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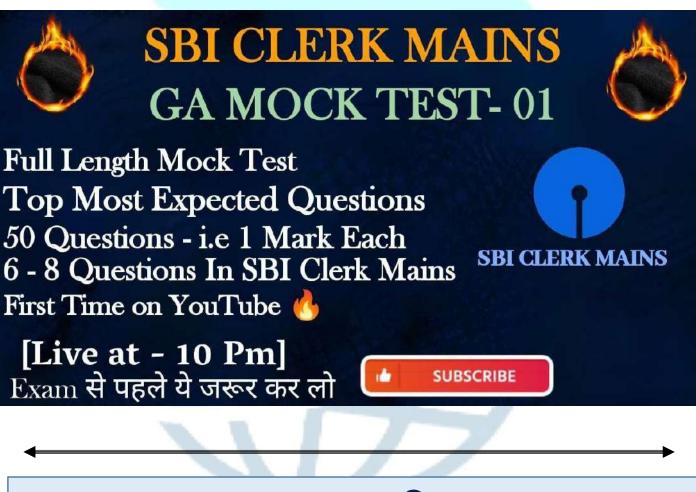
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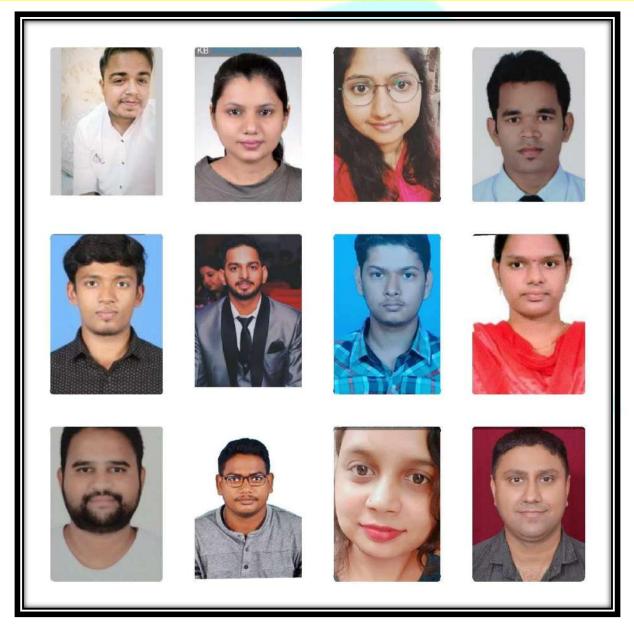


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Aparchit 11&12 February English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q.1. Consider the following statements regarding the Airports Authority of India (AAI):
  - 1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
  - 2. It provides Air Traffic Management Services (ATMS) over the entire Indian Air Space.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

D) Neither 1 nor 2

C) Both 1 and 2

#### Answer : C

- The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear a curative petition filed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) against the multinational conglomerate GMR Group concerning the operational management of Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport.
- ✓ About Airports Authority of India (AAI):
- ✓ It is a statutory body under the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- ✓ It was constituted by an Act of Parliament and came into being on 1st April, 1995, by merging the erstwhile National Airports Authority and the International Airports Authority of India.
- ✓ The merger brought into existence a single Organization entrusted with the responsibility of creating, upgrading, maintaining, and managing civil aviation infrastructure both on the ground and air space in the country.
- ✓ AAI manages 137 airports, which include 24 International Airports (including 3 International Civil Enclaves), 10 Customs Airports (including 4 Customs Civil Enclaves), 80 Domestic Airports, and 23 Domestic Civil Enclaves at Defence airfields.
- ✓ AAI also provides Air Traffic Management Services (ATMS) over the entire Indian Air Space and adjoining oceanic areas, with ground installations at all airports, and 25 other locations to ensure the safety of aircraft operations.
- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI)
- ✓ Founded : 1 April 1995
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi



#### ✓ Chairman : Sanjeev Kumar

#### **AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023-24**

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- Supreme Court recently agreed to hear a curative petition filed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) against the multinational conglomerate GMR Group concerning the operational management of Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport.
- So far, 519 air routes are being operated across the country under the regional level air connectivity scheme (RCS) 'Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik' (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik-UDAN).
- > Government of India has officially given the status of 'International Airport' to Surat Airport in Gujarat.
- > Thiruvananthapuram Airport Honored with Excellence Award for its Quality Initiatives.
- > Bengaluru and Delhi Airports have jointly bagged the 'Best Airport of the Year' at the Wings India Awards 2024 in the Civil Aviation Sector.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a new terminal building at Tiruchirappalli International Airport in Tamil Nadu.
- > Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to declare Surat Airport an international airport.
- > 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.



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- Q.2. With reference to Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is issued by Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Government of India (GoI).
  - 2. It can be sold to both resident and non-resident Indian entities.
  - 3. It is eligible to be used as collateral for loans from banks.
  - How many of the above statements are correct?
  - A) Only one B) Only two
  - C) All three

D) None

#### Answer : B

- ✓ The issue price of the next tranche of Sovereign Gold Bond has been fixed at Rs 6,263 per gram, the Reserve Bank said in a statement recently.
- ✓ About Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme:
- ✓ SGBs are government securities denominated in grams of gold.
- ✓ The SGB Scheme was first launched by the Government of India (GOI) on October 30, 2015.
- ✓ They are substitutes for holding physical gold. Investors have to pay the issue price, and the bonds will be redeemed upon maturity.
- $\checkmark$  The bond is issued by Reserve Bank on behalf of the GOI.
- ✓ Who is eligible to invest in the SGBs? The bonds will be restricted for sale to resident Indian entities, including individuals (in their capacity as individuals, or on behalf of minor child, or jointly with any other individual), Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), Trusts, Universities and Charitable Institutions.
- ✓ The minimum investment in the bond shall be one gram, with a maximum subscription limit of 4 kg for individuals, 4 kg for HUFs, and 20 kg for trusts and similar entities notified by the government from time to time per fiscal year.
- ✓ In case of joint holding, the investment limit of 4 KG will be applied to the first applicant only.
- Tenor: The tenor of the bond will be for a period of 8 years, with an exit option in the 5th, 6th, and 7th years, to be exercised on the interest payment dates.
- ✓ Who are the authorized agencies selling the SGBs? Bonds are sold through offices or branches of Nationalised Banks, Scheduled Private Banks, Scheduled Foreign Banks, designated Post Offices, Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL), and the authorised stock exchanges either directly or through their agents.



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- Other Features:
- ✓ Payment for the Bonds will be through cash payment (up to a maximum of Rs. 20,000/-), or demand draft, or cheque, or electronic banking.
- Q.3. Who will be the next President of Finland?
  - A) Pekka Haavisto

- **B)** Alexander Stubb
- C) David Cameron
- **D)** David Miller

#### Answer : B

- ✓ Former Prime Minister of Finland Alexander Stubb has registered a historic victory in the presidential elections held in the country.
- ✓ National Coalition Party candidate Stubb got 51.6 percent of the votes, while Haavisto got 48.4 percent of the votes. Stubb served as the country's Prime Minister in 2014–2015.
- ✓ Finland is a Northern European country, bordering Sweden, Norway and Russia. The capital of Finland is Helsinki.

