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Aparchit 28 December English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023

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Q.1. Which city is being developed as India's first 'AI City'?

A) Lucknow

B) Jaipur

C) Chennai

D) Kolkata

Answer: A

- ✓ Lucknow city, known as the 'City of Nawabs', will be developed as India's first 'AI City'.
- ✓ Noida has already emerged as an IT hub, on the same lines now Tier 2 cities like Lucknow are also being developed as IT hubs.
- ✓ According to a report by Grand View Research, the size of the global AI market was estimated at \$ 137 billion in the year 2022.
- ✓ UP Electronics Corporation Limited has issued Expression of Interest (EOI) for the development of AI City.

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023

- Lucknow city, known as the 'City of Nawabs', will be developed as India's first 'AI City'.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has announced the launch of India's first 'Telecom Center of Excellence.
- India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- > Uttarakhand launches India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management.
- > Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF) in Hyderabad.
- India's first-ever sports university to be set up in Manipur.
- ➤ India Launches Its 1st Indigenous e-Tractor Developed By the CMERI.
- ➤ Dr Jitendra Singh, had launched the CSIR Prima ET11, the first indigenous e-Tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, a public engineering R&D institution in Durgapur, West Bengal, and a constituent laboratory of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ➤ Kerala Launches India's First AI School, Pioneering Future-Focused Education.
- > Sanchi, a world heritage site located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, is all set to become India's first solar city.

- ➤ Hitachi Payment Services launched India's first UPI-ATM.
- ➤ India's first Vedic-themed park unveiled in Noida.
- > Google celebrates India's street food 'pani puri' with an interactive game Doodle, allowing users to help a street vendor fulfill pani puri orders.
- ➤ OPPO India sets up first PPP-model Atal Tinkering Lab in Kerala.
- ➤ Kerala gets India's first Construction Innovation Hub.
- > Uttar Pradesh government announced that the Buddh international circuit in Greater Noida will host India's first MotoGP racing event.
- ➤ India's First 'Sahiwal' Breed Calf Given Birth Through 'Cow Surrogacy' At TTD's Goshala In Tirupati.
- > Recently, the PM has inaugurated India's first facility to produce rare earth permanent magnets in Visakhapatnam.
- > India's first online gaming academy launched in Madhya Pradesh.
- ➤ Kerala to set up India's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre.
- India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- ➤ India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.
- ➤ India's first private hill station Lavasa was sold to Darwin Platform Infrastructure for Rs 1.8 thousand crore after the approval of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- According to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- > Tech startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone capable of vertical take-off and landing. This drone has been named Skyhawk.
- > Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled the country's first droneair traffic management system "Sky UTM".
- India's First Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming to be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- > Luminous Power Technologies announced its plan to build the country's first green energy-based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand.
- India's First AC Double Decker Electric Bus Introduced in Mumbai.
- > NCERT Launched India's First National Assessment Regulator "PARAKH".

- ➤ PARAKH stands for The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- Q.2. Bharat Electronics Limited has recently signed a contract worth Rs 445 crore with which state government?

A) Bihar

B) Assam

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C

- ✓ Navratna Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has recently signed a contract worth Rs 445 crore with the Uttar Pradesh government for the next generation UP 'Dial 112' project.
- ✓ The company will provide comprehensive and state-of-the-art hardware, AI based software tools and cyber security tools for the 'Dial 112' project.
- Q.3. Which stealth guided-missile destroyer was recently inducted into the Indian Navy?

A) INS Imphal

B) INS Chakra

C) INS Dhwai

D) INS Kavaratti

Answer: A

- ✓ INS Imphal, India's first warship named after a northeastern state, commissioned
- ✓ INS Imphal (Pennant D68), the third of four warships of Project 15B that together form the Visakhapatnam class stealth-guided missile destroyers, is set to be commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai.
- ✓ The move aimed at boosting its maritime capability amid China's increasing forays into the Indian Ocean region.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was the Chief Guest at the event.
- ✓ It is the first warship to have been named after a city from the Northeastern region, the approval for which was accorded by the President in April 2019.
- ✓ The naming of the ship after the capital city of Manipur underlines the importance of the Northeastern region for national security and prosperity.
- ✓ A guided missile destroyer with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes and overall length of 164 meters, Imphal is a potent and versatile platform equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles and torpedoes.



