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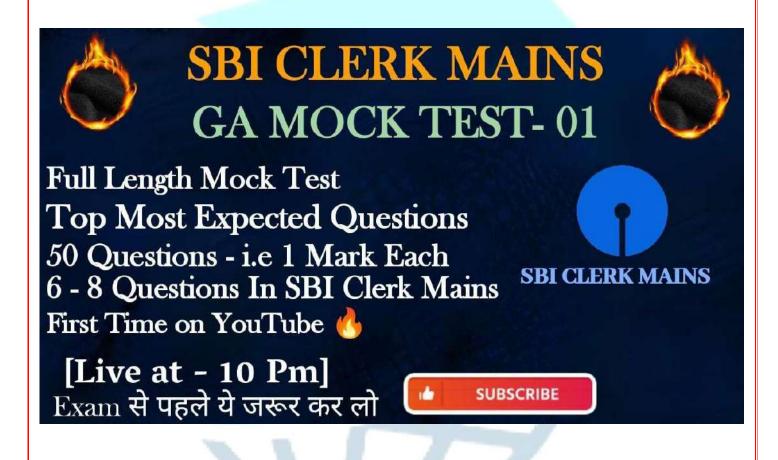
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Aparchit 15 February English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q.1. Consider the following statements regarding the Kaji Nemu:
 - 1. It is a type of lemon mainly grown in the state of Assam.
 - 2. It has received Geographical Indication tag.

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 Assam government declared the GI-tagged 'Kaji Nemu' (Citrus Limon) as the State Fruit.
- ✓ It is elongated and oblong compared to other lemon varieties.
- ✓ It is popular for its unique aroma and health benefits. It has been traditionally associated with the Assamese cuisines.
- ✓ The fruit had been exported to several countries, including to the Middle East...
- ✓ With its unique aroma and antioxidant properties, the Assam lemon enriched the local cuisines.
- ✓ The oval-shaped Kaji Nemu is a lot juicier than other lemon varieties. Kaji Nemu is majorly used in culinary and commercial purposes, and it is extensively used for its medicinal properties.
- ✓ Cultivation: It is grown in almost all the districts of the state, is available throughout the year.
- ✓ The fruit is a powerhouse of nutrients, boosting health
- ✓ Assam has as many as 16 species and 52 varieties hybrids of citrus.
- ✓ Kaji Nemu' (Citrus Limon) bears GI Geography Indication tag in 2019, is linked to Assamese food

GI TAG IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Kachchhi Kharek, the indigenous variety of dates of Kutch, has become the second fruit of Gujarat to get a geographical indication (GI) tag.
- > West Bengal achieves Geographical Indication tags for distinctive products, including 'Mouban' honey from Sunderbans, 'Prince of Rice' Black Nunia rice, and traditional Tangail, Gorod, etc.
- ➤ 1. Recognition of Sunderbans Honey 'Mouban'
- ➤ 2. Black Nunia Rice 'Prince of Rice'

- ➤ 3. Distinctive Sarees Tangail, Gorod, and Kadiyal.
- As a part of the National GI Drive Mission, 'Kadiyal Sarees' of West Bengal have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Ladakh secures 4th GI tag for Sea Buckthorn.
- The famous Kadaknath chicken meat from Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh has now got a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Goan cashew (Fruit and Nut) was recently granted the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- ➤ Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Tamil Nadu's Salem Sago gets GI tag.
- ➤ Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
- ➤ Chokuwa rice of Assam recently earned a GI (Geographical Indication) tag for its exquisiteness.
- ➤ The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Mushkbudji rice, which was granted the GI tag along with eight other products from Jammu and Kashmir.
- ➤ GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI):-
- ➤ GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act,1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004.
- > The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala.
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years.
- Q.2. Consider the following statements regarding the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage:
 - 1. It envisages setting up of a cumulative ACC manufacturing capacity of 50 GWh.
 - 2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Science and Technology.

