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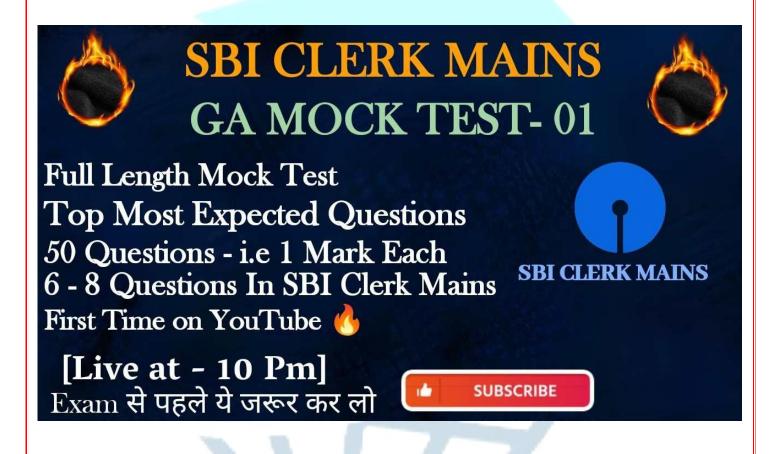
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Aparchit 4&5 February English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

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- Q.1. The GHAR Portal, recently seen in the news, is launched to:
  - A) monitor and track the restoration of historical landmarks
  - B) digitally track and monitor the restoration and repatriation of children
  - C) provide real-time weather updates
  - D) monitor environmental pollution levels

#### Answer: B

- ✓ GHAR GO Home and Re-Unite Portal have been developed and launched by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- ✓ About GHAR Portal:
- ✓ It is a portal to digitally monitor and track the restoration and repatriation of children according to the protocols under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and Rules thereof.
- ✓ It has been developed and launched by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- ✓ The following are the salient features of the portal:
- ✓ Digital tracking and monitoring of children who are in the Juvenile Justice system and have to be repatriated to another Country/State/District.
- ✓ Digital transfer of cases of children to the concerned Juvenile Justice Board/Child Welfare Committee of the State.

#### APP & PORTAL IN NEWS 2023 -24

- > GHAR GO Home and Re-Unite Portal have been developed and launched by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- ➤ Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs launched a web portal of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO) namely C-CARES.
- ➤ About C- CARES Portal:
- ➤ It is developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- ➤ Ministry of Communications launched the "Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal" on the sidelines of 'Bharat Telecom 2024'.

- ➤ About Bharat 5G Portal:
- ➤ It is a comprehensive platform serving the interests of startups, industry and academia in quantum, 6G, IPR and 5G domains
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application.
- ➤ About e-SAKSHI Application:
- ➤ It was launched for revised fund flow procedure under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) Scheme.
- National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD) project has introduced a mobile app 'Report Fish Disease' to track and monitor fish diseases across the country
- Q.2. Consider the following statements regarding the Exercise Vayu Shakti:
  - 1. It is held once every three years.
  - 2. It demonstrates the offensive and defensive capabilities of the Indian Air Force.

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 Indian Air Force will be conducting Exercise Vayu Shakti-24 on 17 February 2024 at the Pokhran Air to Ground Range, near Jaisalmer.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force is slated to carry out three large scale war games on February 17, namely, Vayu Shakti, Gagan Shakti and Tarang Shakti.
- ✓ It will be a riveting demonstration of the offensive and defensive capabilities of the IAF, spanning across day and night.
- ✓ The exercise will also showcase joint operations with the Indian Army.
- ✓ Exercise Vayu Shakti
- ✓ The IAF will first undertake the major "Vayu Shakti" firepower demonstration, which is held once every three years
- ✓ Gagan Shakti'

- ✓ The second mega exercise will be 'Gagan Shakti'.
- ✓ The exercise, which is held once in five years.
- ✓ Tarang Shakti
- ✓ The third major exercise, Tarang Shakti, would be the first ever multinational exercise to be held in the country.