#### **NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2023-24**

- Alexander Stubb : Finland
- Azali Assoumani : Comoros
- Bernardo Arevalo : Guatemala
- ▶ William Lai : Taiwan
- Abdel Fatah al-Sisi : Egypt
- Daniel Noboa : Ecuador
- Aparchit Exam Warriors Mohammed Muizzu : Maldives
- Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam : Singapore
- Emmerson Mnangagwa : Zimbabwe
- Edgars Rinkevics : Latvian
- Tayyip Erdogan : Turkey
- Bola Tinubu : Nigeria
- Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu : Bangladesh
- Ram Chandra Paudel : Nepal
- Xi Jinping : China (third term)



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> Vo Van Thuong : Vietnam

#### Q.4. Who recently won the singles title of Chennai Open Tennis Tournament?

- A) Andy Murray B) Sumit Nagal
- C) Rohan Bopanna D) Luca Nardi

#### Answer : B

- ✓ India's top singles player Sumit Nagal won the singles title of Chennai Open tennis tournament.
- ✓ In the final he defeated Luca Nardi of Italy to win his fifth Challenger level singles title.
- ✓ He won his first Challenger at the Bengaluru Open in 2017 and won the Buenos Aires Challenger title a few years later.
- Q.5. With whom has IREDA signed an agreement for innovation and research in the renewable energy sector?

A) IIT VaranasiB) IIT DelhiC) IIT BhubaneswarD) IIT Mumbai

#### Answer : C

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has entered into an agreement with IIT Bhubaneswar to promote innovation and research in the renewable energy sector.
- ✓ IREDA, an Indian public sector enterprise, was established in 1987.

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

- IREDA has entered into an agreement with IIT Bhubaneswar to promote innovation and research in the renewable energy sector.
- > 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.

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- > 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**. In which two countries has UPI payment system been launched recently?
  - A) Brazil and Argentina
- **B)** Japan and South Korea

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C) Sri Lanka and Mauritius Apart D) USA and Bahrain

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The scope of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services is gradually increasing.
- ✓ Now the names of Sri Lanka and Mauritius have also been added to this list.
- ✓ NPCI launched UPI services in the year 2016.
- ✓ UPI system is a mobile application based system which provides the facility of payment from bank accounts. Recently this facility was also launched in France.
- Q.7. Which country won the title of ICC Under-19 World Cup 2024?

A) India	B) Sri Lanka
C) Australia	<b>D) South Africa</b>



#### Answer : C

 Defending champion Australia won the title by defeating India in the final of ICC Under-19 World Cup 2024.

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- $\checkmark$  This is the fourth time that Australia has won this title.
- ✓ This is the third consecutive time that Australia defeated India in the final.
- ✓ The most runs in the tournament were scored by India's Uday Saharan (397 runs) and the most wickets were taken by South Africa's Kwena Mafaka (21 wickets).
- Q.8. With reference to the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is a socio-spiritual Hindu faith with its roots in the Vedas.
  - 2. It was founded on the pillars of practical spirituality.
  - 3. It has a Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
  - How many of the above statements are correct?
  - A) Only one
  - C) All three

- B) Only two
- D) None

#### Answer : C

- ✓ Prime Minister will inaugurate the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha BAPS Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ About Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS):
- ✓ BAPS is a socio-spiritual Hindu faith with its roots in the Vedas.
- ✓ It is based on the Vedic teachings propagated by Bhagwan Swaminarayan (1781-1830 CE).
- ✓ It was formally established in 1907 CE by Brahmaswarup Shastriji Maharaj.
- ✓ BAPS is an NGO with a Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
- Q.9. With reference to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
  - 2. It enables inter-bank transfers through a single two-click factor authentication process.
  - 3. It is not available outside India.

How many of the above statements are correct?



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A) Only one

C) All three

Answer : B

B) Only two

**D)** None

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- ✓ India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services will be rolled out in Sri Lanka and Mauritius at a virtual ceremony.
- ✓ About Unified Payments Interface (UPI):
- ✓ The UPI is a digital and real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ It was launched on April 11, 2016.
- ✓ It is designed to enable peer-to-peer inter-bank transfers through a single two-click factor authentication process.
- ✓ Features:
- Unlike traditional methods, UPI simplifies transfers using the recipient's UPI ID, be it a mobile number, QR code, or Virtual Payment Address, eliminating account numbers.
- ✓ It eliminates the need to enter bank details or other sensitive information each time a customer initiates a transaction.
- ✓ A consistent UPI transaction PIN across apps enhances cross-operability, enabling 24/7 transactions.
- ✓ UPI uses technologies like the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) and the Aadhaar-Enabled Payment System (AEPS) to ensure that payments between accounts go smoothly.
- Q.10. Consider the following statements regarding the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme:
  - 1. It funds research and development in rural-specific communication technology applications.
  - 2. It was launched by the Universal Service Obligation Fund.
  - 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

