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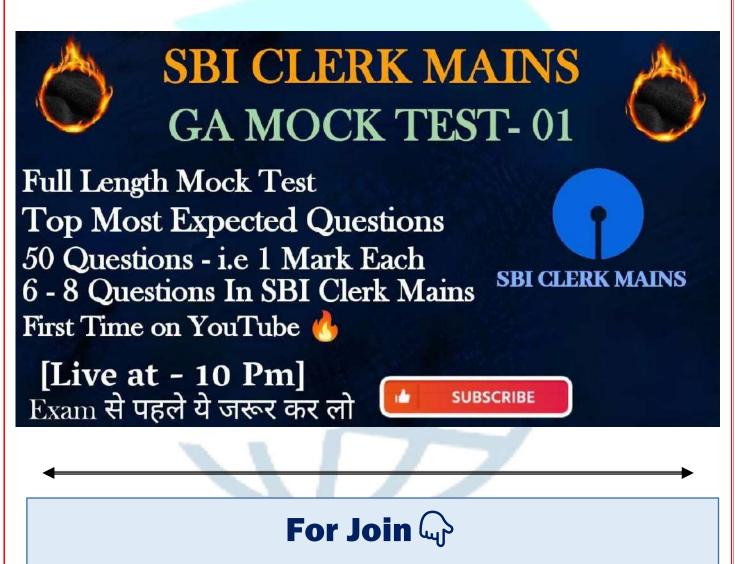
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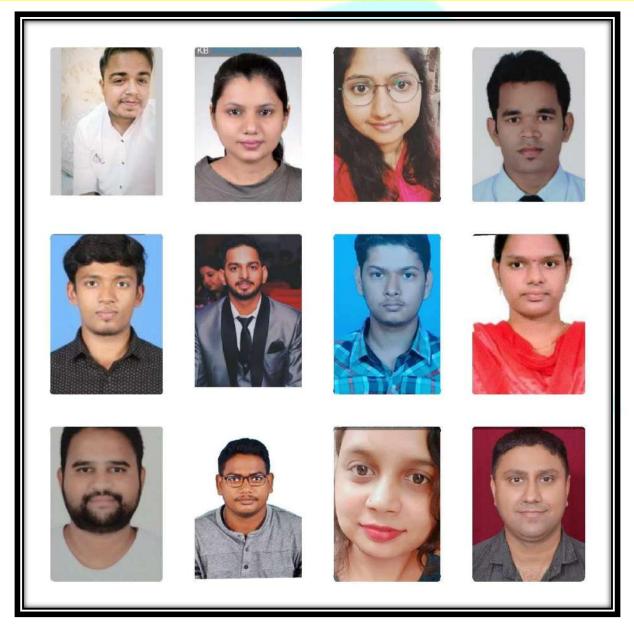
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Aparchit 13 February English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q.1. Consider the following statements with reference to the Bharat Ratna:
 - 1. It is the highest civilian award in the country.
 - 2. The number of annual awards is restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year.

3. The award carries a monetary grant of rupees one crore.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer : A

- ✓ Statement 1 is correct: Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award instituted in 1954, is given in recognition of exceptional service and performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex is eligible for this award.
- ✓ Statement 2 is incorrect: The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President. The number of annual awards is usually restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year. However, in 2024, it was awarded to five people.
- ✓ Statement 3 is incorrect: On conferment of the award, the recipient receives a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a medallion. The award does not carry any monetary grant. The award cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the recipient's name. However, should an award winner consider it necessary, he or she may use the following expression in their biodata or letterhead or visiting card etc. to indicate that he or she is a recipient of the award: 'Awarded Bharat Ratna by the President' or 'Recipient of Bharat Ratna Award'.

Q.2. Dr. MS Swaminathan will be awarded Bharat Ratna, he was a famous person in which field?

A) Agriculture

B) Journalism

C) Acting

D) Medical

- Answer : A
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that former Prime Ministers PV Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and scientist Dr MS Swaminathan will be awarded the Bharat Ratna 2024
- ✓ About Chaudhary Charan Singh

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✓ Born in 1902 at Noorpur in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh, Charan Singh served as the prime minister in 1979.

