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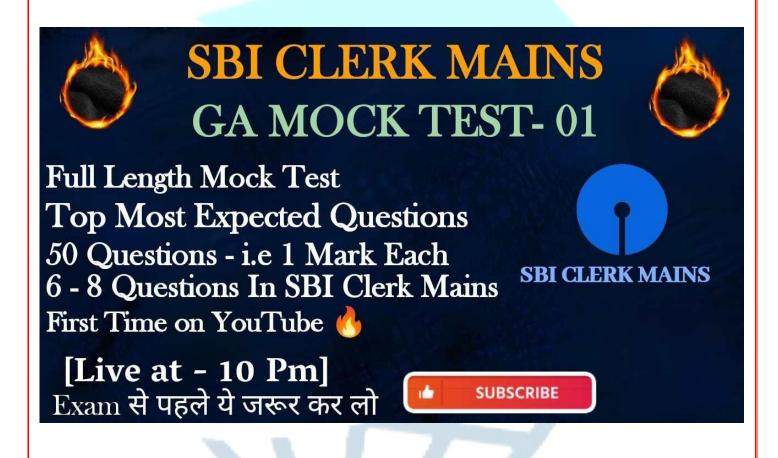
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#### **Aparchit 5 January English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024**

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

#### Q.1. Who has become the first company to achieve ISCC-Plus certification?

A) Shriram Chemical

B) Reliance Industry

C) Adani Group

D) Wipro technologies

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Reliance Industries Limited's (RIL) Jamnagar Refinery has become the first refinery in India to produce ISCC-Plus certified chemically recycled polymers.
- ✓ RIL's Jamnagar Refinery located in the state of Gujarat has now become ISCC-Plus certified.
- ✓ ISCC Plus is an internationally recognized certification

#### **INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023**

- Reliance Industries Achieves India's First ISCC-Plus Certification.
- 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. Consider the following statements regarding the SMART (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals) Program:
  - 1. It intends to promote robust clinical studies in Ayurveda academic institutions/hospitals across India.
  - 2. It is an initiative of NITI Aayog.

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) along with National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has launched 'SMART 2.0' program.
- ✓ Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research among Teaching professionals (SMART) program promotes robust clinical studies in priority areas of Ayurveda with Ayurveda academic institutions/hospitals across the country through mutual collaboration.
- ✓ The objective of 'SMART 2.0' is to generate a tangible evidence to demonstrate efficacy and safety of Ayurveda interventions using interdisciplinary research methods and translating it into public health care.
- ✓ The study aims at safety, tolerability and adherence to Ayurveda formulations in the priority research areas of Bal Kasa, malnutrition, insufficient lactation, Abnormal Uterine Bleeding, Osteoporosis in postmenopausal women and Diabetes Mellitus (DM) II.
- ✓ What is CCRAS?
- ✓ It is an autonomous body of the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India.
- ✓ It is an apex body in India for the formulation, coordination, development and promotion of research on scientific lines in Ayurveda and Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine
- Q.3. Which wildlife sanctuary was recently included in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme?

A) Kotagarh Wildlife Sanctuary

B) Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary

C) Hadagarh Wildlife Sanctuary

D) Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary

#### Answer: D

✓ The Ministry of Tourism has included Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme.

- ✓ Swadesh Darshan Program was started in the year 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, which is a 100% centrally funded scheme.
- ✓ Debrigadh Wildlife Sanctuary is located near Hirakud Dam (Mahanadi River) in Bargarh district of Odisha.
- Q.4. Consider the following statements regarding the Swadesh Darshan Scheme:
  - 1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched by the Union Ministry of Culture.
  - 2. Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the projects is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Kármán line lacks a specific national demarcation, resembling the concept of international waters.
- ✓ About Swadesh Darshan Scheme:
- ✓ It was launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country.
- ✓ It is 100% centrally funded scheme.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State governments, Union Territory Administrations or Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.
- ✓ Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is the responsibility of the respective State Government/UT Administration.
- ✓ Swadesh Darshan 2.0:
- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations covering tourism and allied infrastructure, tourism services, human capital development, destination management and promotion backed by policy and institutional reforms.
- ✓ The objective for the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme envisage increase in private sector investment in tourism & hospitality.
- ✓ It may help in increasing Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in the field of tourism and operation and maintenance of the created assets under the scheme.