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

- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Heavy Industries successfully convened a pre-bid meeting in New Delhi, laying the foundation for the second round underthe Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells (ACC) for cumulative 10 GWh PLI ACC capacity.
- ✓ These are the new generation technologies that can store electric energy either as electrochemical or as chemical energy and convert it back to electric energy as and when required.
- ✓ Key facts about PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells
- ✓ The scheme is called National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage.
- ✓ The Indian government aims to promote the manufacturing of technology-agnostic ACCs within the country, aligning with its commitment to fostering innovation and self-reliance in the renewable energy sector.
- ✓ The scheme envisages setting up of a cumulative ACC manufacturing capacity of fifty (50) GWh for ACCs and an additional cumulative capacity of (5) GWh for Niche ACC Technologies.
- ✓ The manufacturing facility as proposed by the beneficiary firm would have to be commissioned within a period of 2 years.
- ✓ The subsidy will be disbursed thereafter over a period of 5 years.
- ✓ The beneficiary has to ensure achieving a domestic value addition of at-least 25% and incur the mandatory investment (₹ 225 crore /GWh) within 2 Years (at the Mother Unit Level) and raise it to 60% domestic value addition within 5 Years, either at Mother Unit, in-case of an Integrated Unit, or at the Project Level, in-case of "Hub & Spoke" structure.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Heavy Industries
- Q.3. With whom has Cochin International Airport Limited signed an agreement for the Green Hydrogen Project?

A) IOCL

B) BPCL

C) Adani Green

D) Tata Power

Answer: B

- ✓ Cochin International Airport Limited has signed an agreement with Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) for the Green Hydrogen Project.
- ✓ Under this project, a 1000 kilowatt green hydrogen project will be established in the airport premises.
- ✓ Kochi Airport will become the first airport in the country to set up a green hydrogen project.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023-24

- > Cochin International Airport Limited has signed an agreement with Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) for the Green Hydrogen Project.
- > 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.
- Q.4. Who has assumed the charge of the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India?

A) Ranjit Kumar Aggarwal

B) Charanjot Singh Nanda

C) Abhinav Mukund Sharma

D) Vinay Kumar Singh

Answer: A

- ✓ The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the apex body of chartered accountants, has elected Ranjit Kumar Aggarwal and Charanjot Singh Nanda as the President and Vice President of the institute respectively.
- ✓ Ranjit Kumar took charge as the 72nd President of ICAI
- ✓ Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

✓ Established: 1949

✓ Headquarters: New Delhi

✓ President : Ranjit Kumar Aggarwal

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
- 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.5. Consider the following:

2. Russia 1. Germany

3. United Kingdom 4. Sweden

5. Poland

How many of the above countries border the Baltic Sea?

A) Only two B) Only three

C) Only four D) All five

Answer: C

- ✓ A Stone Age wall has been discovered beneath the Baltic Sea in Germany, believed to be the oldest Warrior megastructure built by humans in Europe.
- ✓ About Baltic Sea:
- ✓ It is a semi-enclosed inland sea located in Northern Europe.
- ✓ It is an arm of the North Atlantic Ocean, extending northward from the latitude of southern Denmark almost to the Arctic Circle and separating the Scandinavian Peninsula from the rest of continental Europe.
- ✓ It has a coastline of approximately 8,000 km, shared by several countries, including Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Germany, Denmark, and Russia.
- ✓ It covers an area of approximately 377,000 sq.km. The sea is approximately 1,600 km long and 193 km wide.
- ✓ It is connected to the White Sea via the White Sea Canal and to the North Sea's German Bight via the Kiel
- ✓ It connects to the Atlantic Ocean through the Danish Straits.
- The Baltic Sea contains three major gulfs: the Gulf of Bothnia to the north, the Gulf of Finland to the east, and the Gulf of Riga slightly to the south of that.

- ✓ It is often cited as the world's largest brackish inland water body.
- ✓ Islands: It is home to over 20 islands and archipelagos. Gotland, located off the coast of Sweden, is the largest island in the Baltic Sea

Q.6. What was the primary purpose of the Cassini-Huygens Mission?

