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Aparchit 22 December English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q.1. Consider the following statements regarding the recently published World Bank Migration and Development Brief:
 - 1. India is the largest remittance recipient country in 2023.
 - 2. United States is the largest source of remittances in 2023.
 - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ The World Bank's latest Migration and Development Brief highlights India's significant position as the top remittance recipient, drawing attention to the evolving dynamics in the remittance landscape
- ✓ About World Bank Migration and Development Brief:
- ✓ It is prepared by the Migration and Remittances Unit, Development Economics (DEC), the premier research and data arm of the World Bank.
- \checkmark The brief is produced twice a year.
- The brief aims to provide an update on key developments in the area of migration and remittance flows and related policies over the past six months.
- ✓ It also provides medium-term projections of remittance flows to developing countries.
- ✓ It also presents recent developments on the Global Compact on Migration (GCM).
- ✓ A special topic is included in each brief.
- ✓ Key highlights of the recent report:
- ✓ The top five remittance recipient countries in 2023 are India (\$125 billion), Mexico (\$67 billion), China (\$50 billion), the Philippines (\$40 billion), and Egypt (\$24 billion).
- ✓ The United States continued to be the largest source of remittances.
- ✓ Remittances to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) grew by an estimated 3.8 per cent in 2023, reaching a total of USD669 billion.
- Resilient labour markets in advanced economies and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries played a pivotal role in supporting migrants' ability to send money home.



The Middle East and North Africa saw a decline in remittance flows for the second consecutive year, mainly \checkmark driven by a sharp drop in flows to Egypt.

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- ✓ Remittance flows to Europe and Central Asia also decreased by 1.4 percent after a significant gain in 2022.
- The report suggests a potential risk of a decline in real income for migrants in 2024 due to global inflation \checkmark and low growth prospects.
- \checkmark A special section of the report emphasizes the potential of leveraging remittances for development finance, particularly through diaspora bonds. The report says diaspora bonds can be structured to tap into diaspora savings held in foreign destinations, providing a stable source of funds.

WORLD BANK IN NEWS 2023

- > Commodity Markets Outlook Report is published by the World Bank in April and October, every year.
- > World Bank and Japan, have launched the Resilient and Inclusive Supply-chain Enhancement (RISE) initiative in Morocco.
- > World Bank has approved \$1.5 billion in financing to accelerate India's development of lowcarbon energy.
- > World Bank has approved a substantial funding package of 700 million dollars for Sri Lanka.
- > World Bank has approved \$391 million in financing to improve access to high-quality healthcare services and to economic opportunities for people in Assam and Tripura.
- World Bank approves \$150-million loan for Resilient Kerala programme.
- > World Bank has granted its approval for a USD 255.5 million loan aimed at enhancing the quality of technical education in government-run institutions across India.
- > World Bank approves \$150-million loan for Resilient Kerala programme.
- > World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the government of Bangladesh.
- > Indian origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the 14th President of World Bank.
- > Ministry of Education and the World Bank held a unique workshop on School-to-Work Transition under the STARS Program.
- \succ The Cabinet approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project in October 2020.



World Bank has approved a loan of US \$ 363 million for the supply of clean drinking water from taps to 2 million rural households in Karnataka.

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- > World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 100 million loan under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Program.
- According to the World Bank's (WB) annual report 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2023' \succ released on May 23, 2023, revenues collected from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) globally have reached a record high, about US\$95 billion in 2022.
- World Bank's Executive Board of Directors has approved USD 108 million loan for Assam, to help \geq the state improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.
- India and the World Bank have signed aloan agreement for the construction of the Green National \geq Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in four States.
- These four states are-Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. \geq
- World Bank has signed two complementary loans with India worth USD 500 million each to \geq support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.
- India will be the first country in the world to receive \$100 billion from remittances during 2022, \geq the World Bank.
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- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID). \triangleright
- All of these efforts support the Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and \geq boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40% of the population in all countries.
- World Bank was created at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, along with the International \triangleright Monetary Fund (IMF).