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- ✓ Political Journey
- ✓ He was Parliamentary Secretary in 1946
- ✓ Minister for Agriculture and Forests (1962-63)
- ✓ Chief Minister of U.P. in February 1970
- ✓ Books
- 'Abolition of Zamindari', 'Co-operative Farming X-rayed', 'Peasant Proprietorship or Land to the Workers', \checkmark 'India's Poverty and its Solution', and 'Prevention of Division of Holdings Below a Certain Minimum'.
- ✓ About Narasimha Rao
- ✓ Born on June 28, 1921, in Karimnagar, he studied at Osmania University, Hyderabad, Bombay University and Nagpur University.
- ✓ Political Journey
- Prime Minister from 1991 to 1996. \checkmark
- ✓ Minister for External Affairs from 1980 to 1984
- ✓ Minister of Home Affairs from 1984 to 1984
- ✓ Minister of Defence from 1984 to 1985
- ✓ Minister of Human Resource Development in 1985
- ✓ About MS Swaminathan
- ✓ Born on August 7, 1925, in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district, he was the father of the Green Revolution.
- ✓ He was director general of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and principal secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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- ✓ Swaminathan also served as the president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in 1988.
- ✓ Work
- ✓ His pioneering work in developing high-yielding varieties of paddy played a significant role in boosting India's agricultural production and improving the livelihoods of low-income farmers.
- Swaminathan began his research career in 1949, studying the genetics of wheat, potato, rice, and jute.
- During India's food crisis in the 1960s and 70s, he worked with Norman Borlaug to develop high-yield wheat varieties, leading to the "Green Revolution" initiative that revolutionized agricultural productivity.



✓ He was recognized as the "Father of Economic Ecology" by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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- ✓ Awards
- ✓ Swaminathan also received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1971, the Albert Einstein World Science Award in 1986, Padma Bhushan (1972), Padma Shri (1967), and Padma Vibhushan (1989).
- ✓ About Bharat Ratna
- ✓ The Bharat Ratna is India's highest civilian honor, which was established in 1954.
- This award is not limited to any specific caste, occupation, status, or gender and is awarded to individuals who have made exceptional contributions in any field of human endeavor.
- ✓ The Prime Minister recommends the Bharat Ratna recipients to the President, and no formal recommendation is required.
- ✓ The recipient of this award is presented with a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a medal.
- ✓ However, no monetary grant is given to the recipient. According to Article 18(1) of the Constitution, the Bharat Ratna cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the name of the recipient.
- ✓ Few Facts About Bharat Ratna
- ✓ It was first conferred in 1954 to three distinguished personalities, namely Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Sir C.V.
 Raman, and Chakravarti Rajaopalachari.
- In 2019, the award was presented to three more eminent personalities, namely Nanaji Deshmukh, Pranab Mukherjee, and Bhupen Hazarika.
- ✓ The Prime Minister had also announced earlier that former Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur and LK Advani would also be awarded the Bharat Ratna in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023-24

- PV Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and MS Swaminathan are set to receive India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.
- Karpoori Thakur, a renowned socialist leader and former Chief Minister of Bihar, is set to be posthumously conferred with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award.
- Another recipient of the Bharat Ratna Award for the year 2024 is Lal Krishna Advani.
- Dr. Bina Modi, the esteemed Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, has been honored with the prestigious 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year' Award.
- ▶ REC Secures Best Green Bond Corporate Award At The Asset Triple A Awards 2024.
- > PT Usha Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by SJFI and DSJA