- A) Exploring the surface of Mars
- B) Analyzing the composition of comets
- C) Searching for exoplanets
- D) Investigating the atmosphere and moons of Saturn

Answer: D

- ✓ Recent findings from data collected by NASA's Cassini spacecraft reveal the presence of a vast ocean beneath the icy surface of Saturn's moon Mimas.
- ✓ About Cassini Spacecraft:
- ✓ Cassini-Huygens was a joint NASA/European Space Agency (ESA)/Italian Space Agency (ASI) space mission to Saturn.
- ✓ It was launched on October 15, 1997.
- ✓ The mission consisted of NASA's Cassini orbiter, which was the first space probe to orbit Saturn, and the ESA's Huygens probe, which landed on Titan, Saturn's largest moon.
- ✓ Spacecraft:
- ✓ It was one of the largest interplanetary spacecraft.
- ✓ The Cassini orbiter weighed 2,125 kg (4,685 pounds) and was 6.7 metres (22 feet) long and 4 metres (13 feet) wide.
- ✓ The instruments on board Cassini included radar to map the cloud-covered surface of Titan and a magnetometer to study Saturn's magnetic field.
- ✓ The disk-shaped Huygens probe was mounted on the side of Cassini. It weighed 349 kg (769 pounds), was 2.7 metres (8.9 feet) across, and carried six instruments designed to study the atmosphere and surface of Titan.
- ✓ It orbited Saturn from 2004 to 2017, circling the planet 294 times and teaching us almost everything we know about Saturn.

- Q.7. With reference to the Pallava Dynasty, consider the following statements:
 - 1. They were earlier feudatories of the Satavahanas.
 - 2. They followed Shaivism.
 - 3. They established their capital at Mahabalipuram.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ Archaeologists recently discovered an eighth-century Kotravai sculpture, an artifact that dates back to the Pallava period, near Ulundurpet, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ About Pallava Dynasty:
- ✓ The Pallava Dynasty was a famous power in South India that existed between the 3rd and 9th Centuries.
- ✓ They ruled the northern parts of Tamil Nadu, parts of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, with Kanchipuram as their capital.
- ✓ The Pallavas supported Buddhism, Jainism, and the Brahminical faith and were patrons of music, painting, and literature.
- ✓ They progressively moved southward and instituted their capital at Kanchipuram in the 4th century CE.
- ✓ The rule of Mahendravarman I (571 630 CE) and Narasimhavarman I (630 668 CE) witnessed the augment in the wealth and vigour of the Pallava realm.
- ✓ Architecture:
- ✓ The Pallava Dynasty was typically distinguished for their benefaction of Dravidian architecture.
- ✓ They were the most noted for temple architecture. They were instrumental in the transition from rock-cut architecture to stone temples.
- Q.8. With reference to Electoral Bonds (EBs), consider the following statements:
 - 1. They are interest-free-bearer bonds that can be purchased by companies and individuals in India.
 - 2. They have a limited time validity during which they can be used to make donations to political parties.
 - 3. All national and state parties are eligible to receive EBs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ The Supreme Court recently directed the State Bank of India to stop issuing electoral bonds immediately.
- ✓ About Electoral Bonds (EBs):
- ✓ Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds or money instruments that can be purchased by companies and individuals in India from authorised branches of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- ✓ The bonds are similar to bank notes that are payable to the bearer on demand and are free of interest.
- ✓ These bonds are sold in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh, and Rs 1 crore.
- ✓ They can be purchased through a KYC-compliant account to make donations to a political party.
- ✓ EBs have a life of only 15 days during which it can be used for making donations to political parties.
- ✓ The name and other information of the donor are not entered on the instrument and thus electoral bonds are said to be anonymous.
- ✓ There is no cap on the number of electoral bonds that a person or company can purchase.
- ✓ Under the Income Tax act, one's electoral bond donations are considered tax-exempt under Section 80 GG and Section 80 GGB.
- ✓ Who can receive funding via electoral bonds?
- ✓ Only political parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and which secured not less than 1% of votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of the State, are eligible to receive electoral bonds.
- ✓ The political parties have to encash them within a stipulated time.
- ✓ The bond can be encashed by an eligible political party only through a designated bank account with the authorized bank.
- ✓ The political parties have to disclose the amount to the Election Commission.
- Q.9. Consider the following statements regarding Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah:
 - 1. He was contemporary of Tulasidas.
 - 2. He laid the foundation of Hyderabad.

