional percussion instruments such as thakil, udukku and chenda.
- ✓ The Swaraj Ground in Thrissur district plays host to this carnival that has people appearing in various unique hues and masks.
- The main theme of this folk art is tiger hunting, with participants playing the role of tiger and hunter. \checkmark
- ✓ It was introduced by the erstwhile ruler of Cochin, Maharaja Rama Varma Sakthan Thampuran.



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- ✓ <u>Key facts about Onam</u>
- ✓ It is the biggest and the most important festival in the state of Kerala.
- ✓ It is a harvest festival celebrated at the beginning of the month of Chingam, the first month of the Malayalam Calendar (Kollavarsham).
- The Carnival of Onam lasts from four to ten days. The first day, Atham and the tenth day, Thiruonam, are the most important of all.
- ✓ According to a popular legend, the festival is celebrated to welcome King Mahabali, whose spirit is said to visit Kerala at the time of Onam.

KERALA IN NEWS 2023

- Kerala unveils additional books to include portions deleted by NCERT.
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) Secretary Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma launched the 'Graphene-Aurora program' at a function in Maker Village Kochi, Kerala.
- > kerala has launched a groundbreaking scheme called 'Shubhayatra'.
- > Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- 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.



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- > 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.16. The government has exempted imports of LPG, liquified propane and liquified butane from _____ agri cess with effect from September 1.

A) 15%	B) 10%
C) 20%	D) 13%

Answer : A

- ✓ The Government recently exempted imports of LPG, liquified propane and liquified butane from 15 per cent Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC).
- ✓ About Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC):
- ✓ It was introduced in the Union Budget 2021-22.
- ✓ It is a tax that the government imposes on the commercial production of agricultural produce.
- \checkmark The cess is imposed at a specific rate on the value of these goods.
- ✓ Purpose:
- ✓ The primary objective of AIDC is to provide financial support for the development of agricultural infrastructure in India.
- ✓ The funds collected through this cess will be utilised for the creation and maintenance of agricultural infrastructure such as cold storage facilities, warehouses, and market yards.
- ✓ It aims to enhance the overall efficiency of the agricultural sector and improve farmers' income.
- ✓ What is a Cess?
- \checkmark Cess is a form of tax charged/levied over and above the base tax liability of a taxpayer.
- ✓ A cess is usually imposed additionally when the state or the central government looks to raise funds for specific purposes.



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Q.17. In which Country are all Nobel Prizes(except Nobel Peace Prize) awarded?

- A) Norway B) Finland
- C) United States

D) Sweden

Answer : D

- ✓ The Nobel Foundation recently withdrew its invitation for representatives of Russia, Belarus and Iran to attend this year's Nobel Prize award ceremonies.
- ✓ <u>About Nobel Foundation:</u>
- ✓ The Nobel Foundation is a private institution established in 1900 based on the will of Alfred Nobel.
- The Foundation manages the assets made available through the will for the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace.
- ✓ It represents the Nobel Institutions externally and administers informational activities and arrangements surrounding the presentation of the Nobel Prize.
- ✓ Headquarters: Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✓ <u>Key Facts about the Nobel Prize:</u>
- ✓ The Nobel Prizes are prestigious international awards presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to various fields.
- ✓ Recipients can be both individuals and organisations.
- ✓ They were established in accordance with the will of Alfred Nobel, a Swedish inventor.
- ✓ They were first awarded in 1901 and have been awarded annually ever since.
- ✓ <u>Categories:</u>
- ✓ There are six Nobel Prize categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (commonly referred to as the Nobel Prize in Economics).
- ✓ Each prize is awarded by a separate Nobel Prize-awarding institution based in Sweden or Norway, except for the Peace Prize, which is awarded in Oslo, Norway.
- ✓ The award ceremonies take place in Stockholm, Sweden, for all prizes except the Peace Prize, which is awarded in Oslo, Norway.



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Q.18. Kokborok is the official language of which of the following states of India?