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- > Priest Ishwari Prasad Namboodiri Honored with the Shankar Smriti Award
- > The 69th edition of the Filmfare Awards 2024 took place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ➢ Best Film 12th Fail
- > Best Director Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) Ranbir Kapoor (Animal)
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) Alia Bhatt (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)
- Australia skipper Pat Cummins was announced as the winner of the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023.
- > Veteran Indian batter Virat Kohli was crowned the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023.
- > Skyways Air Services wins Best Cargo Services Award at Wings India Awards.
- > REC Limited Wins ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY 2022-23.
- US Air Force Officer Madison Marsh Becomes First Active-Duty Winner Of Miss America 2024
- > Savita Kanswal Posthumously Honored With Tenzing Norgay Award
- Singapore's Changi Airport Earns The Title Of World's Best Airport For 2023
- Hero MotoCorp's facility wins CII National Award for water management
- > Prof B R Kamboj Honoured With M S Swaminathan Award
- > Poet Sukrita Paul Kumar Wins Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for 'Salt & Pepper'
- Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport Terminal 2 Recognized Among UNESCO's 'Most Beautiful Airports'
- > IREDA's Pradip Kumar Das Wins 'CMD Of The Year' For The Second Straight Year.
- > Poonam Khetrapal Singh Honored with Bhutan's National Order of Merit.
- > Indira Gandhi Peace Prize Awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad"
- Noted Hindi Writer Pushpa Bharati to Receive 33rd Vyas Samman for her 2016 memoir, "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein."
- > Federal Bank Titled "Bank of the Year 2023" in India : The Banker
- Argentina's football icon, Lionel Messi, has been named Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023
- > Abdullahi Mire, a Somali refugee, has been named the 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award
- > Paul Lynch who is an Irish author won the 2023 Booker prize for his fifth novel 'Prophet Song'
- > Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's 'Fire Bird' Wins 2023 JCB Prize for Literature



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Q.3. Where was the statue of India's first Chief of Defense Staff, late General Bipin Rawat, unveiled?

A) New Delhi

C) Haridwar

- B) Varanasi
- D) Dehradun

Answer : D

- ✓ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of India's first Chief of Defense Staff, late General Bipin Rawat, in Dehradun.
- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was also present on this occasion.
- ✓ The first Chief of Defense Staff, General Bipin Rawat, took charge on 1 January 2020.

STATUE IN NEWS 2023-24

- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of India's first Chief of Defense Staff, late General Bipin Rawat, in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy will unveil a 125 foot statue of Dr B R Ambedkar at Swaraj Maidan in Vijayawada. "Statue of Social Justice".
- A statue dedicated to Thiruvalluvar, a cultural icon revered among Tamilians, was unveiled in the French city of Cergy.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort located in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra.
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar unveiled the bust of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore at the International Friendship Park in Bac Ninh province, Vietnam.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiled a statue of medieval-era Ahom army commander, Lachit Borphukan, and a Swahid Smarak at Bir Lachit Borphukan Park in Guwahati.
- Outside India, Dr. The largest statue of BR Ambedkar will be unveiled in the United States. The 19foot statue of Ambedkar has been named 'Statue of Equality' and will be inaugurated in Maryland, USA.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled the 108-foot-tall 'Statue of Oneness' of Adi Shankaracharya at Omkareshwar.
- President Droupadi Murmu has unveiled a 12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and a 'Gandhi Vatika' at Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat in New Delhi.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on laid the foundation stone of 108 feet tall statue of Lord Shri Ram in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

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- > Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman at Sarangpur temple in Botad district of Gujarat.
- > Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statues of Lord Basaveshwara ji and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda ji at the State Assembly premises in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Samatha Kumbh is being held on the premises of the Statue of Equality at Muchintal, Telangana.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 120-feet-tall statue of a polo player riding a pony at Marjing Polo Complex in Manipur's Imphal East district.
- Consider the following statements regarding the GROW-Suitability Mapping portal: **Q.4**.
 - 1. It provides information on area suitable for agroforestry across India.
 - 2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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 and 01

Answer : A

- ✓ GROW report and portal was launched by a Member of NITI Aayog.
- ✓ The "Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)-Suitability Mapping" portal allows universal access to state and district-level data.
- ✓ It is hosted on Bhuvan website.
- \checkmark The GROW initiative aligns with national commitments, aiming to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030 and create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.
- ✓ The initiative, led by NITI Aayog, involved a collaborative effort from multiple institutions and employed advanced technologies such as remote sensing and GIS to assess agroforestry suitability across all districts in India.
- ✓ Utilizing thematic datasets, the project resulted in the creation of an Agroforestry Suitability Index (ASI). This index enables national-level prioritization for greening and restoration projects.



This project on prioritization of wasteland areas suitable for greening is based on the analysis of five remote sensing derived thematic layers viz. land use, wasteland, slope, water proximity and soil organic content.