✓ Recently, C-DOT, and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K) signed an agreement for 'Developing Prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (i.e., XGS-PON)



Optical Line Terminal (OLT) and Optical Network Unit (ONU) under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme.

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- It has been notified for domestic companies and institutions involved in technology design, development,  $\checkmark$ commercialization of telecommunication products and solutions to enable affordable broadband and mobile services in rural and remote areas.
- $\checkmark$  It was launched by the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), a body under the Department of Telecommunications.
- ✓ Project timelines are generally up to two years.
- Q.11. Consider the following statements regarding the Sangeet Natak Akademi:
  - 1. It is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture.
  - 2. Its Chairman is appointed by the President of India for a term of five years.

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

- ✓ Former vice-president of India and Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of the Northeast Region will be inaugurating the Sangeet Natak Akademi's 'Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik Kendra' here in Hyderabad.
- ✓ It is India's national academy of music, dance and drama.
- ✓ It was created by a resolution of the Ministry of Education, with P.V. Rajamannar as its first Chairman.
- ✓ It was set up in 1953 for the preservation and promotion of the vast intangible heritage of India's diverse culture expressed in forms of music, dance and drama.
- ✓ Presently, it is an autonomous body of the Ministry of Culture.
- ✓ The Chairman of the Akademi is appointed by the President of India for a term of five years
- Q.12. Which edition of Miss World will be held in India from February 18 to March 9?

A) 71st	B) 72nd
<b>C)</b> 73rd	<b>D)</b> 74th

The 71st edition of Miss World will be held in India from February 18 to March 9.



✓ With its latest edition, the coveted international beauty pageant is making a return to the country after nearly three decades.

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- ✓ The pageant will commence with "The Opening Ceremony" and "India Welcomes the World Gala" by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) in New Delhi on February 20.
- ✓ It will conclude with a grand finale at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai on March 9 and will be streamed and telecast across the world.
- ✓ India last hosted the international pageant in 1996. Chhillar was the most recent Indian to win the pageant, having bagged the crown in 2017.
- ✓ A Earlier, Reita Faria Powell, Aishwarya Rai, Diana Hayden, Yukta Mookhey and Priyanka Chopra Jonas won the competition.

#### MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2023

- ▶ Rijul Maini won the title of Miss India USA 2023 in the annual competition held in New Jersey.
- > Sheynnis Palacios from Nicaragua crowned Miss Universe 2023 during the 72nd Miss Universe pageant in San Salvador.
- Praveena Aanjna crowned as Miss International India 2023.
- > Priyan Sen, who hails from Rajasthan, won the Miss Earth India 2023 title during the Miss Divine Beauty 2023 National Finals held in New Delhi.
- > Rikkie Kollé is the first transgender woman to win Miss Universe Netherlands.
- ➢ Rajasthan's Nandini Gupta crowned 2023 Femina Miss India.
- > America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
- ➤ South Korea's Mina Sue Choi Crowned Miss Earth 2022.
- ➤ Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
- ► Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022. ≻
- ► Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea.
- > Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
- ≻ Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
- ➤ List of Miss World winners from India
- 1. Reita Faria : 1966



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- 2. Aishwarya Rai : 1994
- 3. Diana Hayden : 1997
- ➢ 4. Yukta Mookhey : 1999
- > 5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000
- ➢ 6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017.
- List of Miss Universe winners from India
- 1. Sushmita Sen : 1994
- 2. Lara Dutta : 2000
- ➢ 3. Harnaaz Sandhu : 2021.
- ▶ ▶ Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966.
- ➢ ➤ Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994.
- ▶ ▶ Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

Q.13. Which of the following companies have received the final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators?

