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Aparchit 3&4 December English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023

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Q.1. Who is the chairman of the 11-member task force constituted by IRDAI to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023?

A) Rajesh Khullar

B) Randip Singh Jagpal

C) Narendra Modi

D) Shaktikanta Das

Answer: B

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted an 11-member taskforce under the chairmanship of Randip Singh Jagpal, Executive Director (Non-Life) at IRDAI, to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023 on the sector.
- ✓ The task force is expected to submit the report within a period of 1 month from the issuance of the order.
- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice aimed to provide a comprehensive framework for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognizes both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process such data for lawful purposes and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ IRDAI has constituted an 11-member taskforce under the chairmanship of Randip Singh Jagpal, Executive Director (Non-Life) at IRDAI, to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023 on the sector.
- ➤ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a committee of 12 members to simplify insurance policy wording. The committee, which will be headed by L Viswanathan.
- > Government has constituted an eight member high level committee to examine One Nation, One Election. Former President Ram Nath Kovind has been appointed as Chairman of the committee.
- ➤ Government 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.2. What is the financial value approved for the Loss and Damage Fund during COP 28?

A) \$100 million

B) \$250 million

C) \$375 million

D) \$475 million

Answer: D

- ✓ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or COP28 held in UAE
- ✓ In this event, UAE operationalised Loss and Damage Fund for developing nations, which was set up during COP 27 at Sharm el Shaik, Egypt.
- ✓ This fund, which is given by the developing economies to the nations recovering from climate disasters such as extreme weather events.
- ✓ It will also be used to deal with other climate-related emergencies such as sea-level rise, migration, and displacement.
- ✓ The countries, which are pledged to give this fund as follows,
- ✓ (Loss and Damage Fund \$ 475 million)
- ✓ European Union \$ 275 million
- ✓ UAE \$ 100 million
- ✓ Germany \$ 100 million
- ✓ UK \$ 75 million
- ✓ US \$ 17.5 million
- ✓ Japan \$ 10 million.
- ✓ About Loss and Damage Fund:
- Aparchit Exam Warriors ✓ It was first announced during COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.
- ✓ It is a global financial package to ensure the rescue and rehabilitation of countries facing the cascading effects of climate change.
- The term refers to the compensation that rich nations, whose industrial growth has resulted in global warming and driven the planet into a climate crisis, must pay to poor nations, whose carbon footprint is low but are facing the brunt of rising sea levels, floods, crippling droughts, and intense cyclones, among others.
- ✓ The changing climate has impacted lives, livelihoods, biodiversity, cultural traditions, and identities.
- ✓ Loss and damage is often categorised as either economic or non-economic.
- ✓ The World Bank will oversee the loss and damage fund in the beginning, with the source of funds being rich nations such as the US, the UK, and the EU, as well as some developing countries

- Q.3. Which organization is at the center of the cooperation between RBI and Bank of England?
 - A) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - B) Financial Stability Board (FSB)
 - C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - D) Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL)

Answer: D

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation and exchange of information in relation to the Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL).
- ✓ About Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL):
- ✓ It was set up in April 2001 to provide guaranteed clearing and settlement functions for transactions in money, G-Secs, foreign exchange, and derivative markets.
- ✓ CCIL also provides non-guaranteed settlement for Rupee interest rate derivatives and cross-currency transactions through the CLS Bank.
- ✓ Promoters: State Bank of India, IDBI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Ltd, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- ✓ The company was incorporated with an authorised equity share capital of Rs. 50 crores.
- ✓ CCIL's adherence to the stringent principles governing its operations as a Financial Market Infrastructure (FMI) has resulted in its recognition as a Qualified Central Counterparty (QCCP) by the Reserve Bank of India in 2014.
- ✓ It has also set up a Trade Repository to enable financial institutions to report their transactions in Over-the-Counter (OTC) derivatives.
- ✓ Through its fully owned subsidiary, Clearcorp Dealing Systems Limited (CDSL), CCIL has introduced various platforms for the electronic execution of deals in various market segments.
- ✓ Further, CDSL has developed, implemented, and manages the NDS-OM, the RBI-owned anonymous electronic trading system for dealing in G-Secs and also for reporting OTC deals, as well as the NDS-CALL platform, which facilitates electronic dealing in the Call, Notice & Term Money market.
- ✓ CCIL is also the trade repository for all OTC transactions in the Forex, Interest Rate and Credit derivative transactions.
- ✓ What is CLS?