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, Reality tech firm unveils digital twin of Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah's tomb in Hyderabad.
- ✓ It is one the grandest monuments in the Qutb Shah's tombs complex at the foothill of Golconda, Hyderabad.
- ✓ The majestic tomb built in 1602, is one of the largest tombs at the Qutb Shahi heritage park complex reaching to a total height of 60 m.
- ✓ Who is Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah?
- ✓ He was the fifth king of the Qutb Shahi dynasty laid the foundation of Hyderabad.
- ✓ Shah who wrote in Persian, Telugu, and Deccani—a variant of Urdu--is justifiably the first poet in Deccani Urdu with at least fifty thousand shers to his credit.
- ✓ A contemporary of Tulsidas, he blended the best traditions of the two streams of thought and life to impart a new halo to his poetry.
- Q.10. With reference to United Nations World Restoration Flagship, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is part of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration led by the UN Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization. Warriors
 - 2. It aims to prevent the degradation of ecosystems.
 - 3. It does not provide for any financial assistance.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ United Nations named seven initiatives from across Africa, Latin America, the Mediterranean and Southeast Asia as the intergovernmental organisation's World Restoration Flagships.
- ✓ The World Restoration Flagship is part of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration led by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- ✓ It aims to prevent, halt, and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean.
- The award conferred by the UNEP and FAO of the UN makes the initiatives eligible for technical and financial support from the organisation.

- ✓ The awards track notable initiatives that provide support to global commitments in order to restore one billion hectares.
- ✓ The seven initiatives are
- ✓ The Restoring Mediterranean Forests Initiative: It involves the countries of Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Türkiye.
- ✓ It consists of a novel approach said to have protected and restored natural habitats and vulnerable ecosystems. It is also said to have led to around two million hectares of forests restored across the region since 2017.
- ✓ The Living Indus initiative received approval from the Pakistan parliament in the wake of the devastating 2022 climate change-induced floods.
- ✓ Its official launch took place at the 27th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Sharm el-Sheikh.
- ✓ It designates the Indus River as a living entity with rights a measure taken to protect rivers elsewhere as well.
- ✓ The Acción Andina social movement led by Peruvian conservation non-profit ECOAN aims to protect and restore a forest area of one million hectares.
- ✓ "It also supported the tiger population in the landscape shared by India and Nepal, which increased today to 1,174.
- ✓ Regreening Africa's agriculture: It is expected to benefit over 6,00,000 households.
- ✓ Growing forests in Africa's drylands initiative: It aims to expand from 41,000 restored hectares today to 229,000 hectares by 2030.

Q.11. Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium has been renamed after whom?

A) Jai Shah

B) Kapil Dev

C) Rahul Dravid

D) Niranjan Shah

Answer: D

- ✓ The Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium has been renamed after cricket administrator and former firstclass cricketer Niranjan Shah.
- ✓ Niranjan Shah played 12 first-class matches from 1965 to 1975 and is also a former Secretary of BCCI.
- ✓ This is the first solar powered stadium of Gujarat.

Q.12. Who has been elected Speaker of Bihar Assembly?

A) Nand Kishore Yadav

B) Jitan Ram Manjhi

C) Tejashwi Yadav

D) Giriraj Singh

Answer: A

- ✓ Senior BJP leader Nand Kishore Yadav was unanimously elected Speaker of Bihar Assembly.
- ✓ He was elected Speaker after the election process in the special meeting of the State Assembly.
- ✓ Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and opposition leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav accompanied the new speaker to the seat.

Q.13. Where is the first Digital India FutureSkills Summit being organised?

A) Varanasi

B) Jaipur

C) Guwahati

D) Patna

Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister Rajiv Chandrashekhar inaugurated the Digital India FutureSkills Summit 2024.
- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics and IT (NIELIT), is set to host the Future Skills Summit in Guwahati.
- ✓ It is being organized through the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ✓ More than 1,000 people including top industrialists and academicians are participating in this conference.

Q.14. Who has taken charge as the new Managing Director of IRCTC?

A) Alakh Pandey

B) Sanjay Kumar Jain

C) Alok Sinha

D) Rajeev Prasad Singh

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian Railway Traffic Service officer Sanjay Kumar Jain took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC).
- ✓ Sanjay Jain is a qualified Chartered Accountant (CA).
- ✓ He has also previously worked as Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai.
- ✓ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)
- ✓ Founded: 1999

✓ Headquarters : New Delhi✓ CMD : Sanjay Kumar Jain

Q.15. Indian hammer thrower Rachna Kumari has been banned for how many years for doping?