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APP & PORTAL IN NEWS 2023 -24

- ▶ Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) report and "Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)-Suitability Mapping" portal was launched by NITI Aayog.
- Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched "Science for Women-A Technology" & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal.
- Agriculture minister launches Sarathi portal for insurance products.
- > 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.
- \geq 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



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Q.5. The Bor Tiger Reserve is located in:

- A) Odisha B) Assam
- C) Maharashtra

D) Bihar

Answer : C

- ✓ The Bor Tiger Reserve (BTR) recently sought Rs 1 crore for various works to start wildlife safaris in the Bangdapur and Hingni forest ranges.
- ✓ About Bor Tiger Reserve:
- ✓ It is a wildlife sanctuary which was declared a tiger reserve in July 2014.
- ✓ Location: It is located in the Wardha District of Maharashtra.
- ✓ It is the smallest tiger reserve in India by area.
- ✓ The reserve covers an area of 138.12 sq.km, which includes the drainage basin of the Bor Dam.
- ✓ It is centrally located among several other Bengal Tiger habitats.
- ✓ Towards the North-east lies the Pench Tiger Reserve, towards the east is Nagzira Navegaon Tiger Reserve, to the South-east is Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ✓ The Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is located to the southeast, Melghat Tiger Reserve stands to the west; and Satpura Tiger Reserve lies to the north-west.

TIGER RESERVE IN NEWS 2023-24

- Pench Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra has become India's first and Asia's fifth tiger reserve with 'Dark Sky Park'.
- > Arunachal Pradesh approves constitution of Special Tiger Protection Force for three Tiger Reserves.
- > Bihar's second tiger reserve to come up in Kaimur sanctuary
- After the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district, Bihar is set to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary) by the end of the year.
- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh and 55th in India.
- India got its 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approving a proposal.
- India's Tiger Population Reaches 3,925 with 6.1% Annual Growth Rate, Holds 75% of Global Wild Tiger Population.



Project Tiger is a tiger conservation programme launched on April 1,1973.

Consider the following statements regarding the SWATI Portal: **Q.6**.

1. It aims to create a single online portal representing Indian Women and Girls in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine).

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2. It is developed by the National Informatics centre.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

B) 2 only

Answer : A

- ✓ Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal.
- ✓ It is aimed at creating a single online portal representing Indian Women and Girls in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine).
- ✓ The database of SWATI Portal will serve in policy making to address the challenges of Gender-gap.
- ✓ The Portal is a complete interactive database; and the first-of-its-kind in India which is developed, hosted and maintained by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi.
- The various Sections in the portal include Icons Awardees (Padma / Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar / Stree Shakti Science Samman) & Directors, Secretaries Academy Presidents; Faculty- Indian Universities, Autonomous organizations including S&T Ministry/ CSIR/ DBT/ DST/ CSIR/ MHRD/ UGC/ GATI/ KIRAN;

Q.7. Consider the following statements regarding the Fund of Funds Startups (FFS) scheme:

- 1. It does not directly invest in startups.
- 2. It is operated by the Reserve Bank of India.

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



✓ According to a Crisil assessment called Prabhaav, the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) scheme has enabled investments to the tune of around 4x of the amount drawn with Rs 17,534 crore invested in 938 startups.

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- ✓ The Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) Scheme was approved and established in 2016 with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore.
- ✓ Funding to start ups: Under FFS, the Scheme does not directly invest in startups, instead provides capital to SEBI-registered AIFs, known as daughter funds, who in turn invest money in growing Indian startups through equity and equity-linked instruments.
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been given the mandate of operating this Fund through selection of suitable daughter funds and overseeing the disbursal of committed capital.
- ✓ AIFs supported under FFS are required to invest at least 2 times of the amount committed under FFS in startups.