- ✓ Continuous Linked Settlement (CLS) is an initiative by a consortium of the world's largest foreign exchange clearing banks to eliminate the settlement risk in foreign exchange transactions.
- ✓ The CLS system is run by CLS Bank International, which is solely dedicated to settling foreign exchange trades.
- ✓ The CLS Bank was established in 2002 and is owned by the world's largest banks. It is based in New York, with its main operations in London.
- Q.4. With reference to 'Kalbeliya dance', consider the following statements
 - 1. It is a folk dance from Madhya Pradesh performed by the tribe of the same name
 - 2. This dance has been included in UNESCO's representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Select the correct statement(s)

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

- ✓ Recently, during the Rajasthan International Folk Festival, artists performed the Kalbeliya dance.
- ✓ About Kalbeliya Dance:
- ✓ It is a folk dance from Rajasthan.
- ✓ It is well known by other names like 'Sapera Dance' or 'Snake Charmer Dance'.
- ✓ It is particularly performed by a Rajasthani tribe called 'Kalbelia'.
- ✓ This dance has become so well-known throughout the world that this dance and its songs have been included in UNESCO's representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity since 2010.
- ✓ In Kalbelia dance, males play various traditional instruments and females perform the dance.
- ✓ It is one of the most sensuous dances among all Rajasthani dances.
- ✓ In this dance form, the main performers are female dancers who dance and swirl, replicating the movements of a serpent.
- ✓ The dancers wear brightly coloured skirts, blouses, and heavy jewellery.
- ✓ Instruments: The male musicians typically play the dhol (a drum), the pungi (a snake charmer's pipe), and the khanjari (a tambourine).

RAJASTHAN IN NEWS 2023

- > Recently, during the Rajasthan International Folk Festival, artists performed the Kalbeliya dance.
- Rajasthan government has launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub to boost employment opportunities in the state.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple projects worth ₹5,000 crore in Rajasthan and asserted that they will lead to further development of the state.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced the formation of three new districts in the state Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchman City. Rajasthan will now have 53 districts.
- Rajasthan government has issued an order to conduct a caste survey in the state. It will become the second state in India to carry out such a survey, after Bihar.
- Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited, a Navratna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSE) under the Ministry of Coal, has emerged victorious in securing an 810 MW Solar PV project capacity from Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam Limited (RRVUNL).
- > Prime Minister recently offered prayers at the Sanwariya Seth Temple in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan.
- NABARD has sanctioned Rs 1,974.07 crore to the Rajasthan government under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for 2023-24.
- Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender.
- ➤ For the first time in India, the Rajasthan government introduced the Rajasthan Platform Based Gig Workers Bill, 2023.
- Rajasthan Assembly passed a bill to provide minimum guaranteed income to all adult citizens as part of a welfare package for the state.
- Rajasthan government is set to take stringent measures against recruitment exam paper leaks by introducing a bill in the upcoming assembly session.
- > Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 5600 crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan government has sanctioned Rs 13.48 crore to promote religious tourism at Nagaur, Jaisalmer, and Alwar regions of the state.
- ➤ 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.
- Which film received the Special Jury or Silver Peacock Award at the 54th International Film Festival Q.5. of India?