#### **EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023-24**

- ➤ Indian Air Force will conduct mega exercise Vayu Shakti 2024 at Pokhran Range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on February 17.
- > The first edition of India-Saudi Arabia joint military exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' is being organized in Mahajan, Rajasthan
- ➤ India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) conducted a major air exercise, named 'Desert Knight', over the Arabian Sea.
- ➤ Indian Army contingent is taking part in the 2nd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE. The Exercise is being conducted at Anshas, Egypt.
- > 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR has commenced at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- ➤ The maiden Bilateral Maritime Exercise -Ayutthaya' between the Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) was conducted.
- ➤ The 12th edition of the Multilateral Naval Exercise 2024 (Milan) is set to take place at Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27.
- ➤ Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising 45 personnel reached Hanoi, Vietnam to take part in the Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023.
- This year's exercise will be conducted at Hanoi, Vietnam.
- ➤ Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023" commenced at the Joint
- > Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya.
- A joint military exercise, "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" is being conducted from November 16th to 29th, 2023, in Aundh (Pune), Maharashtra.
- It is a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lankan army.
- This year is the ninth edition of the exercis.

- > The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' is set to unfold its strategic manoeuvres along the Kerala and Mahe coasts.
- Coordinated by the Indian Coast Guard.
- Much-anticipated joint exercise 'Trishakti Prahar' recently began near the western border of Rajasthan in Jaisalmer.
- ➤ Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy were conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 09 Nov 2023.
- Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023 commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.
- ➤ It is a joint bilateral training exercise between Indian & Malaysian Armed Forces.
- ➤ The 19th edition of "EXERCISE YUDH ABHYAS" will be conducted from 25th September to 8th October
- ➤ 2023 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.

#### Q.3. Who among the following will be honoured with Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India?

A) Lal Krishna Advani

B) Ratan Tata

C) Amitabh Bachchan

D) Rajinikanth

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that veteran BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani will be honored with Bharat Ratna.
- ✓ About LK Advani
- ✓ Lal Krishna Advani was born on November 8, 1927 in Karachi, present-day Pakistan.
- ✓ He served as the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party for the longest period since its foundation in 1980.
- ✓ He was first Home Minister and later Deputy Prime Minister in the cabinet of Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1999–2004).
- ✓ He is one of the co-founders and Upar Advani ji served as the 7th Deputy PM. He is one of the co-founders of the BJP and a member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).
- ✓ About Bharat Ratna
- ✓ Bharat Ratna is India's highest civilian award and was instituted in 1954. It is awarded to any person regardless of his caste, occupation, status or gender.
- ✓ No monetary grant is given in this award.



- ✓ According to Article 18(1) of the Constitution, it cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the name of the recipient
- ✓ Few Facts About Bharat Ratna
- ✓ The first Bharat Ratna was provided to Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Sir C.V. Raman, and Chakravarti Rajaopalachari in 1954.
- ✓ In 2019, the award was given to three eminent personalities: Nanaji Deshmukh, Pranab Mukherjee and Bhupen Hazarika.
- ✓ Earlier, the PM also announced that former Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur will be posthumously awarded the highest civilian award Bharat Ratna
- Q.4. Who has been selected as a torchbearer for 2024 Paris Olympic Games?

A) Mary Kom

B) Neeraj Chopra

C) Abhinav Bindra

D) Sakshi Malik

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual gold medalist at the Olympic Games, has been selected as a torchbearer for the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
- ✓ He will be part of the Olympic torch relay to be held from April 16 to July 26.
- ✓ Bindra, a member of the Athletes Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), clinched the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle event at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.
- ✓ The Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay will begin in France on May 8th, 2024.
- ✓ Paris 2024 will feature the sport of 'Breaking' for the first time, which made its debut at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in 2018. Break-dancing, skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing will also be included in the list of sports at the Paris Olympics 2024
- Q.5. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA):
  - 1. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
  - 2. It extends financial assistance for setting up projects relating to renewable sources of energy.