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> India is a member of IBRD, IFC, IDA and MIGA. The country is not a member of the ICSID

- Q.2. Consider the following statements regarding the TEMPO satellite:
 - 1. It monitors major air pollutants across North America.
 - 2. It is located in the geostationary orbit.
 - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - A) 1 only B) 2 only
 - C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ NASA's new satellite TEMPO measure air pollution hourly has shown significant progress and now the space agency officials are already thinking about ways to extend its life.
- Tropospheric Emissions Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO) monitors major air pollutants across North America.
- ✓ Its monitoring range extends from Canada's oil sands to the Yucatán Peninsula and across the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.
- ✓ It is part of a virtual constellation with South Korea's Geostationary Environment Monitoring Spectrometer (GEMS) and the European Space Agency's upcoming satellite, aiming for comprehensive air pollution monitoring over the Northern Hemisphere.
- It will make important scientific observations, including that of ozone, nitrogen oxide, sulphur dioxide and formaldehyde levels.

Q.3. Multinational professional services company Accenture has launched a generative AI studio in which city?

B) Hyderabad

D) Bengaluru

- A) Mumbai
- C) Kolkata

Answer : D

- ✓ Multinational professional services company Accenture has launched a generative AI studio in India's tech capital Bengaluru.
- ✓ The studio will develop a full stack of genAI capabilities for enterprises to leverage to optimize their business processes.



✓ Accenture's data and AI team and clients will co-create solutions with a modern data and AI foundation, LLM (large language model) architecture, ecosystems partnerships, talent, and responsible AI frameworks.

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✓ The studio in Bengaluru offers robust generative AI capabilities combined with a wide range of world-class technology services, and in-depth industry knowledge that is the hallmark of Accenture's Advanced Technology Centers in India.

BENGALURU IN NEWS 2023

- > Multinational professional services company Accenture has launched a generative AI studio in India's tech capital Bengaluru.
- > Bengaluru is the city with the highest number of women-led startups in India, followed by Mumbai and Delhi.
- > Bengaluru claims the top spot for green office spaces in India, according to the CBRE-CII report 'Indian Real Estate: Taking Giant Strides - 2023 Mid-Year Outlook.' Over the last three and a half year.
- > India's 1st state-of-the-art 3D-Printed post office opens in Bengaluru.
- Bengaluru becomes the first Indian city to join the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF).
- > India is all set to host the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) for the first time from 25-28 September 2023 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- > Sberbank's branch in India has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up an IT unit in Bengaluru.
- > India's first 3D-printed post office to come up in Bengaluru.
- > The second Trade and Investment Working Group meeting under the G20 India Presidency began in Bengaluru.
- Foxconn to invest nearly 1 billion USD in Bengaluru.
- Nitin Gadkari unveiled first methanol run buses in Bengaluru.
- > India Energy Week 2023 (IEW 2023), being organised during India's G20 Presidency, will be held in Bengaluru between February 6 and 8, 2023. .
- > The Union Ministry of Defence has announced on 27 November 2022 that the biennial air show AeroIndia-2023 will be held at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru's from 13-17 February, 2023. This would be the 14th edition of Aero India.



The first G-20 Environment meeting under the G-20 India Presidency will be held at the Taj West End in Bengaluru.

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- > Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar on 15 March inaugurated a 5-day cultural program "AgriUnifest" in Bengaluru..
- The first meeting of the G-20 Energy Transition Working Group under the chairmanship of India will \geq be held in Bengaluru from 5 to 7 February

Consider the following statements regarding SAMAR System, recently seen in the news: **Q.4**.

- 1. It is a short-range air-defence system.
- 2. It has been developed by the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test fired the 'SAMAR' air defence missile system recently.
- ✓ About SAMAR Air Defence Missile System:
- Surface to Air Missile for Assured Retaliation (SAMAR) is a short-range air-defence system. \checkmark
- ✓ It has been developed by a unit under the IAF's Maintenance Command.
- \checkmark The system is credited with a maximum range of 10–12 km and is used against low-flying aerial targets.
- ✓ It can engage aerial threats with missiles operating at a speed range of 2 to 2.5 Mach.
- The SAMAR-1 system uses the IAF's existing inventory of shelf-life-expired Russian Vympel R-73E infrared-guided air-to-air missiles (AAMs) for the surface-to-air role.
- The system features a twin-turret launch platform capable of launching two missiles in single and salvo \checkmark modes, depending on the threat scenario.
- ✓ Each missile launcher had an electro-optic system visible.
- ✓ It is expected to supplement the IAF's Akash and SPYDER systems, replacing the ageing improved Pechora and OSA-AK systems
- **O.5**. Kuno Forest Festival has been celebrated in which state?