Q.5. In which state was 'Rahat Vani Kendra' inaugurated for early disaster warning?

A) Bihar

B) Uttarakhand

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh State Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra inaugurated 'Rahat Vani Kendra' (RVC), an observatory for early disaster warning.
- ✓ Its objective is to provide early disaster warning, forecasting, ensure timely relief delivery and direct benefit transfer of compensation to the victims.
- ✓ It has been set up in Lalbagh area of Lucknow where a team of six personnel is working

#### **UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ Uttar Pradesh State Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra inaugurated 'Rahat Vani Kendra' (RVC), an observatory for early disaster warning.
- 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.
- > Uttar Pradesh has achieved the highest entry rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform.
- A high-level delegation from the Uttar Pradesh government is set to participate in the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has linked big institutions like the CSIR and DRDO with the Bulk Drug Park and made them its knowledge partners.
- Ayodhya, the temple city on the banks of the Saryu River in Uttar Pradesh, marked a spectacular Deepotsav on Saturday, setting a new Guinness World Record with the lighting of 22.23 lakh earthen lamps across 51 ghats.
- > President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show at India Expo Center and Mart in Greater Noida.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for the solarisation of residential units at Ayodhya and for bio-energy and renewable project financing.

- Ashok Leyland has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the government of Uttar Pradesh to set up an integrated commercial vehicle bus plant focused on green mobility in Uttar Pradesh.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has decided to organize a campaign under Road Safety Fortnight from July 17 to 31.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has decided to cancel all Traffic Chalan for private and commercial vehicle owners pending from 2017 to 2021.
- ➤ UP holds 2nd position in GI tagged products.
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag.
- ➤ The ODOP crafts which have got GI tag include Mainpuri Tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura Stone Craft and Sambhal Horn Craft.
- > Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags, followed by UP and Karnataka with 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.
- > The state government has given green signal to the project of setting Uttar Pradesh a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- > Uttar Pradesh introduces "School Health Program" digital health cards for children.
- > The online rural education initiative 'Pahal' was officially launched by Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra at Government UP Sainik Inter College in Sarojini Nagar.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh on track to be first Indian state with 100% EVs in govt depts.
- ➤ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the India's first urban transport ropeway on March 24, 2023, in Varanasi.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has launched the portal for the creation of 'Family ID One Family One Identity'.
- > Uttarakhand won the first prize for its tableau, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the second and third positions respectively.
- > Uttar Pradesh came in third with its tableau commemorating Ayodhya's Deepotsav.
- > Uttar Pradesh Government Launched 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' Campaign.

- Uttar Pradesh tops charts for mobile gaming destination in India.
- Taj Mahotsav Starts In Agra of Uttar Pradesh.
- ➤ UP first all-woman PAC battalions formed by Uttar Pradesh Govt.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh tops in India, 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- ➤ Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida.
- Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021.
- Agriculture Minister of India, Narendra Singh Tomar, has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the national crop insurance portal.
- ➤ Kannuj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- > Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India.
- > Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region
- Q.6. Consider the following statements regarding the Kochi-Lakshadweep islands submarine optical fiber connection project:
  - 1. It aims to increase in internet connectivity to eleven Lakshadweep Islands.
  - 2. It is funded by Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF).

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Recently, the Prime Minister of India in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep, inaugurated Kochi-Lakshadweep islands submarine optical fiber connection (KLI-SOFC) project.
- ✓ It is the submarine cable connectivity project from Mainland (Kochi) to eleven Lakshadweep Islands namely, Kavaratti, Agatti, Amini, Kadmat, Chetlet, Kalpeni, Minicoy, Androth, Kiltan, Bangaram and Bitra has been extended.
- ✓ The project is funded by Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF), Department of Telecommunication.