- ✓ Powered by Combined Gas and Gas (COGAG) propulsion, the ship is capable of achieving speeds in excess of 30 knots (56 km/hour).
- ✓ The ship boasts of a high indigenous content of approximately 75 per cent that includes BrahMos surface-to-surface missiles, medium-range surface-to-air missiles, anti-submarine indigenous rocket launchers and 76mm super rapid gun mount.
- ✓ What is Project 15B?
- ✓ Between 2014 and 2016, the Indian Navy commissioned three guided missile destroyers of Kolkata class under a project codenamed '15A'.
- ✓ The Kolkata class included INS Kolkata, INS Kochi and INS Chennai. These ships were a step ahead of their precursor Delhi class of ships, which included INS Delhi, INS Mysore and INS Mumbai, built under Project 15 and commissioned between 1997 and 2001.
- ✓ Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), one of India's key Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), has built all these ships. A ship class signifies a group of ships built with similar tonnage, usage, capabilities and weaponry.
- Q.4. Till December 2023, Digi Yatra, facial recognition tech, has been implemented at how many Indian airports?

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A) 13

B) 15

C) 20

D) 27

Answer: A

- ✓ Digi Yatra, facial recognition tech, implemented at 13 Indian airports
- ✓ To save time of passengers during security check at airports, Government is continuously making efforts by increasing security equipment, security manpower and using advance technologies.
- ✓ Digi Yatra, which provides for seamless and hassle-free experience for passengers at airports through biometric-based travel using Facial Recognition Technology has also been implemented at 13 airports and other airports will be covered in phased manner.
- Q.5. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) will invest up to Rs 675 crore on Bhogapuram greenfield international airport. Bhogapuram airport is located in which state?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Andhra Pradesh

C) Himachal Pradesh

D) Rajasthan

Answer: B

- ✓ National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is planning to invest up to Rs 675 crore on the upcoming greenfield international airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh, which is being developed by the GMR group.
- ✓ This marks NIIF's second airport investment, after the GMR Goa International Airport Ltd, which operates Manohar International Airport in Goa.
- ✓ GMR Airports Ltd (GAL) a subsidiary of GMR Airports Infrastructure Ltd (GAIL) and NIIF have entered into binding agreements for the NIIF to invest up to Rs 6.75 billion (Rs 675 crore) in GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Ltd (GVIAL).
- ✓ GVIAL a special purpose vehicle to develop and operate the Bhogapuram International Airport was in 2020 awarded the concession to develop and operate the Bhogapuram International Airport (BIA) to the north of Visakhapatnam under a 40-year design-build-finance-operate-and-transfer model.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023

- ➤ National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is planning to invest up to Rs 675 crore on the upcoming greenfield international airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh.
- Digi Yatra, facial recognition tech, implemented at 13 Indian airports.
- ➤ Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to declare Surat Airport an international airport.
- ➤ Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has secured recognition as one of the 'World's Most Beautiful Airports' and has been awarded the 'World Special Prize for an Interior 2023' by the UNESCO's Prix Versailles.
- > 58 Airports in the country have been covered under Krishi Udan Scheme.
- > Deoghar Airport in Jharkhand is the first airport in the country to land a commercial aircraft in low visibility.
- Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Construction have secured a large order to construct the greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport project in Andhra Pradesh.
- > The largest airport in the world is the king Fahd International Airport, located in Dammam, Saudi Arabia which covers an area of about 300 sq.
- Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated Utkela Airport owned by the Government of Odisha.

- > Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport became the first airport in the northeast to get 'Digi Yatra' facility.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot.
- ➤ Government of India has given 'in-principle' approval for setting up 21 new greenfield airports.
- Q.6. Who will preside over the 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries?

A) Narendra Modi

B) Amit Shah

C) Rajnath Singh

D) S Jaishankar

Answer: A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will preside over the third National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi on 28 and 29 December 2023.
- ✓ The first conference of Chief Secretaries was held in Dharamshala in June 2022 and the second in Delhi in January 2023.
- ✓ The main focus of this three-day national conference will be 'Ease of Living'.
- Q.7. With reference to Card-on-File Tokenization, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a replacement of actual credit and debit card details with an alternate token.
 - 2. Token may be issued either by the card network or the issuer or both.
 - 3. The cardholder can tokenise the card at any time.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: C

- ✓ In order to make digital payments more secure, safe and sound the he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has now enabled card-on-file tokenisation (CoFT) through card issuing banks and institutions.
- ✓ Tokenisation refers to replacement of actual credit and debit card details with an alternate code called the "token".
- ✓ It is a combination of card, token requestor and device.
- ✓ The card detail when stored with a merchant is known as card-on-file (CoF).