SCHEME IN NEWS 2024

- According to a Crisil assessment called Prabhaav, the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) scheme has enabled investments to the tune of around 4x of the amount drawn with Rs 17,534 crore invested in 938 startups.
- > Union Cabinet has approved Rs 4,797 crore research scheme to boost and maintain research momentum in the fields of ocean, atmospheric and polar sciences.
- > Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) for the export of Apparel/Garments and made up to 31st March 2026.
- > Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister of India approved the continuation of the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) to be implemented under the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) for another three years up to 2025-26.
- > All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) recently introduced a scheme named 'Support to Students for Participating in Competitions Abroad' (SSPCA).
- > Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship recently launched the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme
- > Union Minister for Culture, Tourism And Development of North Eastern Region informed the Lok Sabha about the Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar programme.



Karnataka government recently suspended five officers for dereliction of duty in the implementation of the Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) scheme.

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Consider the following statements regarding the Open Radio Access Network: **Q.8**.

- 1. It uses cellular radio connections to link individual devices to other.
- 2. It consists of antennae, which transmits and receives signals to and from smartphones.

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 Ministry of Science and Technology announced the development of a new technological solution tailored for Open Radio Access Network (ORAN) based stations.
- ✓ It is a key part of a mobile network system that uses cellular radio connections to link individual devices to other parts of a network.
- ✓ It comprises antennae, which transmits and receives signals to and from our smartphones or other compatible devices.
- ✓ The signal is then digitised in the RAN-base station and connected to the network.
- ✓ A new niche technological solution for Open Radio Access Network (ORAN) base stations will help to facilitate high-speed and reliable connectivity at a cost that is viable for unconnected and far-flung areas
- ✓ The breaking down of the Radio Access Network (RAN) functions help in bringing down network cost and complexity.
- ✓ Open RAN removes vendor lock-in and can facilitate smooth interoperation between cellular network equipment provided by different vendors
- Consider the following statements regarding the FAST Telescope: 0.9.
 - 1. It aims to detect neutral hydrogen to the edge of the universe.
 - 2. It is developed by Russia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only



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C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, astronomers from the Nanjing University in China and elsewhere have detected a radio pulsar in a supernova remnant known as CTB 87 by using the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST).
- ✓ The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST), located in a karst depression in Guizhou, China.
- ✓ It is the world's largest single-dish radio telescope, with a receiving area equivalent to 30 football fields.
- ✓ It is expected that FAST will maintain its world-class status for the next 20 to 30 years.

Q.10. With reference to High-Altitude Pseudo Satellite (HAPS) vehicle, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by National Aerospace Laboratories.
- 2. It does not require a rocket to get into space.
- 3. It can be used in continuous surveillance of border areas.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A) Only one
- C) All three

B) Only two

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D) None

Answer : C

- Recently, the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) in Bengaluru has successfully completed the first test of a solar-powered high-altitude pseudo satellite vehicle.
- ✓ It is a new age unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that can significantly increase India's surveillance and monitoring capabilities in the border areas.
- ✓ It is a still-developing technology, and the successful test flight last week puts India among a very small group of countries currently experimenting with this technology.
- ✓ Features
- ✓ It can fly at altitudes of 18-20 km from the ground, almost double the heights attained by commercial airplanes.
- \checkmark It has the ability to generate solar power.



The cost of operating HAPS is several times lower than that of a satellite that is usually placed at least 200 \checkmark km from the earth.

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- Q.11. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana:
 - 1. It aims to reduce wastage of agricultural produce and enhance export of processed foods.
 - 2. It is implemented by the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
 - 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, the union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries informed the Rajya Sabha about the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana.
- ✓ The Central Sector Scheme SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) was approved by the cabinet in May 2017.
- The scheme has now been renamed as the "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)". \checkmark
- ✓ It is a comprehensive package of component schemes, which is aimed at creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.
- \checkmark It provides a boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country, helps in providing better prices to farmers, creates employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reduces wastage of agricultural produce, increases the processing level and enhances the export of the processed foods.
- ✓ Objective: The objective of PMKSY is to supplement agriculture, modernize processing and decrease Agri-Waste.
- ✓ Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and
- ✓ Human Resources and Institutions
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Q.12. Consider the following statements regarding the Consumer Price Index (CPI):
 - 1. It tracks the change in retail prices of goods and services.
 - 2. It is released every month by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only