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

- ✓ IREDA in partnership with its knowledge partner Boston Consulting Group (BCG) recently convened a Strategic Meeting focusing on key aspects of business expansion and initiatives aimed at cost reduction in fund utilization.
- ✓ About Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA):
- ✓ It is a Mini Ratna (Category–I) non-banking financial institution under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- ✓ It is a Public Limited Government Company established as a Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFC) in 1987.
- ✓ REDA has been notified as a "Public Financial Institution" under Section 4 'A' of the Companies Act, 1956, and registered as NBFC with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ IREDA is the single largest "Green Financier" in the country.
- ✓ Motto: ENERGY FOR EVER.
- ✓ Funding: IREDA generates its revenue through the interest and principal repayments from the projects it finances, as well as by raising funds from the market and through borrowings.

#### **IREDA IN NEWS 2023-24**

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Launches 'Pahal' Vigilance Journal
- ➤ IREDA Declared 2024 as 'Year of HR Development and Discipline'
- > IREDA CMD Pradip Kumar Das bagged 'CMD of the Year' award
- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) launched a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portal to improve transparency in CSR initiatives.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted an 'Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC)' status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).
- ➤ IREDA signs MoUs with Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda to co-finance Renewable Energy projects.
- > IREDA and Bank of Maharashtra partner to promote renewable energy adoption in India.
- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a Mini Ratna (Category I) has signed an a MoU with Government, Revenue Target for 2023-24 set at ₹ 4,350.

- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at NBCC Office Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi.
- ➤ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- ➤ It was incorporated as a Public Limited Company in the year 1987 as a 'Non-Banking Financial Institution'.
- ➤ It is a Miniratna (Category 1) type company functioning under the administrative control of 'Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- > Its function is to encourage projects related to new and renewable energy sources and to provide them financial assistance for their development.
- ➤ It has been notified as a 'Public Financial Institution' under section 4'A' of the 'Companies Act, 1956'.
- Chairman and Managing Director Pradip Kumar Das
- Q.6. With reference to the Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) scheme, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It provides assistance for the inclusive education of disabled children in classes IX-XII.
  - 2. It covers all children studying in both government and private schools.
  - 3. It is implemented by the School Education Department of the concerned State Governments/Union Territories.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

Aparch B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Karnataka Government recently suspended five officers for dereliction of duty in the implementation of the Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) scheme.
- ✓ About Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) scheme:
- ✓ IEDSS has been launched from the year 2009-10. This Scheme replaces the earlier scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).
- ✓ The aim of this scheme is to enable all students with disabilities to pursue four years of secondary education in an inclusive and enabling environment, after completing eight years of elementary schooling.

- ✓ It provides assistance for the inclusive education of disabled children in classes IX-XII.
- ✓ Implementing Agency:
- ✓ The School Education Department of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations are the implementing agencies.
- ✓ Central assistance for all items covered in the scheme is on 100 percent basis.
- ✓ The State governments are only required to make provisions for scholarship of Rs. 600/- per disabled child per annum.
- ✓ This scheme now subsumed under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) from 2013.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT IN NEWS 2023 – 24

- > Chhattisgarh has decided to start the Shri Ramlala Darshan (Ayodhya Dham) Scheme in the state.
- > Tamil Nadu has introduced guidelines for the "Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril" (Come Look For You, In Your Village) outreach program.
- > Uttar Pradesh government is transforming Ayodhya under its 'Navya Ayodhya' project.
- ➤ Jharkhand Launches 'Abua Awas Yojna' (AAY) Housing Scheme.
- Gujarat introduced the Gyan Sahayak Scheme.
- Assam has introduced an upgraded version of its poverty alleviation scheme called Orunodoi 2.0.
- Maharashtra government has launched Lek Ladki Yojana and Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana.
- Chhattisgarh has launched "Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas NYAY Yojana."
- Assam government is set to launch a new scheme called "Mukhyamantrir Atmanirbharshil Asom Abhiyan."
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu launched Mukhya Mantri Shramik Kalyan Yojana.
- > Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has granted approval for the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme.
- Jharkhand government has launched Mukhyamantri Gram Gadi Yojana.