A) Featherweight

B) Kantara

C) Sarpatta Parambarai

D) A Thursday

Answer: B

- ✓ The Special Jury or Silver Peacock Award was given to the Kannada film 'Kantara', directed by Rishab Shetty at the 54th International Film Festival of India.
- ✓ Abbas Amini directed 'Endless Borders' which bagged the Best Film or the Golden Peacock Award, while the Best Director award went to Stephan Komandarev for the film 'Blaga's Lessons'.
- Which country reached an agreement with India and the Paris Club group of creditors on a debt **Q.6.** treatment plan? Warriors

A) Afghanistan

B) Israel

C) Sri Lanka

D) Syria

Answer: C

- ✓ Sri Lanka has reached an agreement in principle with India and the Paris Club group of creditors including Japan, on a debt treatment plan.
- ✓ It will help the crisis-hit island nation tap the next tranche of the International Monetary Fund's nearly-\$3 billion recovery package

SRI LANKA IN NEWS 2023

- Sri Lanka has reached an agreement in principle with India and the Paris Club group of creditors including Japan, on a debt treatment plan.
- The 9th edition of the India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" is being organized in Pune

- > India and Sri Lanka conclude 12th round of talks on Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- > Sri Lanka has recently announced visa-free access for Indian passport holders.
- ➤ Ministry of Transport and Highways of Sri Lanka has signed a contract with India's IRCON International Limited for the design, testing and commissioning of signaling systems with Sri Lanka Railways.
- ➤ Sri Lanka hosted the Karnataka Cultural Festival on August 27, 2023.
- > FIFA has lifted its ban on the Sri Lankan Football Federation with immediate effect.
- India gives Lanka Rs 450 mn in aid for unique digital identity project.
- ➤ World Bank approves \$700 million for crisis-hit Sri Lanka.
- ➤ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India's first international cruise vessel MV Empress, from Chennai to Sri Lanka.
- ➤ Bharti Airtel has announced its plan to merge its Sri Lanka operations with Dialog Axiata, the largest telecom provider in Sri Lanka.
- ➤ The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- > Sri Lanka assent to Adani Green's \$442 Million Wind Power Project.
- > India will support Sri Lanka's debt restructuring plan as the island nation looks to trim its huge public expenditure to win approval for a crucial bailout from the International Monetary Fund.
- ➤ India has supplied 50 buses to Sri Lanka on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence.
- > Indian High Commission signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to establish a Hindi Chair.
- ➤ India & Sri Lanka inaugurate exhibition 'Geoffrey Bawa' in New Delhi.
- > Reliance Retail Ventures Limited announced a strategic partnership with Sri Lanka-headquartered Maliban Biscuit Manufactories Limited.
- > SRI LANKA
- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)
- Colombo (executive and judicial)
- Currency : Rupee
- > President : Ranil Wickremesinghe

> Prime Minister : Dinesh Gunawardena

Mitra Shakti Military Exercise: India and Sri Lanka

➤ Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka

Parliament: parliamenthua (225 seats)

National day: 4 February 1948

Q.7. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary' recently seen in news is situated in

A) Uttarakhand

B) Chhattisgarh

C) Delhi

D) Gujarat

Answer: C

- ✓ The Delhi High Court recently indicated it may stay an event proposed by the forest department inside the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ✓ Asola-Bhati Wildlife Sanctuary covering 32.71 km2 area on the Southern Delhi Ridge of Aravalli hill range on Delhi-Haryana border lies in Southern Delhi as well as northern parts of Faridabad and Gurugram districts of Haryana state. It is also part of the Sariska-Delhi Wildlife Corridor, which runs from the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan to Delhi Ridge.
- Q.8. A23a, sometimes seen in the news, is related to which of the following?
 - A) A short-course Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT) regimen, endorsed by the WHO
 - B) A large icebergs drifting away beyond Antarctic waters
 - C) A celestial object discovered using Himalayan Chandra Telescope.
 - D) A deepest point newly found in the Anarctic Ocean

Answer: B

- ✓ The British Antarctic Survey recently found that one of the world's largest icebergs is drifting beyond Antarctic waters after being grounded for more than three decades
- ✓ A23a is one of the world's largest icebergs is drifting beyond Antarctic waters, after being grounded for more than 3 decades.
- ✓ The iceberg split from the Antarctic's Filchner Ice Shelf in 1986 and it became stuck to the ocean floor and had remained for many years in the Weddell Sea.