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C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- \checkmark India's retail inflation eased to a three-month low of 5.1% recently.
- ✓ About Retail Inflation:
- Retail inflation, also known as Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation, tracks the change in retail prices of goods and services which households purchase for their daily consumption.
- CPI is calculated for a fixed basket of goods and services that may or may not be altered by the government from time to time.
- ✓ The change in the price index over a period of time is referred to as CPI-based inflation, or retail inflation.
- ✓ What Does the CPI tell? Following are a few things that the CPI index interprets:
- ✓ Cost of living
- ✓ The purchasing power of consumers
- ✓ The expensiveness of different articles that consumers buy and services that are availed
- ✓ Value of the Indian rupee
- ✓ How is CPI calculated?
- ✓ CPI is calculated as a percentage. It is a comparison of the general price level in the markets in a particular time period from a time frame in the past. This is known as the base year.
- CPI, therefore, is calculated by referring to a base year, which is a benchmark. Currently, the base year is 2012.
- ✓ The formula for calculating the CPI index is:
- CPI = (Cost of a Fixed Basket of Goods and Services in the Current Year/Cost of a Fixed Basket of Goods and Services in the Base Year) * 100
- ✓ The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), compiles All India as well as state-wise CPI for Rural, Urban, Combined sectors and releases the CPI numbers every month.

Q.13. Consider the following statements regarding Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):

- 1. It has regulatory oversight over the insolvency professional entities.
- 2. Its members are appointed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



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A) 1 only

C) Both 1 and 2

B) 2 only

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has now mandated that Resolution Professionals (RPs) provide a copy of its report to both creditor and debtor in all cases.
- ✓ About Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):
- ✓ The IBBI was established on October 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of the 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016'.
- ✓ It is responsible for the implementation of the IBC. The IBC amends and consolidates the laws relating to the insolvency resolution of individuals, partnership firms, and corporate persons in a time-bound manner.
- The IBBI regulates professionals as well as processes.
- \checkmark It has regulatory oversight over the insolvency professional agencies, insolvency professional entities, insolvency professionals, and information utilities.
- ✓ It has also been designated as the 'Authority' under the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation Rules), 2017 for the regulation and development of the profession of valuers in the country.
- ✓ Constitution of the Board: The Board consists of the following members who are appointed by the Central Jarrior Government:
- ✓ A Chairperson.
- ✓ Three members from among the officers of the Central Government equivalent or not below the rank of a Joint Secretary. Out of the three members, each will represent the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and the Ministry of Law, ex -officio.
- ✓ One member nominated by the RBI (Reserve Bank of India), ex-officio.
- ✓ Five other members nominated by the Central Government, out of which at least three should be wholetime members.
- The term of office of the Chairperson and members (other than ex-officio members) is five years or until they attain sixty-five years, whichever is earlier, and they are eligible for re-appointment.

Q.14. Who launched 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana'?

A) Draupadi Murmu **B)** Narendra Modi C) Rajnath Singh D) S Jaishankar



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Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
- ✓ Under this scheme, up to 300 units of free electricity will be provided to one crore houses.
- ✓ More than ₹75,000 crore will be spent on this scheme.
- ✓ The plan to install solar panels was announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the interim budget of 2024-25.

Q.15. Recently Dattajiro Krishnarao Gaekwad passed away, he was associated with which sport?

A) football

B) Cricket

C) Hockey

D) Badminton

Answer: B

- ✓ Former Indian captain Dattajiro Krishnarao Gaekwad passed away recently.
- ✓ He was 95 years old. Before his death he was known as the oldest living Indian cricketer.
- ✓ Gaikwad represented Baroda in first-class cricket and under his leadership the team won the Ranji title in the 1957–58 season.

Q.16. The National Women's Day is commemorated in India every year on February 13, to mark the birth anniversary of whom?

A) Indira Gandhi

B) Mother Teresa

C) Sarojini Naidu

D) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

Answer : C

- ✓ National Women's Day is celebrated every year on 13 February in India.
- ✓ This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu.
- ✓ This time the 145th birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu is being celebrated.
- ✓ Sarojini Naidu is known as 'Nightingale of India'.
- ✓ In 1925, she was appointed as the President of the Indian National Congress, and in 1947, she became the Governor of the United Provinces. In turn the first woman to hold the office of Governor in the Dominion of India.
- ✓ Sarojini Naidu is a renowned writer who gained worldwide recognition as "BulBule Hind" after publishing her collection of poems, "Golden Threshold," in 1905.