- ✓ This token is a randomly generated string of characters that has no intrinsic value and is meaningless outside of the context of a specific transaction.
- ✓ The token is used as a surrogate for the actual card details, making it more secure to store and transmit.
- ✓ Requirements for enabling CoFT through card issuers:
- ✓ Generation of CoFT tokens for a card can be enabled through mobile banking and internet banking channels.
- ✓ The token can be generated only on explicit customer consent and with AFA (additional factor authentication) validation.
- ✓ The cardholder may tokenise the card at any time of their convenience, either on receipt of the new card or at a later stage.
- ✓ The cardholder can select the merchants with whom he/she wishes to maintain tokens.
- ✓ The card token so issued may be either by the card network or the issuer or both
- Q.8. Which category of workers is the Telangana government will provide Rs 5 lakh for accident insurance?

A) Andhra Pradesh

B) Telangana

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Karnataka

Answer: B

- ✓ Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced, government will provide Rs 5 lakh for accident insurance to gig workers such as those involved in food delivery, and driving cabs and autorickshaws.
- ✓ The government would also provide Rs 10 lakh health cover under the 'Rajiv Arogyasri' scheme.
- ✓ The state government will provide social security to workers in the unorganized sectors and will make a policy decision in this direction.
- ✓ Reddy promised that the state government would study the existing policy for gig workers in Rajasthan and introduce an effective law in the next state budget session
- Q.9. India will acquire five Lithium Blocks in which country?

A) Argentina

B) Ethiopia

C) Norway

D) Sweden

Answer: A

- The Indian government is planning to enter into exploration and development agreements with the Argentina government for five lithium blocks that have been identified by Khanij Bidesh India (KABIL) in Catamarca province.
- The Centre will be investing around Rs 200 crore over the next five years for the purpose of exploring and developing these mines.
- ✓ This marks India's second attempt at signing a foreign partnership for sourcing critical minerals after previously signing a memorandum of understanding with Australia's Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO) in 2022.
- ✓ The 2022 agreement allowed India to explore five blocks, two for lithium and three for cobalt.
- ✓ Argentina boasts 21 percent of the world's 98 million tonne lithium reserves, which makes it the secondlargest lithium reserve after Bolivia, according to the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) Lithium Statistics and Information 2023 report.
- ✓ These reserves are present in salt flats located in Salta, Catamarca and Jujuy provinces, which together form part of the Lithium Triangle.

Q.10. Which country will implement a new carbon import levy on some products from 2027 to help protect businesses against cheaper imports from countries with less strict climate policies?

A) United States

B) United Kingdom Warriors

C) Japan

D) Russia

Answer: B

- ✓ United Kingdom will implement a new carbon import levy on some products from 2027 to help to protect businesses against cheaper imports from countries with less strict climate policies.
- ✓ The planned carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) will apply to carbon-intensive products in the iron, steel, aluminium, fertiliser, hydrogen, ceramics, glass and cement sectors.
- ✓ The charge applied will depend on the amount of carbon emitted in the production of the imported good and any gap between the carbon price applied in the country of origin and the carbon price faced by UK producers.
- ✓ Britain, which has a target of reaching net zero emissions by 2050, launched an emissions trading system (ETS) in 2021 to charge power plants, factories and airlines for each tonne of carbon dioxide they emit as part of efforts to meet that goal.



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Q.11. Education loans registered a record year-on-year growth of how much percent at ₹1,10,715 crore in the current financial year till October compared with ₹96,853 crore in the year-ago period?

A) 30.6%

B) 40.6%

C) 20.6%

D) 26.6%

Answer: C

- ✓ Education loans registered a record year-on-year growth of 20.6 percent at ₹1,10,715 crore in the current financial year till October compared with ₹96,853 crore in the year-ago period.
- ✓ According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, the spurt in education loans was the highest in the last five years.
- ✓ The growth registered in the comparable period was 12.3 percent FY23 and (-) 3.1 percent in FY22.
- ✓ For the last one year, foreign education loans with an average ticket size of ₹40 lakh-60 lakh accounted for nearly 65 percent of loans disbursed.
- ✓ Loans for education in the US are on the higher side. The US Embassy and its consulates in India issued a record 1.40 lakh student visas between October 2022 and September 2023 this year
- Q.12. Which state police will launch a new initiative, "Mission Investigation@75 days" to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of FIR registration starting from January 1, 2024?