- ✓ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) was the Project Executing Agency and the work was awarded to M/s NEC Corporation India Pvt Ltd through Global Open Tendering process.
- ✓ The major activities related to the project include Marine Route Survey, Submarine Cable laying, Civil Construction of CLS stations, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of End Terminals (SLTE).
- ✓ Significance of the project
- ✓ The KLI-SOFC project will lead to an increase in internet speed unlocking new possibilities & opportunities.
- ✓ For the first time since independence, Lakshadweep will be connected through Submarine Optic Fibre Cable.
- ✓ The dedicated submarine OFC will ensure a paradigm shift in communication infrastructure in the Lakshadweep islands, enabling faster and more reliable internet services, telemedicine, e-governance, educational initiatives, digital banking, digital currency usage, digital literacy etc.
- Q.7. Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the National Street Food Festival 2023 in which city?

A) New Delhi

B) Chennai

C) Bengaluru

D) Hyderabad

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas, has inaugurated the National Street Food Festival 2023 in New Delhi.
- ✓ This street food festival was organized by the National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- ✓ This festival is the first 'Zero Waste Street Food Festival' in India.
- ✓ The Minister appreciated NASVI for providing training to 1,50,000 street vendors in food safety and hygiene. He also noted the establishment of two Regional Street Food Vendors Training Institutes (SVTI) which will be launched by NASVI in 2024 in Delhi and Patna.

#### **FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023**

National Street Food Festival: New Delhi

Kuno Forest Festival : Madhya Pradesh

> 'Shar Amartala Torgya' Festival : Arunachal Pradesh

> 24th Hornbill Festival : Nagaland



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➤ Dhillo festival : Goa

➤ India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 : Faridabad, Haryana

> Arattu festival : Kerala

> Banni festival : Andhra Pradesh

Zanskar Festival: Ladakh

Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival: New Delhi

Nuakhai festival : Odisha

Nadi Utsav : 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

> Bonalu Festival : Telangana

Kharchi Puja : Tripura

Palkhi festival : Maharashtra

Raja festival: Odisha

➤ Kheer Bhawani Mela : Jammu and Kashmir

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➤ 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.8. Consider the following statements regarding Kavaratti Island:
  - 1. It is located in the centre of the Lakshadweep archipelago.
  - 2. It is being developed as a smart city under the flagship Smart Cities Mission.

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Prime Minister received a warm welcome in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep, recently as he arrived to inaugurate and lay the foundation for numerous development projects.
- ✓ About Kavaratti Island:
- ✓ Kavaratti is the capital of Lakshadweep (smallest Union Territory of India) and its most developed island.
- ✓ It lies 360 km of the coast of the State of Kerala.
- ✓ It is located in the centre of the Lakshadweep archipelago. It is located between Agatti Island on the west and Andrott Island on the east.
- ✓ It has an area of 4.22 sq km. The maximum length of the island is 5.8 km, and width is 1.6 km.
- ✓ The island is 2 to 5 m above the mean sea level on the western side and 2 to 3 m on the eastern side.
- ✓ Languages Spoken: Malayalam and Mahl

- ✓ Karavatti has been selected as one of the hundred Indian cities to be developed as a smart city under the flagship Smart Cities Mission.
- Q.9. Kuna National Park is located near which one of the following mountain ranges?
  - A) Vindhya

B) Aravalli

C) Eastern Ghats

D) Western Himalayas

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Three cubs were born to the Namibian cheetah Aasha at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district recently.
- ✓ About Kuna National Park:
- ✓ Location:
- ✓ It is located in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ It is nestled near the Vindhyan Hills.
- ✓ It is named after the Kuno River (one of the main tributaries of the Chambal River) that cuts across it.
- Q.10. Consider the following statements regarding Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC):
  - 1. It is a statutory body.
  - 2. It works under the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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 Quality Council of India (QCI) and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) recently signed an initial pact to enhance the quality of the latter's products, train artisans, and introduce 'Made in India' label for Khadi.
- ✓ About Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC):
- ✓ It is a statutory body established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956.
- ✓ It is an apex organization under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, with regard to khadi and village industries within India.

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- ✓ The KVIC is charged with the planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes for the development of Khadi and other village industries in rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.
- ✓ The following are the schemes covered under the KVIC:
- ✓ Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
- ✓ Market Promotion Development Assistance (MPDA)
- ✓ Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC)
- ✓ Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans
- ✓ Strengthening the infrastructure of existing weak Khadi institutions and assistance for marketing infrastructure
- ✓ Khadi Reform and Development Programme (KRDP)
- ✓ Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)
- ✓ Honey Mission
- Q.11. Consider the following statements regarding the Square Kilometer Array Observatory:
  - 1. It is the world's biggest radio telescope to address a wide variety of scientific goals.
  - 2. India is part of this international mega science project.