A) 17

B) 10

C) 12

D) 15

Answer: C

- ✓ The Athletics Integrity Unit and the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) sanctioned two athletes for anti-doping rule violations.
- ✓ Indian hammer thrower Rachna Kumari has been banned for 12 years.
- ✓ Nirmala Sheoran has also been banned for violating anti-doping rules
- ✓ National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

✓ Founded: 2005

✓ Headquarters: New Delhi

✓ Chairman : Minister of Sports

Q.16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple development projects worth about 7,300 crore rupees in which state?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Haryana

D) Gujarat

Answer: B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple development projects worth about 7,300 crore rupees in Jhabua, the tribal-dominated district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also disbursed monthly installments of Aahar Anudan under Aahar Anudan Yojna to about two lakh women beneficiaries.
- ✓ Modi distributed 1 lakh 75 thousand records of rights to beneficiaries of the SVAMITVA Scheme.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also transferred around 55 crore rupees for 559 villages under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of 'CM Rise School' in Jhabua.

✓ Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the drinking water supply scheme for more than one thousand villages of Dhar and Ratlam districts; and 14 urban water supply schemes under AMRUT 2.0 and Nal Jal Yojna for 50 Gram Panchayats of Jhabua.

PM MODI FOUNDATION STONE IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple development projects worth about 7,300 crore rupees in Jhabua, the tribal-dominated district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a slew of development projects worth over Rs 20,000 crore in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over 30,500 crore rupees in Maharashtra
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a new terminal building at Tiruchirappalli International Airport in Tamil Nadu.
- The new terminal building has been developed at a cost of more than Rs 1100 crore.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple projects worth ₹5,000 crore in Rajasthan and asserted that they will lead to further development of the state.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than 26 thousand crore rupees in Jagdalpur, the divisional headquarters of tribal Bastar division in Chhattisgarh
- > PM Inaugurates Rs 4200 Crore Worth Of Development Projects In Uttarakhand.
- ➤ Prime Minister Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects worth over Rs 19,100 crores in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh
- > PM Initiates 8 AMRUT Projects Worth Rs. 2,000 Crores In Solapur, Maharashtra.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi on inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of development projects worth more than Rs 38,000 crore in different sectors in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the Shivmogga airport in the state of Karnataka. The airport was built for Rs 450 crores

- Q.17. Which company has made an additional investment of ₹537 crore in its UK subsidiary Optare PLC in the electric vehicle arm Switch Mobility field?
 - A) Ashok Leyland

- B) Tata Motors Ltd
- C) Suzuki Motor Corporation
- D) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd

Answer: A

- ✓ Ashok Leyland has made an additional investment of ₹537 crore in its U.K. subsidiary Optare PLC.
- ✓ The investment is primarily to meet the capital expenditure, R&D and operational requirements of Optare PLC and Switch Mobility, both in the UK and India.
- ✓ Consequent to the allotment, the shareholding of ALL in Optare has increased to 92.59% from 92.19% with Hinduja Automotive Ltd., the promoter, holding 6.90%.
- ✓ Optare, which is into the manufacture and sales of commercial vehicles, had reported a consolidated revenue of ₹230 crore for FY23
- Q.18. RBI has increased the ceiling on fees payable to non-executive directors of banks to how much rupees per year from the existing level of 20 lakh rupees?

A) 30 lakh

B) 40 lakh

C) 50 lakh

D) 60 lakh

Answer: A

- ✓ RBI has increased the ceiling on fees payable to non-executive directors of banks to 30 lakh rupees per year from the existing level of 20 Lakh rupees.
- ✓ The revision comes two years after RBI came out with new guidelines for directors as a part of corporate governance, where it capped the remuneration for non-executive directors, excluding the chair of the board.
- ✓ It revised the celling in recognition of the vital role of the non-executive operation of bank boards and their various committees.
- ✓ RBI said the banks are required to have suitable criteria for granting fixed remuneration to its NEDs, with the approval of their boards.
- ✓ The instructions on review of fixed remuneration granted to NEDs would be applicable to all the private sector banks including small finance banks (SFBs) and payment banks (PBs) as also the wholly owned subsidiaries of foreign banks.