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- A) Bihar
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A

- ✓ Bihar Police will launch a new initiative, "Mission Investigation@75 days", making it mandatory for investigators to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of FIR registration starting from January 1 next year.
- ✓ The Bihar government is preparing to take several measures from January 1, 2024 to make the state police more people-friendly and accountable. Our main focus is to improve the quality of investigation.
- ✓ The performance of all police stations and district police will also be reviewed on a monthly basis from January 1.

- Q.13. Which bank has launched the 'eSvarna' credit card that is India's first Corporate Credit Card on the RuPay network?
 - A) Federal Bank

B) Indian Overseas Bank

C) IndusInd Bank

D) Punjab National Bank

Answer: B

- ✓ IndusInd Bank has launched the 'IndusInd Bank eSvarna', India's first Corporate Credit Card on RuPay network.
- ✓ This launch positions IndusInd Bank as the first in the country to integrate UPI functionality with a Corporate Credit Card.
- ✓ The card facilitates transactions at merchant outlets and allows users the flexibility to make UPI payments by linking the card with UPI-enabled apps.
- ✓ The IndusInd Bank eSvarna credit card on the RuPay network comes with perks and rewards.
- ✓ IndusInd Bank
- ✓ Founded: 1994
- ✓ Founder : S.P. Hinduja
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra,
- ✓ MD & CEO : Sumant Kathpalia
- ✓ Tagline : We Make You Feel Richer
- Q.14. Which company has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator SEBI to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO), that is the first issue by an automaker in the country in more than 20 years?

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A) Dunzo

B) Uber

C) Ola

D) Rapido

Answer: C

- ✓ Electric two-wheeler company Ola Electric has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator SEBI to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO)— the first issue by an automaker in the country in more than 20 years.
- ✓ The proposed IPO is a fresh issue of equity shares up to Rs 5,500 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 9.52 crore equity shares by promoters and investors, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

✓ Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for capital expenditure to be incurred by the subsidiary, OCT for the Ola Gigafactory project, payment of debt by subsidiary OET, investment into research and product development, expenditure for organic growth initiatives, and general corporate purposes.

Q.15. Which bank has approved \$100 Mn for Skill Development in Sikkim?

A) World Bank

B) New Development Bank

C) Asian Development Bank

D) International Monetary Fund

Answer: A

- ✓ World Bank Approves \$100 Mn For Skill Development In Sikkim
- ✓ The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a new project to support the state of Sikkim's efforts to train, upskill, and provide jobs for 300,500 women and youth in high-growth and priority sectors.
- ✓ Sikkim has been one of the fastest-growing states in India. While over 40 percent of youth are currently engaged in agriculture, the state has a growing manufacturing and services industry.
- ✓ The \$100 million Sikkim: Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Reviving Economies (INSPIRES)

 Operation will establish an Employment and Entrepreneurship Promotion Facility, which will promote partnerships with private-sector firms, central agencies, and business associations.

Q.16. Beverage major Coca-Cola has extended its partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) till ____.

A) 2031

B) 2028

C) 2029

Aparch D) 2030

Answer: A

- ✓ Coca-Cola extends partnership with ICC till 2031
- ✓ Beverage major Coca-Cola has extended its partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for eight years, encompassing ICC World events across all three formats, up until the end of 2031.
- ✓ This eight-year partnership as a Global Partner of the ICC confirmed the collaboration as one of the longestever associations formed by the ICC with a single brand, spanning a total timeline of 13 years (2019-2031).
- ✓ The partnership will see the Coca-Cola Company's brands becoming exclusive non-alcoholic beverage partners. The agreement includes all men's and women's events at the pinnacle of the sport including the ICC Cricket World Cups, ICC T20 World Cups, and ICC Champions Trophies through to the end of 2031

- Q.17. Which bank has signed a \$165 million Line of Credit (LoC) from the World Bank to support grid-connected rooftop solar photovoltaic projects in residential and institutional sectors?
 - A) Punjab National Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) State Bank of India

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer: C

- ✓ The country's biggest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a \$165 million Line of Credit (LoC) from the World Bank in Delhi to support grid-connected rooftop solar photovoltaic projects in residential and institutional sectors.
- ✓ In September, SBI said that it plans to make home loans with rooftop solar installations mandatory for residential projects funded from the bank's long-term climate action funds drawn down from multilateral agencies.
- ✓ The lender has outstanding forex loans of \$2.3 billion from multilateral agencies, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and KfW of Germany.
- ✓ SBI is raising its exposure to green initiatives, including funding green buildings, battery recycling, and solar rooftop plans, among others.
- ✓ SBI also signed Rs 1,800 crore in LoC with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to support climate action projects in the country.
- ✓ On December 14, SBI signed Rs 630 crore in LoC with German Development Bank KfW to promote solar projects in India.
- Q.18. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has approved a loan of how much crore rupees to support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) initiatives in India?