#### Q.7. Cygnus X-1, recently seen in the news, is a:

A) artificial satellite

B) asteroid

C) exoplanet

D) black hole

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Astro Sat, India's first, dedicated multi-wavelength astronomy mission, accomplished the difficult task of measuring the X-ray polarisation of the Cygnus X-1 black hole system.
- ✓ It was discovered over four decades ago.
- ✓ It is one of the first confirmed black hole systems in our galaxy.
- ✓ The black hole in Cygnus X-1 is 20 times heavier than the Sun, and has a companion a heavy supergiant star (40 times more massive than the Sun) in a binary system.
- ✓ It is located at a distance that is about 400 times more than the distance between Earth and Sun.
- ✓ This process leads to the formation of a thin accretion disk which is responsible for soft X-rays.
- Q.8. Consider the following statements regarding the Law Commission of India:
  - 1. It is a non-statutory body constituted with a definite terms of reference.
  - 2. The first Law Commission of independent India was established under the chairmanship of M. C. Setalvad.

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 22nd Law Commission of India led by Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi has recommended that the offence of criminal defamation should be retained in the new criminal laws.
- ✓ It is a non-statutory body and is constituted by a notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice.
- ✓ It is constituted with a definite terms of reference to carry out research in the field of law and the Commission makes recommendations to the Government (in the form of Reports) as per its terms of reference.
- ✓ It functions to the Ministry of Law and Justice as an advisory body.
- ✓ History of Law Commission of India
- ✓ The first pre-independence law commission was established in 1834 by the British Government in India.
- ✓ It was established by the Charter Act of 1833 and was chaired by Lord Macaulay.
- ✓ This Commission was created for a period of three years and this practice has persisted ever since then, resulting in the reconstitution of Law Commissions every three years via executive orders.

✓ The Twenty Second Law Commission has been notified with effect from 21st February, 2020 for a term of 3 years.

#### **APPOINTMENT IN NEWS 2023-24**

- ➤ The government has appointed Nina Singh as the first woman Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- Anil Kumar Lahoti Appointed Chairman Of TRAI.
- > Daljit Singh Chaudhary appointed Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- ➤ Tshering Tobgay Re-Elected As Bhutan's Prime Minister.
- > Senthil Pandian C as the new ambassador to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, succeeding Brajendra Navnit.
- ➤ India's seasoned diplomat, Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, has officially become the Secretary General of BIMSTEC, succeeding Tenzin Lekphell from Bhutan.
- Ashwani Gupta Appointed as CEO of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone
- Raghuram Iyer appointed as CEO of Indian Olympic Association
- Vikas Sheel appointed Executive Director, Asian Development Bank
- Sanjiv Aggarwal Appointed CEO and MD of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)
- Rashmi Shukla becomes Maharashtra's first woman Director General of Police
- ➤ P Santhosh Appointed as MD of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).
- > Nadia Calvino Appointed as New President of the European Investment Bank
- Kia India Appoints Gwanggu Lee as New MD and CEO
- Q.9. Consider the following statements regarding Wheat Blast:
  - 1. It is a disease of wheat crop caused by a virus.
  - 2. It spreads through infected seeds, crop residues and spores.

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

- ✓ Researchers who have modeled for the first time how wheat blast will spread in the future found the fungal disease could reduce global wheat production by 13% until 2050.
- ✓ About Wheat Blast:
- ✓ Wheat blast, caused by the plant fungus Magnaporthe oryzae, is a fast-acting, severe disease of wheat that causes bleaching of the heads.
- ✓ Magnaporthe oryzae can infect many grasses, including barley, lolium, rice, and wheat, but specific isolates of this pathogen generally infect limited species; that is, wheat isolates infect preferably wheat plants but can use several more cereal and grass species as alternate hosts.
- ✓ History of the Outbreak:
- ✓ First found in Brazil in 1985, it spread quickly through South America, infecting around three million hectares of wheat within a decade.
- ✓ In 2016, it made it across to Bangladesh, and in 2020, it was confirmed in Africa, in crops in Zambia.

Q.10. The 7th session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was held from 29th January 2024 to 2nd February 2024 at which place?