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A) Uttar Pradesh

C) Madhya Pradesh

B) Odisha

D) Maharashtra

Answer : C

- ✓ A five-day Kuno Van Mahotsav was celebrated in Ranipura village on the outskirts of Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The event aims to highlight the diverse flora and fauna, and the jungle of Kuno, while also advocating for cheetah conservation. It included local art, craft, folk music, dance forms, and adventure sports.
- \checkmark The main attraction of the forest festival was adventure games, jungle safari, hot air ballooning, parasailing, paragliding, cave excursion, folk music, village tour, etc.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh offers a diverse culture and rich wildlife, which also includes cheetah sightings during jungle safari in Kuno. Tourists can also experience the taste of local food/cuisines.

FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023

- Kuno Forest Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- 'Shar Amartala Torgya' Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- 24th Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Dhillo festival : Goa
- India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 : Faridabad, Haryana
- > Arattu festival : Kerala
- Aparchit Exam Banni festival : Andhra Pradesh
- Zanskar Festival : Ladakh
- Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival : New Delhi
- Nuakhai festival : Odisha
- > Nadi Utsay : Delhi
- Karnataka Cultural Festival : Sri Lanka.
- > Unmesha' International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh' Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Festival of Libraries 2023 : New Delhi.
- > Chachin Grazing Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- Harela Festival : Uttarakhand



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- Bonalu Festival : Telangana
- Kharchi Puja : Tripura
- Palkhi festival : Maharashtra
- Raja festival : Odisha
- > Kheer Bhawani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir
- Great Prayer Festival : Ladakh
- Sinthan Snow Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- Heritage Festival : Goa
- Thawe Festival : Bihar
- Bohag Bihu festival : Assam
- > 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- Yaoshang festival : Manipur
- Purple Fest : Goa
- Orange Festival : Nagaland
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Losar Festival : Ladakh
- > 23rd Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Gaan Ngai festival : Manipur
- > Cherchera Festival : Chhattisgarh
- > 26th National Youth Festival 2023 : Hubbali, Karnataka
- > International Yoga Festival 2023 : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- > Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo : New Delhi
- Mongeet Festival : Assam
- > International Kite Festival 2023 : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- > Vigyanika Science Literature Festival : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- > Baisakhi is a harvest festival : Punjab and Haryana
- Q.6. Swarved Mahamandir, recently seen in the news, is located in:
 - A) Puri

B) Haridwar



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C) Madurai

D) Varanasi

Answer : D

- Prime Minister Monday recently inaugurated the world's largest meditation centre, Swarved Mahamandir, in Varanasi.
- ✓ About Swarved Mahamandir:
- ✓ It is the world's largest meditation centre, where 20,000 people can sit together and meditate.
- ✓ Location: It is located in Varanasi city, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ It covers an expansive area of 3,00,000 square feet.
- ✓ It aims to illuminate humankind with its spiritual aura and engulf the world in a state of peaceful alertness.
- ✓ The temple is named after the Swarved, a spiritual literature written by Sadguru Shri Sadafal Deoji Mahara, the creator of Vihangam Yoga and an eternal yogi.
- ✓ The temple propagates Swarveda teachings, with a focus on Brahm Vidya, a body of knowledge that enables spiritual seekers to sustain a state of perfect Zen, a state of unyielding constancy in peace and happiness.
- Q.7. Which of the following has unveiled a groundbreaking initiative with the introduction of the ERS mobile application?

A) RBI

C) NHAI

B) NPCI D) DRDO

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Answer : C

- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has unveiled a groundbreaking initiative with the introduction of the ERS (Emergency Response Support System) mobile application.
- This technological advancement aims to revolutionize emergency management on national highways across the country.
- ✓ The ERS app is poised to play a pivotal role in ensuring swift and effective responses to road accidents and other emergencies, thereby enhancing overall safety and security on Indian highways.
- ✓ The ERS app's primary objective is to provide a rapid and seamless response mechanism during critical situations, such as accidents or medical emergencies, by connecting road users directly to the NHAI's command and control center.
- Q.8. What is the percentage increase in unclaimed deposits in Indian banks from the previous year to March 2023?