A) Rs 932 crore

B) Rs 876 crore

C) Rs 647 crore

D) Rs 789 crore

Answer: A

- ✓ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has finalized a loan of approximately ₹932 Crore to support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) initiatives in India.
- ✓ This loan will fund projects overseen by NITI Aayog. These projects are set to impact 112 aspirational districts and 500 aspirational blocks nationwide.

- The initiatives will concentrate on promoting policy actions, implementing effective practices, and enhancing the Japan-India partnership through the exchange of human resources.
- ✓ Based on consultations with NITI Aayog, policy actions in five fields, such as health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development, and basic infrastructure are prioritized and identified as policy matrix pillars are set in those fields.
- ✓ In January 2019, JICA had signed an initial loan agreement with India for about ₹950 crore, marking the first phase of the "Program for Japan-India Cooperative Actions towards Sustainable Development Goals in India.
- ✓ As part of the second phase, running from April 2021 to March 2026, JICA will monitor and evaluate the quantitative and qualitative outcomes of these policy actions across three tranches.
- Q.19. NABARD and which organization have launched an initiative to facilitate climate action in India's agriculture, natural resources, and rural development sector with tech support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation?

A) World Bank

B) New Development Bank

C) African Development Bank

D) Asian Development Bank

Answer: D

- ✓ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have launched an initiative to facilitate climate action in India's agriculture, natural resources, and rural development sector.
- ✓ Under this initiative, a Technical Support Unit has been set up in Nabard with the partnership of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to enable the agri lender to address the challenges posed by climate change, particularly in the areas of agriculture and rural livelihood sectors in India.
- ✓ NABARD is committed to not just support rural financial institutions in India to identify and abate climate risks but also channel global pools of climate capital into India's ANR sector.
- Q.20. Which Insurance Company has introduced a new insurance product known as T.U.L.I.P Term with **Unit Linked Insurance Plan?**

A) Universal Sompo General Insurance B) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance

C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

D) Bharti AXA General Insurance

Answer: B

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company has introduced a new insurance product known as T.U.L.I.P Term with Unit Linked Insurance Plan.
- ✓ This is a unit-linked term insurance plan designed to provide life coverage up to 100 times the annual premium, allowing customers to potentially earn returns similar to a unit-linked insurance plan (ULIP).
- ✓ In addition to life coverage, it offers extra protection against critical illnesses and accidental death
- ✓ TULIP offers our customers comprehensive protection like a term plan and also the opportunity to grow their wealth like a ULIP. It is aimed at taking care of our customer's core financial needs.
- Q.21. Japanese conglomerate SoftBank sold shares worth __ in omnichannel retailer FirstCry.

A) \$310 million

B) \$420 million

C) \$250 million

D) \$505 million

Answer: A

- ✓ Japanese conglomerate SoftBank has sold shares worth \$310 million in omnichannel retailer FirstCry, which is likely to file a draft paper for IPO this week.
- ✓ SoftBank recently sold shares worth Rs 630 crore in FirstCry. It was picked up by a few high-net-worth individuals.
- ✓ With this sale, SoftBank has realized \$310 million from two rounds of stake sale in FirstCry.
- ✓ SoftBank had invested \$400 million in FirstCry at an enterprise valuation of \$900 million and SoftBank is still left with shares valued in the range of \$800-900 million which it will sell later.
- Q.22. Who has been appointed as the interim MD and CEO of Merger-bound North East Small Finance Bank?

A) Pratibha Parkar

B) Gaurav Ahluwalia

C) Satish Kumar Kalra

D) Rudrendra Tandon

Answer: C

- ✓ Merger-bound North East Small Finance Bank has appointed Satish Kumar Kalra as interim MD and CEO, following the approval of the bank's board and the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✓ Kalra was earlier MD, CEO (in-charge), and Executive Director at Andhra Bank, which was later merged with Union Bank of India.
- ✓ RBI had granted its no-objection certificate (NOC) for the proposed merger of the small finance bank with Fintech Slice in October 2023.