- ✓ Her poetic talent earned her the title of 'the Nightingale of India' or 'Bharat Kokila' by Mahatma Gandhi, who appreciated the color, imagery, and lyrical quality of her poetry.
- ✓ Her poem "In the Bazaars of Hyderabad," published in 1912, remains one of her most popular works.

Q.17. With whom did the Education Ministry sign an agreement to promote football game in the country?

- A) All India Football Federation **B) FIFA**
- **C)** Reliance Foundation
- **D)** Asian Football Confederation

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Answer : B

- ✓ The Education Ministry signed an agreement with the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to promote the game of football at the school level in the country.
- ✓ Under this, the Education Ministry will distribute 11 lakh footballs across the country in a phased manner.
- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had on February 9 distributed footballs in 1,260 schools in 17 districts of Odisha under the Football for Schools (F4S) programme
- ✓ FIFA WORLD CUP
- ✓ 2022 : Qatar (32 Teams)
- ✓ 2026 : Canada, Mexico, US (48 teams)
- ✓ FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup
- ✓ 2022 : Costa Rica
- ✓ FIFA U-17 World Cup
- ✓ 2022- Women's : India
- hit Exam Warriors ✓ 2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand
- ✓ Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- ✓ Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- ✓ Founded : 21 May 1904
- ✓ Founded : Paris, France
- ✓ Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland
- ✓ Membership : 211
- ✓ Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian
- ✓ First President : Robert Guérin
- ✓ President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)



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✓ Secretary General : Fatma Samoura

Q.18. The World Radio day is celebrated annually on which day?

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

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Radio Day is celebrated on 13 February annually.
- ✓ Theme 2024 : "Radio: A century informing, entertaining and educating".
- ✓ The main objective of the day is to recognize radio as a powerful medium and its unique ability to reach out the widest audience which can help to shape a society's experience of diversity, and build a more peaceful and inclusive world.
- ✓ The Day was proclaimed by UNESCO on November 03, 2011 during its 36th conference.
- ✓ It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.

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- Q.1. Which committee recommended the introduction of Liquidity adjustment facility in India?
 - A) R. Gandhi Committee B) Rangarajan Committee
 - C) Narasimham Committee D) SS Tarapore Committee

Answer : C

- Q.2. Treasury Bills have a maximum maturity of:
 - A) 1 year B) 90 days
 - **C) 120 days**

Answer : A

✓ Debt obligations of the Government that have maturities of one year or less are normally called Treasury Bills or T-Bills.

D) 30 days

Q.3. Which of these derivatives types are traded between financial institutions and not retail investors?

A) Futures	B) Forward
C) Options	D) Swaps

Answer : D

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Q.4.	In which year did seco	nd phase of nationalization of banks took place?	
	A) 1969	B) 1980	
	C) 1984	D) None of these	
Ansv	ver : B		
Q.5. What is the total amount that can be loaded in the new type of semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) introduced by RBI during the financial year?			
	A) Rs 10,000	B) Rs 1,00,000	
	C) Rs 1,20,000	D) Rs 1,50,000	
Ansv	wer : C		
		h PPIs during any month shall not exceed ₹ 10,000 and the total amount loaded hall not exceed ₹ 1,20,000	
Q.6.	RRBs are required to n ongoing basis.	naintain a minimum Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of _ on ar	
	A) 8 per cent	B) 9 per cent	
	C) 10 per cent	D) 11 per cent	
Ansv	ver : B	1015	
Q.7.	. What is the limit for On-lending by NBFC for Micro & Small enterprises?		
	A) Rs 10 lakh	B) Rs 20 lakh	
	C) Rs 50 lakh	Aparch D) Rs 60 lakh	
Ansv	ver: B		
Q.8.	Which section of Bank	ing Regulation Act 1949 give Power to the Reserve Bank to give directions?	
	A) Section 42		
	B) Section 42A		
	C) Section 47		
	D) Section 35A		
Ansv	ver : D		
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