(i) Juspay	(ii) Zoho
(iii) Instamojo	(iv) Freecharge
(v) Decentro	Exam
A) only i & ii	Aparch B) only ii & iii
C) only i, ii & v	D) only i, ii & iv

#### Answer : C

- ✓ RBI Grants Payment Aggregator Licences to Juspay, Zoho, and Decentro
- ✓ Fintech firms Juspay and Decentro and software-as-a-service company Zoho have received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators.
- ✓ With this, the three players join the likes of Stripe, Zomato and Tata Pay who were a part of the regulator's approval list in January, besides fintech majors like Razorpay and Cashfree who secured the licence last year.
- A payments aggregator, or PA, licence allows companies to provide payment services to merchants (online businesses or e-commerce firms) by accepting payment instruments from customers



✓ Instamojo, Paytm Payments Services, Freecharge were among many players whose applications were returned as they failed to fulfil the eligibility criteria and were directed to halt new merchant onboarding.

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✓ fintech major PhonePe, Infibeam, Pine Labs and Easebuzz, await the final nod after being granted the inprincipal approval, while application of Cred (Dreamplug Paytech) and PayU remain under process

#### Q.14. The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has fixed how much percent interest rate on provident fund deposits for 2023-24, the highest in three years?

A) 8.15%	B) 8.25%
C) 8.45%	D) 8.65%

#### Answer : B

- ✓ The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has fixed 8.25% interest rate on provident fund deposits for 2023-24, the highest in three years.
- ✓ For 2022-23, the retirement fund body offered 8.15% interest, higher than 8.10% in 2021-22.
- $\checkmark$  In March 2020, the EPFO reduced the interest rate on provident fund deposits to a seven-year low of 8.5 percent for 2019-20, down from 8.65 percent in 2018-19.
- ✓ About Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)
- ✓ Founded 1952
- ✓ Headquarters New Delhi
- ✓ EPFO is the statutory body under the ownership of Ministry of Labour and Employment
- Q.15. Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of The Fit India movement, a flagship initiative by the Government of India?
  - A) Narendra Kumar Yadav
- **B)** Narendra Modi

C) Neeraj Chopra

**D)** Virat kohli

#### Answer : A

- ✓ IRS officer Narendra Kumar Yadav, Additional Director GST, has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of The Fit India movement, a flagship initiative by the Government of India.
- ✓ The Fit India movement is a nationwide initiative launched by the Centre, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to encourage Indians to develop physical activity and sports into their daily lives.
- ✓ Narendra Kumar Yadav is one the the youngest IRS officer who was appointed at the age of 22 in 2009.



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- Sourav Ganguly : brand ambassador of Tripura state to promote tourism
- Sourav Ganguly : Brand Ambassador of Bengal
- Pankaj Tripathi : 'UPI Safety Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : State Bank of India (SBI)
- Katrina Kaif : Luxury Swiss watch brand 'Rado'
- Chetan bhagat : Henry Harvin Education
- Mohammed Shami : Puma
- Sachin Tendulkar : ICC as the global ambassador of ODI World Cup 2023
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : JioMart
- Katrina Kaif : Uniqlo
- Aparchit Exam Warriors Hrithik Roshan : lubricants brand Mobilil
- Anushka Sharma : W
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Swaraj Tractors
- Iga Świątek : Infosys
- Rafael Nadal : Infosys
- Rahul Dravid : Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- Shah Rukh Khan : ICC World Cup 2023
- Shraddha Kapoor: Asics India Private Limited
- Rashmika Mandanna : Printer company Epson India
- Smriti Mandhana : Wrangler
- Hrithik Roshan : Zebronics TV
- Sachin Tendulkar : Smile Ambassador
- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network
- Sourav Ganguly : Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism



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- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- Alia Bhatt : Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- $\triangleright$ Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- > Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma

- Prasoon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
  Lionel Messi : Byjus

Q.16. Aerospace giant Embraer has partnered with Indian conglomerate Mahindra Group to work on C-390 Millennium aircraft. Embraer is the company of which country?