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A) 18%	B) 28%
C) 35%	D) 25%

Answer: B

- ✓ The rate of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks has risen by 28% annual increase in unclaimed deposits with the banks to Rs 42,272 crore as on March 2023.
- ✓ At the end of March 2023, the amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks was recorded at Rs 42,272 crore, while the previous year, there was Rs32,934 crore.
- ✓ As much as Rs 36,185 crore unclaimed deposits were with public sector banks while Rs 6,087 crore were with private sector banks at the end of March 2023.
- ✓ Banks send unclaimed deposits of account holders lying in their accounts for 10 or more years to RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund.
- ✓ A centalised web portal, Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access Information (UDGAM), to search unclaimed deposits across multiple banks, has been set up by RBI.
- ✓ Further, RBI has launched campaign '100 Days 100 Pays' for banks to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in each district within a 100-day timeframe, commencing from June 1, 2023 to September 8, 2023.
- ✓ At the end of campaign, major 31 banks (which comprised of more than 90 percent of unclaimed deposit balances with the DEA Fund), have refunded Rs 1,432.68 crore in the campaign.
- Q.9. The Government of India has launched the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2023-24 with digital discount. What is the issue price of this bond?
 - A) ₹6,249 per gram
 B) ₹5,149 per gram
 - C) ₹4,119 per gram D) ₹6,149 per gram

Answer : D

- ✓ The Government of India has launched the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2023-24 (Series III).
- ✓ Stemming from the inaugural scheme in November 2015 under the Gold Monetization Scheme, this initiative aims to reduce the demand for physical gold.
- ✓ Open for subscription from December 18 to December 22, the scheme introduces a digital discount for online applications, enhancing the accessibility and attractiveness of secure gold investments to a diverse investor base.



✓ Investors opting for online applications and utilizing digital payment modes will benefit from a ₹50 discount per gram, reducing the issue price to ₹6,149 per gram during the subscription period.

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- ✓ Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) are available for purchase by resident individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), trusts, universities, and charitable institutions. Denominated in multiples of grams, the minimum investment is set at one gram of gold, ensuring accessibility for a broad spectrum of investors.
- ✓ Featuring an eight-year tenor, investors have the flexibility of premature redemption after the fifth year. The redemption price will be determined based on the simple average of the closing price of 999 purity gold, providing a predictable exit strategy for investors.
- ✓ Individuals and HUFs are limited to a maximum subscription of 4 kg per fiscal year, while trusts and similar entities have a higher limit of 20 kg. In cases of joint holdings, the 4 kg limit applies to the first applicant.
- ✓ Investors can make payments through cash (up to ₹20,000), demand draft, cheque, or electronic banking. The fixed interest rate of 2.50 percent per annum, payable semi-annually, ensures a stable return for investors.

O.10. Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance has partnered with which bank to offer insurance solutions to the bank's customers?

A) ICICI Bank

C) South Indian Bank

B) IDFC First Bank

D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance and IDFC First Bank have entered into a bancassurance partnership to offer insurance solutions to the bank's customers.
- ✓ Under this collaboration, the insurer will leverage the extensive distribution network of IDFC First Bank.
- ✓ Aditya Birla Sun Life will offer products and services, including those that focus on retirement planning, ensuring a steady source of second income and tax-free returns tailored to their life stages.
- ✓ This collaboration will go a long way in enhancing accessibility, as well as making financial protection and planning easily available to a wider segment of customers served by IDFC FIRST Bank's extensive distribution network.

Q.11. U GRO Capital has raised how much rupees from the Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank FMO through rupee-denominated non-convertible debentures (NCDs)?

A) 150 crore	B) 200 crore
C) 250 crore	D) 350 crore



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Answer : C

- ✓ DataTech NBFC, U GRO Capital has raised ₹250 crore from the Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank FMO through rupee-denominated non-convertible debentures (NCDs).
- ✓ The association will help strengthen the fund's commitment towards greater financial inclusion in India.
- ✓ The MSME-lending-focused NBFC has provided credit to more than 80,000 small businesses. Prior to this, it had raised ₹240 crore from Denmark's Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU) in May 2023.
- ✓ This transaction is proof of U GRO Capital's ability to forge partnerships with and attract funding from reputed global DFIs (development finance institutions).
- ✓ Of the NBFC's total borrowings, around 20 percent are from development financial institutions and impact funds such as Responsibility, Calvert Impact Capital, Enabling Capital, SIDBI, and others.
- Q.12. Which of the following digital payment startups recently secured final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators?
 - A) Razorpay and Cashfree B) Cashfree and Paytm
 - C) Razorpay and JusPay
- **D)** PayU and Razorpay