A) Vishakapatnam

B) Kochi

C) Mumbai

D) Hyderabad

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#### Answer: B

- ✓ The 7th session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was held from 29th January 2024 to 2nd February 2024 at Kochi.
- ✓ It was established as one of the Commodity Committees under the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) in 2013.
- ✓ India hosts this prestigious Committee since the beginning and Spices Board India serves as the secretariat organization which organizes the Committee's sessions.
- ✓ In CCSCH 7th session quality standards for 5 spices, namely small cardamom, turmeric, juniper berry, allpice and star anise were finalised.
- ✓ Codex Alimentarius Commission
- ✓ It was jointly established by FAO and WHO.
- ✓ It is an international, intergovernmental body which is based in Rome.
- ✓ Members: It consists of 189 member countries.

✓ The Commission works in the six official languages of the UN.

#### **SUMMIT & CONFERENCE IN NEWS 2023-24**

- > 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) is being held in Davos, Switzerland from 15 January 2024.
- ➤ Theme of 54th meeting of WEF: 'Rebuilding Trust'.
- ➤ India launched Global Good Alliance for Gender Equity and Equality, at the World Economic Forum Summit at Davos, Switzerland, held from 15-19 January 2024.
- ➤ Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit- 2024 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, on 10 January 2024.
- ➤ Theme of 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit- 2024: 'Gateway to the Future'.
- ➤ India has been selected for the first time to chair and host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.
- ➤ The 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee will be held in New Delhi between 21 and 31 July 2024.
- > Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates joined BRICS as new full members. This group has now become an organization of 10 countries.
- Russia's tenure as Chairman of BRICS begins from January 1, 2024.
- ➤ 27th WAIPA World Investment Conference (WIC) started on 11 December 2023 in New Delhi
- ➤ India Internet Governance Forum 2023 (IIGF-2023) will be organized on 5 December 2023 in New Delhi.
- ➤ India is going to organize a three-day (4 to 6 December) Global Technology Summit (GTS) from 4 December 2023

#### Q.11. The INS Sandhayak is a:

A) naval destroyer

B) aircraft carrier

C) submarine

D) survey vessel ship

#### Answer: D

✓ The Indian Navy commissioned its latest survey vessel, Sandhayak, at Naval Dockyard in Vizag in the presence of defence minister.

- ✓ It is the first in a series of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships being constructed at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
- ✓ The primary purpose of the ship is to conduct comprehensive coastal and deep-water Hydrographic Surveys for Port and Harbour approaches, as well as determining navigational channels and routes.
- ✓ The operational zone extends up to maritime limits, covering the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and extended continental shelf.
- ✓ Powered by two diesel engines, the vessel boasts a speed capability exceeding 18 knots.
- ✓ Measuring 110 meters in length and displacing 3400 tons, INS Sandhayak has an indigenous content of over 80 per cent by cost.
- ✓ This ship is re-incarnated in its present avatar from erstwhile Sandhayak, which was decommissioned in 2021.

#### Q.12. The Theme state for the Surajkund International Crafts Mela in 2024 is \_ and the Partner nation is \_

A) Gujarat; and Tanzania

B) Himachal Pradesh; and Nepal

C) Assam; and Bangladesh

D) Uttar Pradesh; and Thailand

#### Answer: A

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2024 at Surajkund in Faridabad district, Haryana.
- ✓ Tanzania is a partner country for the mela, which reflects India's strong ties with the African Union. Gujarat is the theme state.
- ✓ The Surajkund Fair will continue till February 18.

#### Q.13. Who has been given the "Maha Gaurav 2024" award by by Maharashtra government?

A) Nikhil Wagh

B) Kavita Tungar

C) Wilson Jones

D) Khandu Rangnekar

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Nikhil Mukund Wagh, who works as a Public Relations Officer at Goa Shipyard Limited, was given the "Maha Gauray 2024" award.
- ✓ This award was handed to him by Ajit Pawar, the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, during a ceremony at Kaneri Math in Kolhapur.
- ✓ The award is a big deal because it recognizes Nikhil's great work in public relations.

Q.14. US State Department has approved how many Q-9B SkyGuardian drones to India for nearly \$4 billion?