A) Assam

B) Nagaland

C) Manipur

D) Tripura

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, over 260 people were detained in Tripura during a 12-hour statewide strike called by the Twipra Students' Federation (TSF) to press for the introduction of Roman script for Kokborok.
- ✓ <u>About Kokborok Language:</u>
- ✓ Kokborok is the language spoken by the Borok people belonging to the State of Tripura.
- ✓ The term kok means "verbal", and borok means "people" or "human".
- ✓ It is a Sino-Tibetan language and can be traced back to at least the 1st century AD when the historical record of Tripuri kings started to be written down in a book called the Rajratnakar.

Q.19. Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria commonly called "The Global Fund" or "GFATM" was established In which year ?

A) 2010	
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B) 2002

D) 2014

C) 2006

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the Global Fund announced a deal with generic pharmaceutical manufacturers to significantly slash the price of a cutting-edge HIV drug.
- ✓ <u>About Global Fund:</u>
- ✓ The Global Fund is a worldwide movement to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all.
- ✓ It was set up in 2002.
- ✓ Partners of this initiative: Governments, civil society, health workers and the private sector.
- ✓ <u>Funding</u>:
- ✓ It raises funds on a three-year cycle, bringing longer-term predictability in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria.
- ✓ The funding primarily comes from the public sector, with 92% of total funding coming from donor governments. The remaining funding comes from the private sector, foundations and innovative financing initiatives.



✓ India joined the Global Fund as a donor in 2006 and pledged US\$25 million for the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment, covering 2023-2025

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- Q.20. RAMBHA-LP payload on board Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram has completed the first in-situ measurements of the surface-bound lunar ____ environment over the south polar region.
 - A) Plasma **B)** Superconductor
 - C) Photonic matter

D) Superfluid

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the RAMBHA-LP payload on board Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram has completed the first insitu measurements of the surface-bound lunar plasma environment over the south polar region.
- ✓ About RAMBHA-LP Payload:
- ✓ The Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive ionosphere and Atmosphere Langmuir Probe, named after American chemist and physicist Irving Langmuir, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- \checkmark It is a device used for characterising a plasma.
- ✓ The probe operates without interruption, aiming to explore the changes occurring in the near-surface plasma environment throughout the lunar day.
- ✓ The device features a 5 cm metallic spherical probe mounted on a 1-metre boom attached to the Chandrayaan-3 lander's upper deck.
- ✓ It was led by Space Physics Laboratory (SPL), Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram. parchit
- ✓ Key findings

The initial assessment indicates that the plasma near the lunar surface is relatively sparse.

- Q.21. Who is set to launch its innovative Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme?
 - A) Geological Survey of India
- B) Archaeological Survey of India
- **C)** British Standards Institution
- D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Answer : B

- ✓ The Archaeological Survey of India is set to launch its innovative Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme.
- About Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Scheme:
- ✓ It seeks to invite corporate stakeholders to enhance amenities at monuments by utilising their CSR funds.



 \checkmark It is a revamped version of the earlier scheme launched in 2017. It clearly defines the amenities sought for different monuments as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act) 1958.

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- ✓ Key Facts about "Adopt a Heritage Scheme":
- ✓ It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India.
- ✓ It was launched in September 2017 on World Tourism Day
- The corporate sector is expected to use corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds for the upkeep of the site. √

Q.22. Which of the following has Introduced ENTAZIA biofungicide to Safeguard Crops in India?

A FMC India	B) ICAR
C) CSIR	D) BDL

Answer : A

- ✓ FMC India recently announced the launch of its latest product, ENTAZIA bio fungicide.
- \checkmark About ENTAZIA:
- ✓ It is a bio fungicide crop protection product formulated with Bacillus subtilis.
- ✓ It was developed by FMC India.
- ✓ It will provide farmers with a powerful and sustainable tool to protect their crops from fungi while maintaining environmental integrity
- Q.23. Which of the following is the term used for storehouses where banknotes and rupee coins are stocked on behalf of the Reserve Bank for distribution to bank branches?
 - A) currency depot B) coin depot
 - C) currency bank

D) currency chest

Answer : D

- ✓ Two cases were recently registered after RBI detected fake notes from the SBI currency chest in Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ About Currency Chest:
- ✓ A currency chest is a place where the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stocks the money meant for banks and ATMs.
- The RBI has authorised select scheduled banks to establish currency chests. \checkmark



The monitoring authority over the chests lies with the RBI. They are inspected by representatives of RBI \checkmark from time to time.