A) 1 only

Aparch B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Government of India has accorded its approval for India's participation in the international mega science project, Square Kilometer Array (SKA), at an estimated cost of 1250 Cr rupees.
- ✓ It is a state of the art, mega science international facility to build the world's biggest and most sensitive radio telescope for addressing a wide variety of cutting-edge science goals.
- ✓ The SKAO, collocated in Australia (SKA-Low) and South Africa (SKA-Mid) with operational headquarters in the UK, is expected to revolutionize radio astronomy, while driving the growth of many important new state-of-the-art technologies

- ✓ Other ten countries involved are Australia, Canada, China, India, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, and the Netherlands.
- ✓ India and SKAO
- ✓ Subsequent to this approval, India will be signing the SKAO treaty to become a full-fledged member of the SKA Observatory and thus join the growing list of countries participating in the project.
- ✓ This approval covers funding support for the construction phase of the international SKA Observatory (SKAO) spread over the next 7 years.
- ✓ The project will be jointly funded by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Department of Science and Technology (DST), with DAE as the lead agency.
- ✓ The Indian participation in SKA is a truly nationwide, inclusive project led by a consortium of more than 20 academic and research institutes (with NCRA-TIFR as the nodal institute).
- Q.12. Consider the following statements regarding the Fog Pass Devices:
  - 1. It is a GPS based navigation device which provides on-board real-time information.
  - 2. It is suitable only to diesel locomotives.

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Recently, to ensure smooth rail operations, Indian Railways have provisioned 19,742 Fog Pass Devices during the foggy weather.
- ✓ It is a GPS based navigation device that helps the loco pilot to navigate during dense fog conditions.
- ✓ It provides on-board real-time information (Display as well as voice guidance) to Loco Pilots regarding location of fixed landmarks such as Signal, Level Crossing gate (Manned & Unmanned), Permanent Speed Restrictions, Neutral Sections etc.
- ✓ It displays approach indications of next three approaching fixed landmarks in geographical order accompanied with voice message approximately 500m on approach.
- ✓ General features of Fog Pass Device
- ✓ Suitable for all types of sections like single line, double line, electrified as well as non electrified sections.
- ✓ Suitable for all types of electric and diesel locomotives, EMUs/MEMUs/ DEMUs.

- ✓ Suitable for train speeds up to 160 KMPH.
- ✓ It has built-in re-chargeable battery back-up for 18 hrs.
- ✓ It is portable, compact in size, light in weight (not more than 1.5 Kg including battery) and of robust design.
- ✓ Loco Pilot can carry the device easily with him to the locomotive on resuming his duty.
- ✓ It can be easily placed on the cab desk of locomotive.
- ✓ It is a standalone system.
- ✓ It is unaffected by weather conditions like Fog, Rain or Sunshine.
- Q.13. With reference to Sikki grass, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is known as golden grass due to its golden luster on drying.
  - 2. It is mainly grown in the Deccan Plateau region.
  - 3. It is used in making handicrafts.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Sikki artisans suffer livelihood losses amid climate change and failed promise of government in providing financial help in setting up of Sikki stalls in countrywide trade fairs held round the year.
- ✓ Sikki grass belongs to the zizanoides grass family.
- ✓ It is a rich yellowish variety of reed grass, locally known as 'Kaincha' is called Golden Grass due to its golden luster on drying.
- ✓ Scientifically called Chrysopogon zizanioides, it finds mention in ancient Sanskrit texts such as the Ramayana, where it is referred to as viran, sugandhimool, ushir and nalad.
- ✓ This grass grows indigenously in the Tarai regions of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and has an average height of 3-4 feet.
- ✓ Hence only statements 1 and 3 are correct.