- ✓ The iceberg is about three times the size of New York City and more than twice the size of Greater London, measuring around 4,000 square kilometres.
- ✓ The iceberg has been drifting for the past year and now appears to be picking up speed and moving past the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, helped by wind and ocean currents
- Q.9. What was Marty Krofft's contribution to the entertainment industry?

A) Bestselling Novels

B) Hit Songs

C) Award-Winning Films

D) Classic Children's Series

Answer: D

- ✓ Marty Krofft, co-producer of classic children's series such as 'HR Pufnstuf' and 'Land of the Lost,' died in California.
- ✓ Krofft and his brother (Harry Krofft) created series such as 'The Bugaloos,' 'Lidsville' 'Sigmund and the Sea Monsters,' 'Pryor's Place,' 'Far Out Space Nuts,' 'The Lost Saucer,' 'The Krofft Supershow,' 'Wonderbug,' 'Electra Woman and Dyna Girl,' 'Dr Shrinker,' and 'Bigfoot & Wildboy.'
- ✓ At the 2003 Saturn Awards, the Krofft brothers received the Lifetime Career Award for creating some of the most memorable imaginative television episodes.
- ✓ The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences honoured them with the Lifetime Achievement Emmy Award in 2018.
- ✓ Krofft most recently won the Julie Award at the 2023 Dragon Con in Atlanta
- ✓ Ranking

Q.10. What is the total value of transactions processed on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform?

A) Rs 17.16 lakh crore

B) Rs 17.40 lakh crore

C) Rs 16.80 lakh crore

D) Rs 18.00 lakh crore

Answer: B

- ✓ Transactions worth Rs 17.40 lakh crore were processed on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform, setting a new record from the previous high of Rs 17.16 lakh crore in October.
- ✓ The value of transactions was 1.4%higher on month and 46% on year, as per data by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ Volumes dip slightly to 1,124 crore from 1,141 crore in the previous month.

- ✓ In FY23, the UPI platform processed 8,376 crore transactions aggregating Rs 139 lakh crore, compared with 4,597 crore transactions worth Rs 84 lakh crore in FY22.
- ✓ UPI transactions are expected to breach 100 crore transactions per day by FY27, as per a report by PwC India, which projects UPI to dominate the retail digital payments landscape, accounting for 90 per cent of total transaction volumes over the next five years
- Q.11. During which month and year did India's foreign exchange reserves reach an all-time high of \$645 billion?
 - A) November 2023
 - B) October 2021
 - C) December 2022
 - D) September 2020

Answer: B

- ✓ India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves increased \$2.538 billion to \$597.935 billion for the week ended November 24.
- ✓ In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had jumped \$5.077 billion to \$595.397 billion.
- ✓ Gold reserves were up \$296 million to \$46.338 billion during the week.
- ✓ The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up \$87 million to \$18.218 billion.
- ✓ India's reserve position with the IMF rose \$14 million to \$4.848 billion in the reporting week.
- ✓ In October 2021, the country's foreign exchange kitty had reached an all-time high of \$645 billion.
- ✓ Foreign Exchange Reserve:
- ✓ Foreign exchange reserves (also called forex reserves or FX reserves) are cash and other reserve assets such as gold held by a central bank or other monetary authority that are primarily available to balance payments of the country, influence the foreign exchange rate of its currency, and to maintain confidence in financial markets.
- ✓ Foreign exchange reserves are also known as reserve assets and include foreign banknotes, foreign bank deposits, foreign treasury bills, and short and long-term foreign government securities, as well as gold reserves, special drawing rights (SDRs), and International Monetary Fund (IMF) reserve positions