A) Israel	B) France
C) Brazil	D) Russia

#### Answer : C

✓ Embraer teams up with Mahindra to bid for IAF's medium transport aircraft deal

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✓ With the Indian Air Force assessing its requirements for medium transport aircraft (MTA), Brazilian aerospace giant Embraer and Indian conglomerate Mahindra Group have announced a collaboration to work on C-390 Millennium aircraft.

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- ✓ The objective of the MoU is to jointly fulfil the acquisition of the C-390 Millennium multi-mission aircraft by the Indian Air Force in its upcoming MTA procurement project.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) is looking for an MTA that can lift 18-30 tonnes, a process it expects to complete by 2025-26.
- ✓ The C390 began operations with the Brazilian Air Force in 2019, has since been selected by the militaries of Portugal, Hungary, the Netherlands, Austria, the Czech Republic and, most recently, South Korea.

#### Q.17. Which of the following has been awarded the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award (NMA) by the World Health Organization (WHO) for Health Promotion?

- A) IIT Delhi
- **B) IIT Madras**
- C) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences
- D) AIIMS Delhi

#### Answer : C

- ✓ The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) has been awarded the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award (NMA) by the World Health Organization (WHO) for Health Promotion.
- ✓ The Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion, established by WHO in 2019, recognizes individuals, institutions and governmental or non-governmental organizations that have demonstrated remarkable contributions to health promotion.
- ✓ This year, the award has been jointly presented to Professor Bontle Mbongwe of Botswana and NIMHANS.
- ✓ The award is a testament to institute's dedication and outstanding contributions to promoting mental health and well-being.
- ✓ NIMHANS has been at the forefront of mental health and neurosciences, championing innovative approaches to research, education, and patient care.



Q.18. Who has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland?

- A) Arshad Nadeem
- C) Rohit Yadav

**B)** Kishore Kumar

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D) Neeraj Chopra

#### Answer : D

- ✓ India's Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland.
- ✓ Acknowledging Chopra's remarkable accomplishments, Jungfraujoch welcomed the sports icon to unveil the commemorative plaque.
- ✓ The Wall of Fame at Jungfraujoch serves as a testament to the spirit of accomplishment and dedication.

#### **NEERAJ CHOPRA IN NEWS 2023-24**

- > Neeraj Chopra has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland.
- > Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was shortlisted for men's 'World Athlete of the Year' award.
- > Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, won a gold medal in the Asian Games with a massive throw of 88.88m.
- > Neeraj Chopra finishes second in Eugene Diamond League with a throw of 83.80m, failing to defend his title. Jakub Vadlejch becomes champion.
- > Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary with a throw of 88.17 meters.
- > Neeraj Chopra, will lead the country's challenge at the World Athletics Championships from August 19 to 27, 2023 in Budapest.
- India observes 3rd 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 07, 2023.
- > Neeraj Chopra wins second straight Diamond League title in Lausanne, Switzerland with 87.66m throw.
- > Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra has secured victory with 88.67 m throw at Doha Diamond League 2023.
- ▶ Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw.



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- > Neeraj Chopra is on top with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- > The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) accepted Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train in Kuortane, Finland.
- The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.
- > Neeraj Chopra presently holds the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army.
- > Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana

# Q.19. Which team has won the 15th CEC Ice Hockey Cup Championship at Khree Sultan Choo Ice Hockey Rink, Kargil, Ladakh?