A) 21

B) 31

C) 41

D) 52

#### Answer: B

- ✓ US State Department has given the go-ahead for the possible sale of 31 armed MQ-9B SkyGuardian drones, related missiles, and equipment to India for nearly \$4 billion.
- ✓ This comes after years of discussions between the two nations about such a deal.
- ✓ India has long expressed interest in buying large, armed drones from the United States, but certain bureaucratic hurdles have hindered progress towards finalizing the potential agreement.
- Q.15. Which state government will launch the annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign to eradicate filariasis diseases from February 5 to 15?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Bihar

D) Haryana

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government will launch the annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign to eradicate filariasis diseases from February 5 to 15.
- ✓ The campaign, to be carried out as part of a mission to eradicate filariasis from the state, will be conducted in 17 districts of the state.
- ✓ During the campaign, skilled health workers will go door-to-door and administer the medicine for prevention of filariasis to the entire population.
- ✓ The central government aims to eliminate filariasis from the country by 2027.
- Q.16. The Centre has announced an ambitious programme to upgrade how many standard rail coaches to Vande Bharat standards in Budget 2024?

A) 50000

B) 40000

C) 60000

D) 20000

#### Answer: B

✓ In a move to modernize the Indian Railways, the Centre has announced an ambitious programme to upgrade 40,000 standard rail coaches to Vande Bharat standards.

- ✓ This initiative, announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in while presenting the interim budget for fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25), aims to elevate the safety, convenience, and comfort of rail travel while also providing a boost to private sector railway manufacturers through new refurbishment contracts.
- ✓ The initiative to elevate regular rail bogies to Vande Bharat standards represents a substantial opportunity for railway sector players. The projected contracts are estimated to be worth ₹4,000 crore annually for the next few years.
- ✓ The comprehensive refurbishment of 40,000 coaches is planned to be phased over 8-10 years, with an approximate rate of 4,000 bogies per year.
- Q.17. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced that PM SVANIDHI, a flagship initiative focusing on street vendors has extended credit assistance to \_\_\_\_\_ street vendors across the country.
  - A) 78 lakh
  - B) 88 lakh
  - C) 98 lakh
  - D) 58 lakh

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced that PM SVANIDHI, a flagship initiative focusing on street vendors has extended credit assistance to 78 lakh street vendors across the country.
- ✓ 2.3 lakh vendors have availed loans for the third time under this initiative.
- ✓ What is PM SVANidhi Scheme? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Prime Minister Street Vendors' Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on June 1, 2020.
- ✓ The scheme focuses on assisting street vendors, severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, in restarting their businesses without the need for any guarantee.
- ✓ Under the scheme:
- ✓ A working capital loan of up to ₹10,000, without any guarantee, is provided for a one-year tenure. Timely repayment allows beneficiaries to avail a second loan of ₹20,000 and a third loan of ₹50,000.
- ✓ Regular repayment is encouraged through a 7% interest subsidy.
- ✓ Digital transactions are promoted with a cashback of up to ₹1,200 per year for digital payments.

Q.18. The Defence Budget has touched Rs 6.21 lakh crore in the Financial Year 2024-25. This comes out to be \_\_ of total Union Budget 2024.

A) 12.04%

B) 13.04%

C) 14.04%

D) 15.04%

#### Answer: B

- ✓ In the current geopolitical scenario and with the twin objective of promoting self-reliance and exports, the Defence Budget has touched Rs 6,21,540.85 crore in the Financial Year 2024-25.
- ✓ This comes out to be 13.04% of total Union Budget. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) continues to receive the highest allocation among the Ministries.
- ✓ The budgetary allocation to Defence for FY 24-25 is higher by approx. one lakh crore (18.35%) over the allocation for the FY 2022-23 and 4.72% more than allocation of FY 23-24.
- Q.19. India and which country have signed an agreement to provide a framework for collaboration in new areas of defence engagement including procurement of military equipment?