- Q.12. Which organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on vaccine Research and Development (R&D) and infectious diseases?
 - A) Bharat Biotech and Oxford University
 - B) Bharat Biotech and Harvard University
 - C) Bharat Biotech and Sydney University
 - D) Bharat Biotech and MIT

Answer: C

- ✓ Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL), the developer of India's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin, has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Sydney Infectious Diseases Institute (Sydney ID) to collaborate on advancing vaccine research initiatives, strengthening academic-industry partnerships and augmenting global efforts to combat infectious diseases.
- ✓ Bharat Biotech made vaccines that met over 60% of the world's demand and supplied over 2.4 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines.
- ✓ Bharat Biotech has over 145 global patents, a portfolio of over 19 vaccines and four biotherapeutics.
- ✓ Bharat Biotech founder & executive chairman Dr Krishna Ella.
- Q.13. Who has been appointed as the president of the Rural Marketing Association of India (RMAI) for the term 2023-2025?

A) Puneet Vidyarthi

B) Biswabaran Chakrabarti

C) Rajesh Agarwal

D) Neha Sharma

Answer: A

- ✓ Rural Marketing Association of India (RMAI), the premier body of rural marketers in India appointed Puneet Vidyarthi as its president for 2023-2025, taking over from Biswabaran Chakrabarti.
- ✓ Since its inception in the year 2005, RMAI has been helping marketers plan and implement their rural marketing activities across the country.
- ✓ With 12.2% of the world's population, rural India represents the single largest potential market and accounts for 53% of FMCGs and 59% of durables sales in India.
- ✓ RMAI has about 150 members including associations with Tata Steel, ITC, HDFC, Kotak Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Pidilite and HeroMoto Corp.

Q.14. Who has recently been honored with the title of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French government?

A) Thierry Mathou

B) Arshia Sattar

C) Indian ambassador to France

D) A French literature scholar

Answer: B

- ✓ Author-translator Arshia Sattar has been conferred with the honour of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres) by the French government.
- ✓ Thierry Mathou, the ambassador of France to India, presented the award to the Bengaluru-based scholar of Indian literature and mythology, Arshia Sattar at the Consulate General of France in Bengaluru.
- ✓ It is the recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of literature as a translator and a writer.
- ✓ She translated Ramayana, the Mahabharata, and the tales from Kathasaritsagara.
- ✓ She has written several books for children, including The Mahabharata for Children, which was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Prize for Children's Literature in 2022.
- ✓ She was involved with a nine-piece podcast series 'The River Has No Fear of Memories'. The podcast commemorated the life and works of renowned playwright and actor Girish Karnad.
- ✓ Sattar co-founded the literary residency, Sangam House, in 2008, along with David William Gibson, to create a supportive space for writers in regional languages.

Q.15. What type of organization is Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)?

A) Maharatna CPSU

B) Navaratna CPSU

C) Private multinational company

D) Non-governmental organization (NGO)

Answer: A

- ✓ Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, has been conferred the prestigious SKOCH Gold Award 2023.
- ✓ The award was received by Power Grid's Executive Director B. Anantha Sarma and Chief General Manager (Corporate Planning) Abhinav Verma.
- ✓ The award was given for the Pugalur Thrissur 2000 MW Voltage Source Converter HVDC System.
- ✓ It is part of the Raigarh-Pugalur-Thrissur 6000 MW HVDC system and enables the transfer of 2000 MW to Kerala through the HVDC station at Thrissur.

Q.16. What is the approved amount for the recovery and reconstruction plan for Joshimath?