Answer : A

- ✓ Digital payment companies Razorpay and Cashfree Payments have received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators, enabling the fintechs to onboard new merchants after a nearly one-year-old regulatory ban.
- ✓ The company has received the Payment Aggregator (PA) license from the RBI. It will now onboard new merchants on its payment gateway.
- ✓ In December last year, the RBI had asked Razorpay and Cashfree to stop onboarding new merchants.
- ✓ Razorpay has received the final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator under the Payment Settlements Act, 2007.
- ✓ Other players such as PayU, Paytm, JusPay, among others, are yet to receive a nod from the regulator to onboard new merchants

Q.13. Which country will host the first 32-team FIFA Club World Cup in 2025?

A) UAE	B) Qatar
C) Saudi Arabia	D) United States

Answer : D



✓ FIFA announced on Sunday that its revamped Club World Cup, to be held for the first time in 2025, will feature 32 teams and will be played from mid-June to mid-July.

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- ✓ The United States will host the 2025 edition of the expanded event, which will be held every four years thereafter.
- \checkmark The tournament will have eight groups of four with the top two teams from each group going through to the knockout stages — the same format as the World Cup.
- ✓ The current version of the FIFA Club World Cup an annual competition with seven teams will be discontinued after the tournament now being hosted by Saudi Arabia.

Q.14. Who has won the Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award in the FIH Annual awards?

A) Vandana Katariya	B) Deep Grace Ekka

C) Savita

D) Gurjit Kaur

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian men's hockey team midfielder Hardik Singh and women's side captain Savita have won the FIH Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year (women) awards respectively.
- ✓ The awards were declared following a vote by an expert panel, National Associations represented by their respective national teams' captains and coaches, fans, and media.
- ✓ This is Hardik's second big award this year as he was also conferred the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year 2022.
- ✓ As for Savita, this is her third consecutive FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award, having won the recognition in 2021 and 2022. ADO
- ✓ Xan de Waard of the Netherlands has been elected as the 2023 FIH Player of the Year in the women's category.
- ✓ Dutch goalkeeper Pirmin Blaak won the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year awards among men, while the awards for FIH Rising Stars went to Teresa Lima (Spain) and Gaspard Xavier (France).
- ✓ China women's head coach Alyson Annan and Germany men's head coach André Henning won the FIH Coaches of the Year awards, while Ayanna McClean (Trinidad-and-Tobago) and Ben Göntgen (Germany) were awarded with the FIH Umpires of the Year recognitions.



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- **Q.15.** Which naval establishment has received the 'Vir Chakra' on behalf of Late Vice Admiral Benov Roy **Chowdhury?**
 - A) INS Talwar **B) INS Karma**
 - C) INS Sahyadri

D) INS Shivaji

Answer : D

- ✓ INS Shivaji, Indian Navy's premier marine engineering training institute, has received the Vir Chakra medal awarded to Late Vice Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury, the only technical officer of the Indian Navy to be awarded the honour.
- ✓ Vice Admiral Dinesh Prabhakar, Distinguished Chair Marine Engineering at INS Shivaji, received the Vir Chakra on behalf of the Indian Navy from Pradipta Bose and Gargi Bose, the family members of Vice Admiral Chowdhury
- ✓ The Vir Chakra is an Indian wartime military bravery award presented for acts of gallantry on the battlefield, on land or in air or at sea.

Q.16. Swarved Mahamandir, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- A) Puri
- C) Madurai

B) Haridwar **D)** Varanasi

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Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Monday recently inaugurated the world's largest meditation centre, Swarved Mahamandir, Aparchit in Varanasi.
- ✓ About Swarved Mahamandir:
- ✓ It is the world's largest meditation centre, where 20,000 people can sit together and meditate.
- ✓ Location: It is located in Varanasi city, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ It covers an expansive area of 3,00,000 square feet.
- ✓ It aims to illuminate humankind with its spiritual aura and engulf the world in a state of peaceful alertness.
- ✓ The temple is named after the Swarved, a spiritual literature written by Sadguru Shri Sadafal Deoji Mahara, the creator of Vihangam Yoga and an eternal yogi.
- The temple propagates Swarveda teachings, with a focus on Brahm Vidya, a body of knowledge that enables spiritual seekers to sustain a state of perfect Zen, a state of unyielding constancy in peace and happiness.