A) Sudan

B) Oman

C) Ghana

D) Zimbabwe

#### Answer: B

- ✓ India, Oman ink pact for collaboration in defence sector
- ✓ India and Oman has signed an agreement that would provide a framework for collaboration in new areas of defence engagement including procurement of military equipment.
- ✓ The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was firmed up at a meeting of India-Oman joint military cooperation committee (JMCC) in Muscat.
- Q.20. For which age group did Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has proposed to "encourage vaccination as a preventive measure against cervical cancer"?

A) 9 -15 Years

B) 9 -14 Years

C) 10 -14 Years

D) 9-18 Years

#### Answer: B

✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the government's plans to focus on vaccination against cervical cancer for girls aged 9 to 14 as part of her Interim Budget 2024.

- ✓ The FM also announced multiple other health-related schemes in her speech, including extending Ayushman Bharat cover to all Asha workers and Anganwadi workers and helpers.
- ✓ Cervical cancer, which develops in a woman's cervix, is the second-most common cancer among women in India.
- ✓ It is caused by persistent infection by the human papillomavirus (HPV). India accounts for nearly a quarter of all cervical cancer deaths in the world.
- ✓ Presently, the Serum Institute's made-in-India vaccine against cervical cancer, CERVAVAC, is available in the private market for about Rs 2,000 per dose.
- Q.21. Tamil Superstar Vijay has recently launched his political party. What is the name of party?
  - A) Tamilaga Metri Kazhagam
- B) Tamil Vetri Kazhagam
- C) Tamilaga Vetri Kazim
- D) Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Tamil superstar Vijay has announced the name of his new political party "Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam".
- ✓ Vijay will contest 2026 Assembly Elections in Tamil Nadu, when the current term of MK Stalin-led DMK party ends.
- ✓ The Tamil movie superstar is fondly called by his fans as Thalapathy, meaning General or Commander.
- Q.22. Every year 4th of February is observed as which day globally? Aparchit Exam
  - A) World Hypertension Day
  - B) World Cancer Day
  - C) World Science Day
  - D) World Girl Child Day

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The World Cancer Day is observed every year globally on 4th February by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness and education about cancer, and encourage governments and individuals across the world to take action against the prevention, detection, and treatment of the disease.
- ✓ World Cancer Day 2024 theme: "Together, we challenge those in power"

#### LET'S RECALL... IMPORTANT DAYS & THEME 2024

- ➤ 4 February : World Cancer Day
- ➤ Theme 2024 : 'Together, we challenge those in power'
- ➤ 2 February : World Wetlands Day
- ➤ Theme 2024 : "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing."
- > 1 February : Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Day
- ➤ This year, in 2024, we are celebrating 48th Indian Coast Guard Day.
- ➤ January 26, 2024 : 75th Republic Day
- ➤ The theme of the 75th Republic Day is 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Bharat Loktantra ki Matruka'
- 25 January : National Voters' Day
- ➤ India is celebrating its 14th National Voters' Day (NVD).
- ➤ 24 January : National Girl Child Day
- ➤ 24 January : International Education Day
- ➤ Theme 2024 : 'Learning for lasting peace'.
- > 23 January : Parakram Diwas
- Parakram Diwas is an annual celebration since 2021 to honour Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- > 16 January : National Startup Day
- ➤ 15 January : Indian Army Day
- ➤ The theme of 2024 Indian Army Day is "In the Service of the Nation"
- ➤ 12 January: National Youth Day
- ➤ The theme for National Youth Day 2024 is "Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat."
- ➤ This day commemorates his birth anniversary Swami Vivekananda.
- > 10 January : World Hindi Day
- > Theme 2024: Hindi–Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence
- > 09 January: Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, also known as Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day.
- > 04 January : World Braille Day
- Tribute to Louis Braille.

#### STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 4&5 February 2024

O	1	Scheduled bank	s are included	under which so	hedule of the	RRI act 19347
U	.1.	Scheduled Dank	s are included	under which sc	neaute of the	KDI att 1954:

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

B) 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

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



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Q.6.	Anyonya Co-operative Bank Limited (ACBL) is the first cooperative bank in India. Wh	nere 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) 20

C) 12

D) 16

#### 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
- Aparch 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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