A) Rs 500 crore

B) Rs 1,000 crore

C) Rs 1,250 crore

D) Rs 1,658 crore

Answer: D

- ✓ A high-level committee headed by Union home minister Amit Shah, has approved the recovery and reconstruction (R&R) plan of Rs 1,658 crore for Joshimath, which was affected by landslide and ground subsidence.
- ✓ Joshimath is located in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Rs 1079.96 crore of central assistance will be provided from recovery and reconstruction the window of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).
- ✓ The state government will provide Rs 126.41 crore from its State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) towards relief assistance and will provide Rs 451.80 crore from its state budget, including land acquisition cost for resettlement of Rs 91.82 crore.
- Q.17. Which bank has announced a collaboration with NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML) to strengthen e-procurement and e-auction systems?

A) HDFC Bank

B) State Bank of India

C) Federal Bank

D) ICICI Bank Warriors

Answer: C

- ✓ Federal Bank has announced a collaboration with NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML) to strengthen the integration of its e-procurement and e-auction systems.
- ✓ NeML, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), holds a commanding market share in transparent price discovery across more than 90 commodities.
- ✓ Farmers can list crop details on the NeML platform, and the government will subsequently purchase the produce at the approved minimum support price (MSP).
- ✓ The integration of Federal Bank's Host-to-Host solution with NeML's e-procurement platform will ensure a seamless and efficient payment processing system.
- ✓ This tie up will aid fair price discovery for commodities, beat cartelization.

Q.18. Who has been awarded the UN refugee agency's prestigious Nansen Award for championing the right to education?

A) Amina Ahmed

B) Abdullahi Mire

C) Fatima Hassan

D) Ahmed Ali

Answer: B

- ✓ Somali refugee Abdullahi Mire named the winner of the UN refugee agency's prestigious Nansen Award.
- ✓ Abdullahi Mire was hailed for championing the right to education by putting 1, 00,000 books in the hands of children in Kenya's crowded Dadaab refugee camps.
- ✓ Dadaab, a sprawling complex of three camps that were initially built in the 1990s to host some 90,000 refugees, but which today are home to around 3,70,000, according to UN figures.
- ✓ He not only completed his primary and secondary education in the camp but managed to go on to complete a degree in journalism and public relations
- Q.19. Lalithambika, who received Top French honours, is the former director of_:

A) DRDO

B) ISRO

C) BARC

D) CVC

Answer: A

- ✓ French ambassador to India honoured Lalithambika, former director, Directorate of the Human Spaceflight Programme of ISRO with Legion d'Honneur.
- ✓ Lalithambika has worked extensively on various ISRO rockets, especially PSLV.
- ✓ Lalithambika is the second ISRO scientist after former ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar to be awarded the Legion d'Honneur of France for promoting Indo-French space cooperation.
- Q.20. Which State government has launched 'Mission Daksh' To Aid 25 Lakh Academically Weak Students?

A) Bihar

B) Uttarakhand

C) Rajasthan

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A

✓ Bihar government launched its ambitious scheme to minimise school dropout.

- ✓ The scheme, called Mission Daksh (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill) aims at offering special Hindi, Mathematics and English classes to weak students of classes 3-8 across the state.
- ✓ A teacher will teach only five students, who cannot read and write Hindi and English fluently and are not good at basic Mathematics.
- ✓ <u>District-Wise Monitoring for 'Mission Daksh'</u>:
- ✓ To ensure the effective implementation of 'Mission Daksh,' district-wise monitoring committees, led by district magistrates, will oversee the program's progress.
- ✓ The committees will play a pivotal role in daily supervision starting from December 1, 2023.
- ✓ 'Mission Daksh' focuses on addressing the individual needs of these students to enhance their academic performance.

Q.21. Which State Celebrates its 61st Statehood Day 1st December 2023?

A) Assam

B) Jharkhand

C) Nagaland

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C

- ✓ Nagaland, a vibrant state in the northeastern region of India, is jubilantly celebrating its 61st Statehood Day on December 1, 2023.
- ✓ This marks a significant milestone in the historical journey of the Nagas, who became the 16th state of the Union of India on December 1, 1963.
- ✓ The state-level function, to be held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Kohima, promises a day filled with cultural richness, reflections on the past and a focus on the future.