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Q.17. Consider the following statements regarding the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI):

1. It is a not-for-profit industry body and the country's only organization representing the digital services industry.

2. Only Indian companies and startups are represented by the IAMAI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), the representative body of nearly 600 internet firms and start-ups, recently welcomed the introduction of the Telecom Bill in Lok Sabha
- ✓ About Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI):
- ✓ Established in 2004, the IAMAI is a not-for-profit industry body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ✓ It is the country's only organization representing the digital services industry, with over 500 Indian and multinational corporations as its members, which include established companies in diverse sectors of the digital ecosystem as well as start-ups.
- ✓ Mandate: To expand and enhance the online and mobile value-added services sectors.
- ✓ It is dedicated to presenting the unified voice of the businesses it represents to the government, investors, consumers, and other stakeholders.
- The association addresses the issues, concerns, and challenges of the Internet and Mobile economy and takes a leading role in its development.
- ✓ IAMAI represents varied sectors such as digital advertising, digital entertainment, traveltech, online gaming, digital payments, fintech, digital commerce, edtech, healthtech, agritech, big data, ML, AI & IoT, AR/VR, logistics-tech, and so on.
- ✓ IAMAI has been advocating free and fair competition, progressive laws for the sector, and supporting equitable access, the best quality of services to consumers, and a safe and secure internet for users.



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- Q.18. Consider the following statements regarding the Yogmaya Temple:
 - 1. It is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
 - 2. It was patronised by the Mughal Emperor Akbar II.
 - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - A) 1 only B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B

- Yogmaya Temple is historically important monument believed to be standing at the site of an ancient temple that is said to have come up during the period of the Mahabharata.
- ✓ It is also known as the Jogmaya Temple, is an ancient Hindu shrine situated in the heart of Mehrauli (Delhi), a few hundred meters away from the famous Qutub Minar.
- ✓ It was built by a noble in the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar II by the name of Lala Sidhu Mal between 1806 and 1837.
- ✓ The area was known as Yoginipura in ancient Jain texts and Prithviraj Chauhan himself was said to have patronised a Yogini temple here shortly before his city's destruction.
- ✓ It was a focal point of Akbar II's rule.
- ✓ The temple has a replica of the Goddess Yogmaya, also called the "Pure Goddess,
- ✓ The most famous festival celebrated only in this temple is the 'Phoolwalon ki Sair.'
- Q.19. 'INS Kochi', that was in the news recently, is a:
 - A) torpedo launch and recovery vessel
 - B) diesel-electric submarine
 - C) guided-missile destroyer
 - D) nuclear-powered aircraft carrier

Answer : C

- The Indian destroyer INS Kochi recently evacuated one of the 18 sailors on board the hijacked commercial vessel MV Ruen off the coast of Somalia
- ✓ About INS Kochi:



✓ It is the second ship of the Kolkata-class stealth guided-missile destroyers built under the code name Project 15A for the Indian Navy.

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- ✓ It was constructed by Mazagaon Dock Limited (MDL) in Mumbai.
- It was commissioned into Indian Navy service on September 30, 2015. \checkmark
- Features:
- ✓ It measures 164 meters in length and approximately 17 meters in width, with a full load displacement of 7500 tonnes.
- ✓ The ship has a Combined Gas and Gas (COGAG) propulsion system, comprising four powerful reversible gas turbines.
- ✓ It is equipped with the advanced supersonic and long-range BrahMos Surface-to-surface Missile.
- ✓ The entire anti-submarine weapon and sensor suite fitted onboard, consisting of Indigenous Rocket Launchers (IRL), Indigenous Twin-tube Torpedo Launchers (ITTL), and a bow-mounted New Generation HUMSA Sonar, are fine examples of India's indigenous efforts in the field of underwater warfare.
- ✓ A state-of-the-art Combat Management System (CMS-15A) has been integrated with the onboard weapons and sensors.
- ✓ The ship is equipped to operate two Sea King or Chetak helicopters.
- Q.20. Consider the following statements regarding Mullaperiyar Dam:
 - 1. It is a masonry gravity dam situated on the Periyar River in Kerala.
 - 2. It is operated and maintained by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
 - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ Tamil Nadu cancelled the decision to open the spillway shutters of Mullaperiyar dam recently after a lull in rainfall and a reduced inflow of water to the dam.
- ✓ About Mullaperiyar Dam:
- ✓ It is a masonry gravity dam situated on the Periyar River in Thekkady, Idukki district, in Kerala.
- ✓ It is located 881 m above sea level, on the Cardamom Hills of the Western Ghats.
- The dam is built at the confluence of the Mullayar and Periyar rivers. \checkmark



✓ Its construction began in 1887 and was completed in 1895. The construction was carried out by the British Corps of Royal Engineers under the leadership of Pennycuick.