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- ✓ Whenever new currency notes are printed by RBI, they are first delivered to currency chests. These notes are then delivered to other banks by the banks holding the currency chests.
- ✓ RBI takes back soiled notes and mutilated notes from the public through currency chests.
- ✓ Moreover, if the bank has an excess cash balance, the excess is moved to the currency chest. In a vice versa situation, when the bank is low on cash balance, the currency chest provides it.
- Guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests: \checkmark
- The area of the room or vault should be at least 1500 sq. ft.
- ✓ In case of hilly/ inaccessible places, the area of the strong room or vault should be at least 600 sq. ft.
- \checkmark Apart from this, the new chests should have a processing capacity of 6.6 lakh pieces of banknotes per day.
- ✓ For those situated in hilly/ inaccessible places, a capacity of 2.1 lakh pieces of banknotes per day.
- ✓ The currency chests should have a Chest Balance Limit (CBL) of ₹1,000 crore, subject to ground realities and reasonable restrictions, at the discretion of the Reserve Bank

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- Q.1. RBI has extended the facility of processing of e-mandate for recurring transactions to cover Unified Payment Interface (UPI). What is the maximum permissible limit for a transaction under this arrangement?
 - A) Rs 1000

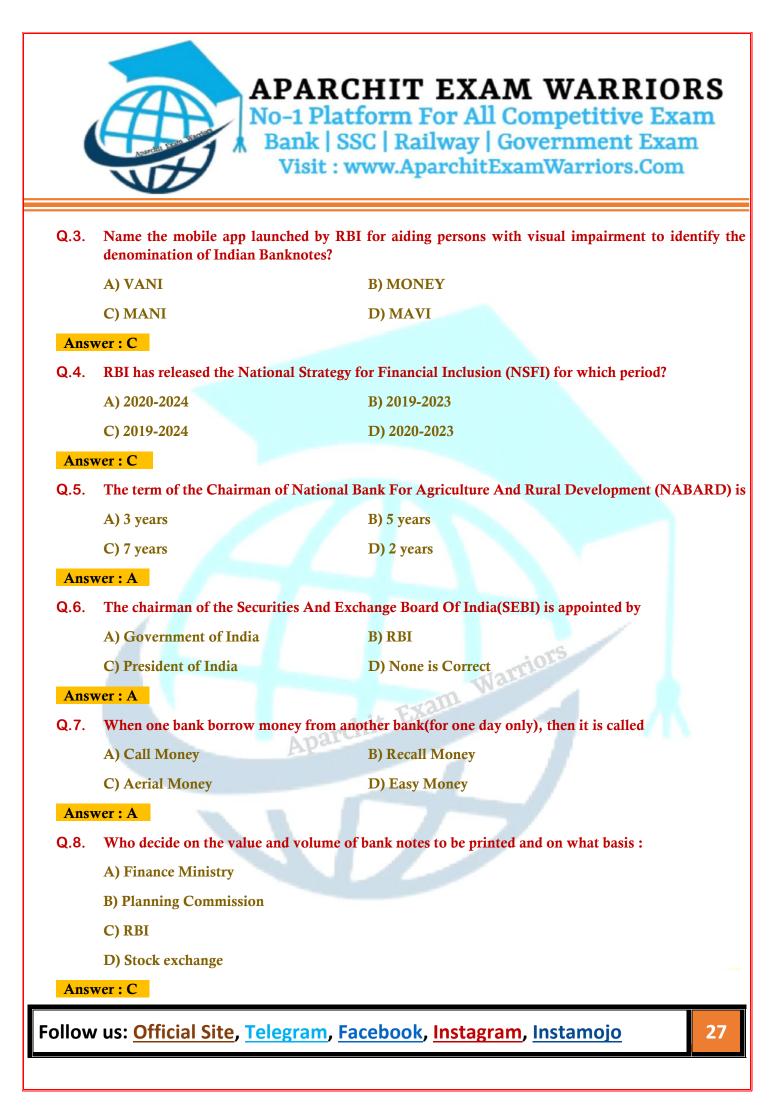
C) Rs 3000

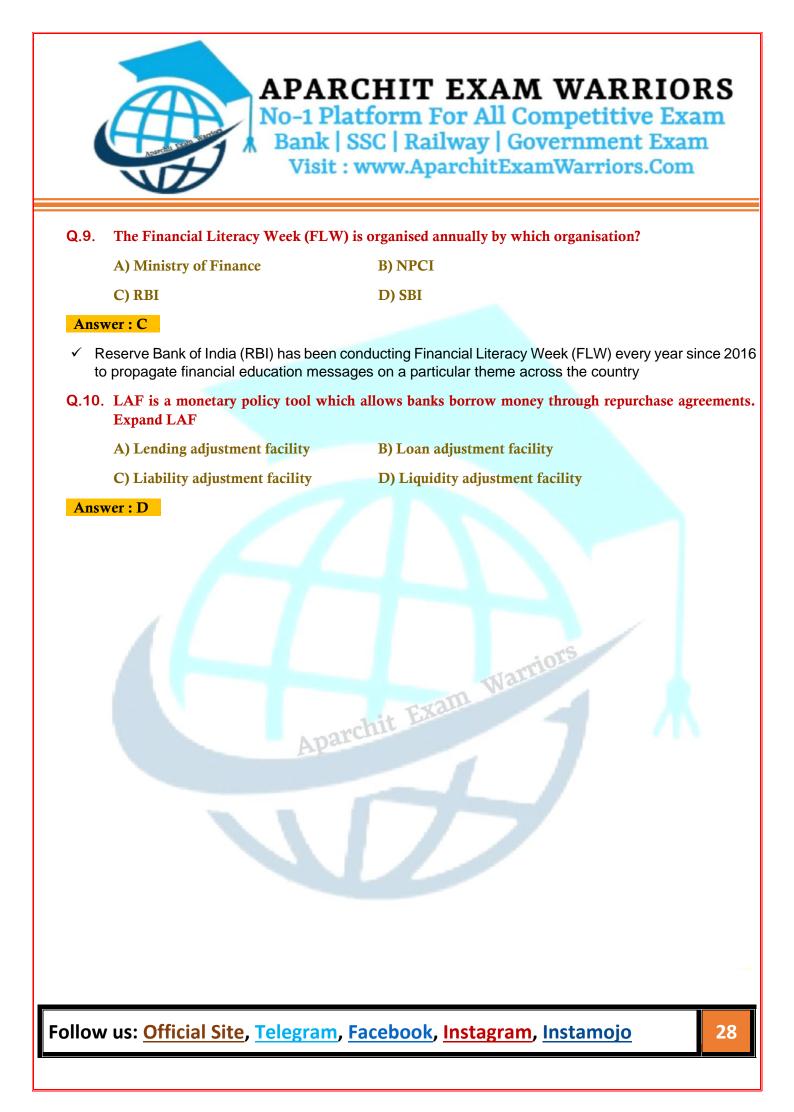
B) Rs 2000 Aparch D) Rs 5000

Answer: B

- What is the investment cap on Voluntary Retention Route' (VRR) for Foreign Portfolio Investors Q.2.
 - (FPIs) investment in debt?
 - A) Rs. 75,000 crores
 - B) Rs. 1.5 lakh crores
 - C) Rs. 1 lakh crores
 - D) Rs 50,000 crores

Answer : B









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