#### Q.14. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Indian Naval Staff?

A) Krishna Swaminathan

B) Dinesh K Tripathi

C) Sanjay Jasjit Singh

D) Kiran Deshmukh

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi officially assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.
- ✓ Earlier he was serving as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command.
- ✓ Vice Admiral Tripathi joined the Indian Navy on 1 July 1985.
- ✓ Presently the Chief of the Indian Naval Staff is Admiral R. This is Hari Kumar.
- Q.15. Who has recently been appointed Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee?
  - A) Justice BR Gavai

B) Justice Sanjeev Khanna

C) Justice Ajay Sinha

D) Justice Satish Chandra Sharma

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Supreme Court judge, Justice BR Gavai has been nominated as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- ✓ Justice Gavai has replaced senior judge Justice Sanjeev Khanna
- Q.16. In which city did the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh inaugurate the five-day winter carnival?
  - A) Manali

B) Kasol

C) Shimla

D) Baddi

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the five-day winter carnival in Manali.
- ✓ He also inaugurated the cultural program at Manu Rangashala, the stage of the five-day festival.
- ✓ There will be presentations of 25 cultural groups from different states in the carnival.
- Q.17. Beatrice Chebet smashed the women's world 5km record in Barcelona. She is from which country?

A) Ethiopia

B) Kenya

C) Zimbabwe

D) Iran

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Kenya's Beatrice Chebet smashed the women's world 5km record in Barcelona.
- ✓ The 23-year-old's time of 14min 13sec improved on the previous women-only world record of 14:29 set by Ethiopia's Senbere Teferi in September 2021.

- ✓ Her performance also bettered the women's world record set in a mixed race of 14:19, achieved by Ethiopia's Ejegayehu Taye at the same Barcelona meet in 2021.
- ✓ Taye finished second behind Chebet on Sunday, clocking 14:21, while Kenya's Lilian Kasait Rengeruk was third in 14:26 as the top three dipped under the previous women-only world record mark.
- Q.18. Legal scholar Professor Ved Prakash Nanda passed away recently. In which year was he given the Padma Bhushan award?

A) 2020

B) 2017

C) 2018

D) 2019

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Legal scholar Professor Ved Prakash Nanda passed away.
- ✓ Professor Nanda was a distinguished academic whose contributions to the legal field are invaluable and his work highlights his strong com mitment to legal education.
- ✓ Professor Ved Prakash Nanda was also a prominent member of the Indian diaspora in USA and was passionate about strong India-USA relations.
- ✓ In 2018, Professor Ved Prakash Nanda had received the prestigious Padma Bhushan award.
- ✓ As a professor of International Law at the University of Denver, Colorado, Prof. Nanda carved a significant niche in the academic realm. He served as President of the World Jurist Association, honorary Vice President of the American Society of International Law and in advisory council of the United States Institute of Human Rights.
- Q.19. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Executive Director (Management) of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres?

A) Ban Ki-moon

B) Amina J. Mohammed

C) Andrew Saberton

D) Monica Ferro

#### Answer: C

- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Andrew Paul Saberton of the United Kingdom as Assistant Secretary-General to serve as Deputy Executive Director (Management) of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- ✓ Saberton succeeds Ib Petersen of Denmark, to whom the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UNFPA are grateful for his dedicated service.

- ✓ Saberton has served as the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director (Management) ad interim since November 2023 and as UNFPA Comptroller and Director for the Division of Management Services since September 2016.
- ✓ Previously, he was the Chief of the Finance Branch (2011-2016) and Chief of the Accounts Section (2009-2011) at UNFPA, and a Senior Finance Officer at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (2001-2009).
- Q.20. Which of the following interest rate on small savings scheme is not correct under the January-March 2024?
  - A) Senior Citizen Savings Scheme 8.2%
  - B) National Savings Certificate 7.7%
  - C) Public Provident Fund Scheme 7.4%%
  - D) Sukanya Samriddhi Account 8.2%