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- ✓ The dam's purpose was to divert the waters of the west-flowing River Periyar eastward to the arid rain shadow regions of the Theni, Madurai, Sivaganga, and Ramanathapuram districts of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The Periyar National Park is located around the dam's reservoir.
- ✓ Although the dam is located in Kerala, it is operated and maintained by the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu. It was according to a 999-year lease agreement made during the British rule that the operational rights were handed over to Tamil Nadu.

Q.21. Andriamamelo Cave, which was recently discovered with prehistoric rock art drawings, is located in:

- A) Italy
- C) Egypt

B) Mexico

D) Madagascar

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, unique, prehistoric rock art drawings have been discovered in the Andriamamelo Cave in western Madagascar.
- ✓ About Andriamamelo Cave:
- ✓ It is situated in the western Madagascar.
- ✓ It is located in karstified limestone of the Paysage Harmonieux Protege de Beanka. This is part of an extensive karst region that includes the Parc National de Bemaraha to the south, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the little-studied Antsingimavo karst area to the north.

Q.22. National Mathematics Day is held annually on which day?

A) 20 December

B) 22 December

C) 21 December

D) 23 December

Answer : B

- ✓ India observes the National Mathematics Day every year on 22 December since 2012 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- ✓ 2023 marks the 136th birth anniversary of Ramanujan.



The day was announced on 26 February 2012 by the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 Dec 1887-26 Apr 1920).

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2012 was also observed as National Mathematics Year.

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 22 December 2023

- Scheduled banks are included under which schedule of the RBI act 1934? **Q.1**.
 - 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

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Answer : C

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

B) 35

D) 15

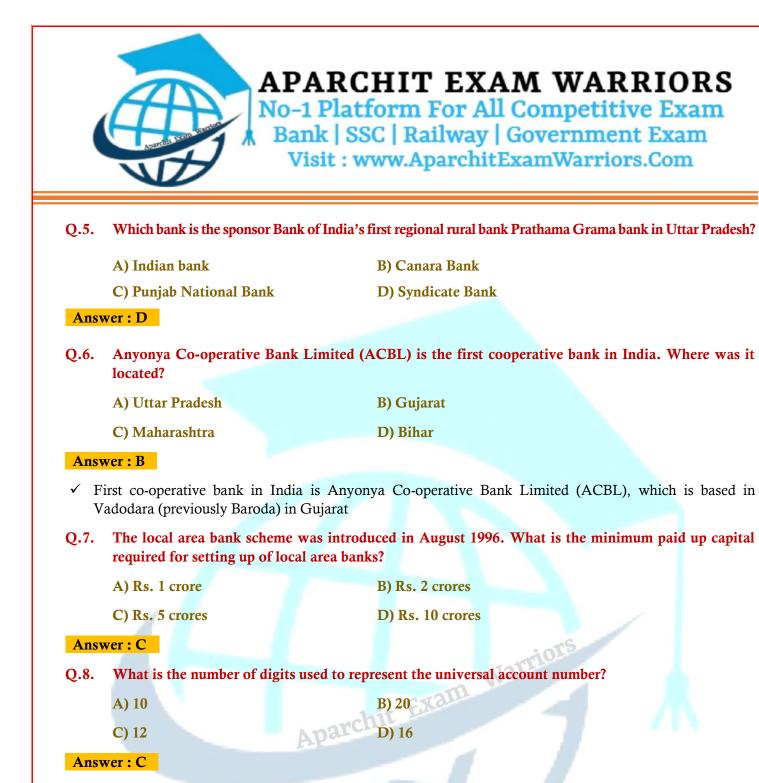
- A) 50
- C) 45

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.9. Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) is 8 to 11 _.

A) digital code

B) alphabetic code

D) Roman code

C) alpha-numerical code

Answer: B

Q.10. What is the full form of PPI?

- A) Postpaid Payment Instrument
 - C) PostOffice Payment Inclusion
- **B)** Prepaid Payment Instrument
- D) none of the above

Answer : B





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