A) Kharu

B) Bodhkharbo

C) Wakha Mulbkeh

**D)** Drass Warriors

#### Answer : D

- ✓ The Drass Warriors clinched victory in the 15th CEC Ice Hockey Cup Championship at Khree Sultan Choo Ice Hockey Rink, Kargil, Ladakh.
- They secured a resounding win of 7 goals against United Chiktan, with Wasim Bilal earning the prestigious titles of Man of the Series and Man of the Match.
- The tournament, organized by the District Youth Service and Sports Department, drew 31 men's teams and 4 women's teams from across Kargil.
- The Bodhkharbo Women Team also celebrated success, claiming the Women's Cup after defeating Wakha Mulbkeh
- Q.20. What is the rank of India in the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) annual list of top 10 countries and regions in the world for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in 2023?

A) 2nd	B) 3rd
<b>C)</b> 4th	<b>D</b> ) 5th

#### Answer: B

✓ India ranked third in the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) annual list of top 10 countries and regions in the world for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in 2023.



✓ While mainland China and Canada held the first and second positions, respectively. The United States has not been included in the list.

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- ✓ LEED is a green building rating system and the certification is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement and leadership.
- ✓ The rating system is available for virtually all building types, thereby providing a framework for healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings.
- ✓ In India, LEED is administered by the Green Business Certification Inc (GBCI).
- Q.21. The National Productivity Day is celebrated in India every year on which day?

A) 13 February	B) 11 February
C) 10 February	D) 12 February

#### Answer : D

- ✓ In India, the National Productivity Day is observed every year on February 12 by the National Productivity Council (NPC).
- ✓ Theme 2024 : "IDEA: Bringing Communities Forward for Sustainable and Equitable Development."
- ✓ The day is observed to commemorate the formation of National Productivity Council (NPC), that aims to stimulate and promote productivity and quality consciousness across all sectors in the country.
- ✓ The week from February 12 to 18 is observed as the National Productivity Week.

#### STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 11&12 February 2024

Venki Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in which field with Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath? Q.1.

- **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".



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Q.2. The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the \_\_ in 1991.

A) Infosys Foundation

**C)** Wipro Foundation

**B) KK Birla 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.
- Mufin finance, one of the leading NBFC's has received in principle RBI approval for issuance of semi Q.3. 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
  - C) Both I and II

D) Both II and III

B) Only III

#### Answer : A

- $\checkmark$  The two statements:
- ✓ NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
- ✓ NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system. are true.
- Which of the following is the goalpost of payments vision 2025? Q.4.
  - A) integrity
- Aparch<sup>B</sup>) inclusion
- **C)** innovation

D) all of the above

Answer : D

- Which of the following is the current Union Minister of Women and Child Development? Q.5.
  - A) Smriti Zubin Irani
  - **B)** Bhupender Yadav
  - C) SarbanandaSonowal
  - D) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer : A

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Q.6.	Recently, Safran has recently and facility in Hyderabad, Telangana	nounced to establish the largest and the first aircraft engine MRO ?
	A) Japan	B) Russia
	C) France	D) United States
Ans	wer:C	
Q.7.	In which state Bhagwan Mahavin	r Wildlife is situated at?
	A) Maharashtra	B) Gujarat
	C) Goa	D) Madhya Pradesh
Ans	wer:C	
Q.8.	Ghode Modni is a folk dance of v	which Indian state?
	A) Goa	B) Rajasthan
	C) Tripura	D) Arunachal Pradesh
Ans	wer:A	
Q.9.	Where is the North Atlantic Trea	ty Organization (NATO) headquartered ?
	A) Vienna, Austria	B) Brussels, Belgium
	C) Geneva, Switzerland	D) Paris, France
Ans	wer:B	D) Paris, France
Q.10.	What is the National Heritage A	nimal of India ?
	A) Panther	B) Lion
	C) Tiger	D) Elephant
Ans	wer : D	
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