Q.23. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

A) Ajaneesh Kumar

B) Devyani Khobragade

C) Vijay Singh Chauhan

D) Pramod Agrawal

Answer: D

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the appointment of Pramod Agrawal as the new Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- ✓ Agrawal's tenure will start on January 17, 2024, as per a regulatory filing by the stock exchange.
- ✓ He will replace SS Mundra.
- ✓ Agrawal, a former IAS officer, previously held the position of Chairman at Coal India till June 2023.
- ✓ About the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE):
- ✓ It is the oldest and largest stock exchange in India.
- ✓ It was established in 1875 as the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association.
- ✓ In 1957, the Indian Government gave recognition to the BSE under the Securities Contracts Regulations Act.
- ✓ It is located on Dalal Street, Mumbai, and lists over 6000 companies.
- ✓ BSE boasts a variety of trading options in equity, fiat, debt instruments, derivatives, and mutual funds.
- ✓ In addition, it offers multiple trading services like clearing, settlement, risk management, and investor awareness.
- ✓ BSE market complies with the regulatory guidelines imposed by SEBI to ensure investors' safety and capital market efficiency.
- ✓ What is Sensex?
- ✓ Sensex is the benchmark index of the BSE.
- ✓ It was launched on January 1, 1986, as a basket of 30 stocks representing the country's largest, financially-sound companies listed on the BSE.
- ✓ The term 'Sensex' is a blend of words 'Sensitive' and 'Index' and was coined by stock market expert Deepak Mohini.
- ✓ The Sensex reflects the movements in the Indian stock market. It is considered the benchmark index of the Indian stock market.

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Q.1. V	/enki Ramakrishnan	shared the 2009	Nobel Prize in	n which field wit	th Thomas Steitz and	l Ada Yonath
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A) Physics

B) Chemistry

C) Literature

D) Medicine

Answer: B

- ✓ Venki Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath.
- ✓ Prize motivation: " for studies of the structure and function of the Ribosome".
- Q.2. The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the __ in 1991.

A) Infosys Foundation

B) KK Birla Foundation

C) Wipro Foundation

D) Pirojsha Godrej Foundation

Answer: B

- ✓ Bihari Puraskar is a literary award instituted by K. K. Birla Foundation in 1991.
- ✓ The award is named after the famous Hindi poet Bihari and is awarded to an outstanding work published in Hindi or Rajasthani by a Rajasthani writer in the last 10 years.
- Q.3. Mufin finance, one of the leading NBFC's has received in principle RBI approval for issuance of semi close prepaid payment instruments. Identify the correct statement regarding NBCF's
 - I. NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
 - II. NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system.
 - III. NFC scan issue cheques drawn on itself.

A) Only I

B) Only III

C) Both I and II

D) Both II and III

Answer: A

- ✓ The two statements:
- ✓ NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
- ✓ NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system. are true.
- Q.4. Which of the following is the goalpost of payments vision 2025?

A) integrity

B) inclusion

C) innovation

D) all of the above

Answer: D



C) Tiger

Answer: D

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Q.5.	Which of the following is the current Union Minister of Women and Child Development?				
	A) Smriti Zubin Irani	B) Bhupender Yadav			
	C) SarbanandaSonowal	D) Dharmendra Pradhan			
Ansv	wer: A				
Q.6.	Recently, Safran has recently announce facility in Hyderabad, Telangana?	ced to establish the largest and the first aircraft engine MRO			
	A) Japan	B) Russia			
	C) France	D) United States			
Ansv	wer: C				
Q.7.	In which state Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife is situated at?				
	A) Maharashtra	B) Gujarat			
	C) Goa	D) Madhya Pradesh			
Ansv	wer: C				
Q.8.	Ghode Modni is a folk dance of which Indian state?				
	A) Goa	B) Rajasthan			
	C) Tripura	D) Arunachal Pradesh			
Ansv	wer: A	War War			
Q.9.	Where is the North Atlantic Treaty Or	ganization (NATO) headquartered?			
	A) Vienna, Austria	B) Brussels, Belgium			
	C) Geneva, Switzerland	D) Paris, France			
Ansv	wer:B				
Q.10.	of India?				
	A) Panther	B) Lion			

D) Elephant



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