- Q.19. Paytm E-commerce has rebranded itself as Pai Platforms, marking a shift in its corporate identity. Paytm has recently acquired which of the following E-commerce Platform?
 - A) Kia Fashion

B) Snapdeal

C) Smart Point

D) Bitsila

Answer: D

- ✓ Paytm E-commerce has rebranded itself as Pai Platforms, marking a shift in its corporate identity.
- ✓ The move comes alongside the acquisition of Bitsila, a prominent seller platform operating within the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- ✓ This strategic shift underscores Pai Platforms' ambition to assert its presence and gain a larger foothold in the fiercely competitive landscape of online retail.
- ✓ Pai Platforms' acquisition of Bitsila underscores its commitment to strengthening its commerce capabilities within the ONDC network.
- ✓ Bitsila, established in 2020, has ascended to become one of the top three seller platforms on ONDC, facilitating transactions for esteemed brands such as McDonald's and BigBasket.
- Q.20. Chennai Super Kings have appointed whom as its brand ambassador for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024?
 - A) Katrina Kaif

Warriors B) Aishwarya Rai

C) Priyanka Chopra

D) Alia Bhatt

Answer: A

- ✓ Chennai Super Kings have appointed Katrina Kaif as their brand ambassador for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024.
- ✓ The five-time champions have also changed their jersey logo before the new season.
- ✓ The famous Bollywood actress, who is married to Vicky Kaushal, is also the brand ambassador of Etihad Airways. CSK recently signed a sponsorship deal with Etihad Airways and brought Katrina on board.
- Q.21. The men's marathon world record holder, Kelvin Kiptum, 24, has died in a road accident. He was from which country?

A) Egypt

B) Kenya

C) USA

D) Uganda

Answer: B

- ✓ The men's marathon world record holder, Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum, 24, has died in a road accident in his home country.
- ✓ He was killed alongside his coach, Rwanda's Gervais Hakizimana, in a car on a road in western Kenya.
- ✓ Kiptum broke the men's marathon record in Chicago on 8 October 2023, with a time of two hours and 35 seconds.
- ✓ The Kenyan slashed 34 seconds off two-time Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge's previous world record from Berlin in 2022 to become the first man to run the marathon under two hours and one minute

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| Q.1. | The first Public Credit Registry (PCR) was established in v | which country? |
|------|---|----------------|
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A) USA

B) Japan

C) China

D) Germany

Answer: D

- O.2. What is the full form of ARC?
 - A) Amortized Reconstruction Company B) Asset Reconstruction Company
 - C) Amortized Revalued Company

D) Asset Revaluation Company

Answer: B

Q.3. In which year was National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) set up?

A) 2012

B) 2013

C) 2014

Aparchill D) 2015

Answer: B

Q.4. Which of the following is not a promoter of National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) IRDAI

D) SIDBI

Answer: D

✓ National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).



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| Q.5. | _ are networks of issuing and acquiring banks through which payment cards of certain brand are processed. | | |
|-------|---|---|--|
| | A) Card Network | B) Payment Network | |
| | C) NACH | D) SWIFT | |
| Ansv | wer: A | | |
| Q.6. | is the rate charged to a merchan transactions. | nt for payment processing services on debit / credit care | |
| | A) ADR | B) MDR | |
| | C) NDR | D) FDR | |
| Ansv | wer: B | | |
| Q.7. | Government Departments have to make | e of their procurement from MSEs. | |
| | A) 25% | B) 10% | |
| | C) 50% | D) 75% | |
| Ansv | wer: A | | |
| Q.8. | is the apex body responsible for the d | levelopment of the MSME sector. | |
| | A) SEBI | B) RBI | |
| | C) SIDBI | D) NABARD | |
| Ansv | wer : C | B) RBI D) NABARD TARRES THE FEMALE AND THE PROPERTY OF THE | |
| Q.9. | Which of the following is the settlemen | t entity for TReDS? | |
| | A) SEBI | B) SIDBI | |
| | C) RBI | D) NPCI | |
| Ansv | wer: D | | |
| Q.10. | In India, MSMEs are defined based on | in Plant and Machinery / equipment. | |
| | A) investment | B) division | |
| | C) limitations | D) diversification | |
| Ansv | wer: A | | |



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