Q.22. When is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed?

A) December 3

B) December 2

C) December 1

D) December 4

Answer: A

- ✓ The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed annually on December 3.
- ✓ The IDPWD day was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly.

- ✓ Aim: to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 is 'United in action to rescue and achieve the sustainable development goals for, with and by persons with disabilities'.

O.23. When is the Navy Day observed in India?

A) 1 December

B) 2 December

C) 3 December

D) 4 December

Answer: D

- ✓ In India, December 4 is observed as the National Navy Day every year, to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country.
- ✓ The Theme of 2023 Navy Day is "Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain".
- ✓ Why is Indian Navy Day observed?
- ✓ The day is marked in recognition of the launch of Operation Trident during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.
- ✓ During Operation Trident, on December 4 in 1971, the Indian Navy sank four Pakistani vessels and also killed over 500 Pakistani Navy personnel, meanwhile, the Indian side suffered no losses
- ✓ The Maratha Emperor, Chhatarpati Shivaji Bhosle of the 17th century is considered as "Father of the Indian Navy".
- ✓ The Indian Navy is the marine branch of the Indian Armed Forces and is led by the President of India as Commander-in-Chief
- ✓ INDIAN NAVY
- ✓ Father of Indian Navy : Shivaji
- ✓ Motto(s): Sham No Varunah (May the Lord of Water be auspicious unto us)
- ✓ First Chief: Admiral Sir William Edward Parry
- ✓ Headquarteres: New Delhi
- ✓ First Indian Chief of the Naval Staff: Katari
- ✓ 25th Chief of the Naval Staff: R Hari Kumar

- Q.24. Who is known as the Father of the Indian Navy?
 - A) Kanhoji Angre

- B) Chhatarpati Shivaji Bhosle
- C) John Talbot Savignac Hall
- D) Sardarilal Mathradas Nanda

Answer: B

✓ The Maratha Emperor, Chhatarpati Shivaji Bhosle of the 17th century is considered as "Father of the Indian Navy".

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 3&4 December 2023

- 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

B) Rs 2000

C) Rs 3000

D) Rs 5000

Answer: B

- Q.2. What is the investment cap on Voluntary Retention Route' (VRR) for Foreign Portfolio Investors (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

- Q.3. Name the mobile app launched by RBI for aiding persons with visual impairment to identify the denomination of Indian Banknotes?
 - A) VANI

B) MONEY

C) MANI

D) MAVI

Answer: C

- Q.4. RBI has released the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for which period?
 - A) 2020-2024

B) 2019-2023

C) 2019-2024

D) 2020-2023

Answer: C

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Q.5.	The term of the Chairman of National	Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD) is
	A) 3 years	B) 5 years
	C) 7 years	D) 2 years
Ansv	wer: A	
Q.6.	The chairman of the Securities And Ex	change Board Of India(SEBI) is appointed by
	A) Government of India	B) RBI
	C) President of India	D) None is Correct
Ansv	wer: A	
Q.7.	When one bank borrow money from ar	nother bank(for one day only), then it is called
	A) Call Money	B) Recall Money
	C) Aerial Money	D) Easy Money
Ansv	wer: A	
Q.8.	Who decide on the value and volume o	f bank notes to be printed and on what basis:
	A) Finance Ministry	B) Planning Commission
	C) RBI	D) Stock exchange
Ansv	wer: C	D) Stock exchange
Q.9.	The Financial Literacy Week (FLW) is	organised annually by which organisation?
	A) Ministry of Finance	B) NPCI
	C) RBI	D) SBI
Ansv	wer: C	
		ducting Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016 es on a particular theme across the country
Q.10.	LAF is a monetary policy tool which a Expand LAF	allows banks borrow money through repurchase agreements
	A) Lending adjustment facility	B) Loan adjustment facility
	C) Liability adjustment facility	D) Liquidity adjustment facility
Ansv	wer : D	



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