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Centre hiked the interest rates of some of the small savings schemes, such as Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme, and 3-year Time Deposit, for the January-March 2024 quarter.
- ✓ As per the latest revised list, the interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme will be 8.2%, while for 3-year TD it would be 7.1% for the last quarter of the current fiscal.
- ✓ Earlier, the interest rates for the Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme and 3-year TD were 8.0%, and 7.1%, respectively.
- ✓ The PPF rates were kept unchanged for more than 3 years. It was last tweaked in April-June 2020, when it was slashed to 7.1 percent from 7.9 percent.
- ✓ Before the revision, the interest rates on small savings schemes ranged between 4 percent (post office savings deposits) and 8.2 percent (Senior Citizens Savings Scheme).
- ✓ Interest rates for Jan-March 2024
- ✓ Savings Deposit- 4 per cent
- ✓ National Saving Certificates (NSC)- 7.7 percent
- ✓ Kisan Vikas Patra- 7.5 percent (will mature in 115 months)
- ✓ Public Provident Fund- 7.1 per cent
- ✓ Sukanya Samriddhi Account- 8.2 per cent

- ✓ Senior Citizens Savings Scheme- 8.2 per cent
- Q.21. Which country has initiated the process of investing \$2 billion in food parks in India?

A) UAE

B) Saudi Arabia

C) Qatar

D) Iran

#### Answer: A

- ✓ UAE has initiated the process of channelising its long-promised \$2-billion investments into food parks in India, starting with Gujarat, after the two countries sorted out concerns on curbs imposed by the Essential Commodities Act.
- ✓ The investments are being made as part of the four-nation I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) initiative to develop a series of integrated food parks across India to enhance food security in the Middle East and South Asia.
- ✓ The first food park is likely to be set up on land near Kandla where the investors would get into contract farming arrangements with locals.
- ✓ The UAE had first promised in 2018 to invest in food parks in India which later got dovetailed into the I2U2 initiative announced at the Leaders' Summit in July 2022.
- ✓ It was virtually attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Israeli Prime Minister (former) Yair Lapid, and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- ✓ These food parks would incorporate state-of-the-art climate-smart technologies to reduce food waste and spoilage, conserve fresh water, and employ renewable energy sources, per the joint statement signed by the leaders at the Summit.
- Q.22. Defence Secretary, Giridhar Aramane has inaugurated a new design and test facility at Aero Engine Research and Development Centre (AERDC) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in which city?

A) Chennai

B) Bengaluru

C) Mumbai

D) New Delhi

#### Answer: B

✓ Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane has inaugurated a new design and test facility at Aero Engine Research and Development Centre (AERDC) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.



- ✓ The newly inaugurated facility, spanning over 10,000 sq. meters, is poised to be a hub of innovation in the field of aerospace engineering.
- ✓ Additionally, the newly developed facility has set-ups for testing air producers of Jaguar, Gas Turbine Starter Unit (GTSU) 110 M2 and 127E of Light Combat Aircraft, Auxiliary Power Units of IMRH and Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, Gas Turbine Electrical Generator (GTEG)-60 for An-32 aircraft.

#### STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 5 January 2024

Q.1.	Scheduled banks	s are included under	which schedule o	f the RBI act 1934?
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A) 1st schedule

B) 2nd schedule

C) 3rd schedule

D) 4th schedule

#### Answer: B

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

A) Rs. 2 lakhs

B) Rs. 4 lakhs

C) Rs. 5 lakhs

D) Rs. 20 lakhs

#### Answer: C

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

A) 50

R) 35

C) 45

D) 15

#### Answer: A

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

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

A) ₹20 lakhs

B) ₹50 lakhs

C) ₹ 1 crore

D) ₹5 crores

Answer: D



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

A) Indian bank

- B) Canara Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) Syndicate Bank

#### Answer: D

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

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Gujarat

C) Maharashtra

D) Bihar

#### Answer: B

✓ First co-operative bank in India is Anyonya Co-operative Bank Limited (ACBL), which is based in Vadodara (previously Baroda) in Gujarat

- Q.7. The local area bank scheme was introduced in August 1996. What is the minimum paid up capital required for setting up of local area banks?
  - A) Rs. 1 crore

B) Rs. 2 crores

C) Rs. 5 crores

D) Rs. 10 crores

#### Answer: C

Q.8. What is the number of digits used to represent the universal account number?

A) 10

B) 2(

C) 12

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#### Answer: C

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

A) digital code

B) alphabetic code

C) alpha-numerical code

D) Roman code

#### Answer: B

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

A) Postpaid Payment Instrument

B) Prepaid Payment Instrument

C) PostOffice Payment Inclusion

D) none of the above

#### Answer: B

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