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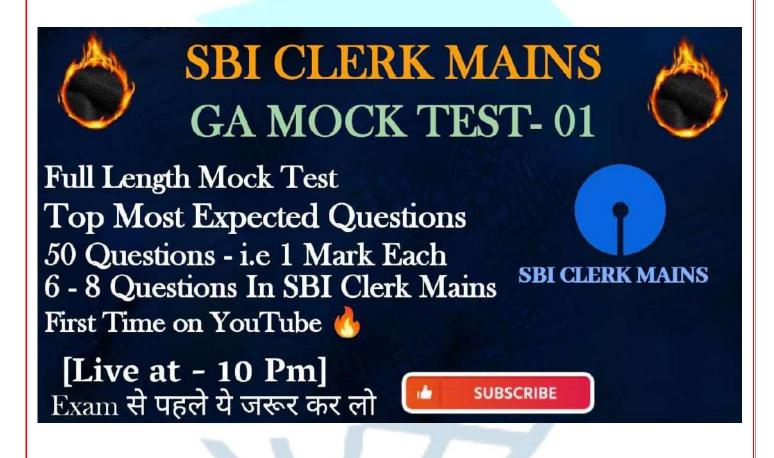
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Aparchit 18&19 February English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

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Q.1. Who has been nominated for the 58th Jnanpith Award?

A) Gulzar

B) Jagadguru Rambhadracharya

C) Amitabh Chaudhary

D) Both A and B

Answer: D

- ✓ The Jnanpith Selection Committee has nominated famous Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya for the 58th Jnanpith Award.
- ✓ Gulzar's real name is 'Sampoorna Singh Kalra'.
- ✓ He is considered one of the best Urdu poets of this era.
- ✓ Gulzar has also made important contribution to Hindi cinema. Rambhadracharya is the founder of Tulsi Peeth in Chitrakoot
- ✓ About Gulzar
- ✓ Sampooran Singh Kalra, who is popularly known as Gulzar, is a renowned figure in Hindi cinema and a highly regarded Urdu poet. He is considered one of the best poets of his time.
- ✓ Gulzar has received many accolades for his works, including the Sahitya Akademi Award for Urdu in 2002, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2013, the Padma Bhushan in 2004, and at least five National Film Awards.
- ✓ Some of his most notable works include the song "Jai Ho" for the movie "Slumdog Millionaire," which won an Oscar in 2009 and a Grammy in 2010. He has also created songs for critically acclaimed films such as "Maachis" (1996), "Omkara" (2006), "Dil Se..." (1998), and "Guru" (2007), among others.
- ✓ Gulzar has directed timeless award-winning classics such as "Koshish", "Parichay", "Mausam", "Ijaazat", and the television serial "Mirza Ghalib".
- ✓ About Rambhadracharya
- ✓ Rambhadracharya, who is 74 years old, is a well-known Hindu spiritual leader, educator and writer. He is the founder and head of Tulsi Peeth in Chitrakoot and has written over 240 books and texts, including four epics.
- ✓ Rambhadracharya has been holding the position under the Ramananda sect as one of the current four Jagadguru Ramanandacharya since 1982.

- ✓ Despite being blind since the age of two months due to trachoma, Rambhadracharya is a polyglot who can speak 22 languages. He is also a poet and writer in several Indian languages, including Sanskrit, Hindi, Awadhi, and Maithili.
- ✓ In recognition of his contributions, he received the Padma Vibhushan award in 2015. Rambhadracharya was born as Giridhara Misra and was home-schooled by his grandfather during his initial years.
- ✓ He had memorized the entire Bhagavad Gita by the age of eight and the entire Ramcharitmanas.
- ✓ Jnanpith Awards:
- ✓ It is the oldest and highest Indian literary award presented annually by Bharatiya Jnanpith.
- ✓ It recognizes outstanding contributions to literature by Indian authors writing in English as well as in the Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.
- ✓ The first award was given on 19 November 1966 to G.K. Shankar Kurup was awarded.
- ✓ The award was established in 1961 and is not given posthumously.
- ✓ Ashapurna Devi became the first woman recipient in 1976 for her novel "Prothom Protishruti" (The First Promise).

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✓ SURPRISE FACTS JNANPITH AWARD

✓ Field : Literature

✓ Instituted: 1961

✓ First awarded: 1965

✓ First recipient : G. Sankara Kurup

✓ First women to receive : Ashapoorna Devi

✓ First Jnanpith in English : Amitav Ghosh (54th Jnanpith)

✓ First Jnanpith in Hindi : Kunwar Narayan in 2005

✓ Akkitham : Jnanpith Award (55th)

✓ Language : 22 languages mentioned in the Eighth

✓ Total awarded: 62

- ✓ First Jnanpith Awardee G.Sankara Kurup (1965) Malayalam language
- ✓ First woman Jnanpith Awardee Ashapurna Devi (1976) Bangla language
- ✓ First English author to receive Jnanpith Award: Amitav Ghosh (2018)
- ✓ First Hindi author to receive Jnanpith Award : Sumitranandan Pant (1968)

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
- > 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
- Q.2. 'PM Vishwakarma Yojana' has been launched by which ministry?
 - A) Ministry of Agriculture
 - B) Ministry of Rural Development
 - C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
 - D) Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

Answer: C

- ✓ 'PM Vishwakarma Yojana' is a central sector scheme launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- ✓ This scheme encourages artisans and craftsmen to get cheap loans, skill training, modern equipment, digital transactions. A budget of Rs 13,000 crore has been kept for this scheme.
- ✓ 18 businesses have been included under this scheme.
- ✓ PM Vishwakarma will initially be implemented over a period of five years till the financial year 2027-28.
- Q.3. With whom has IREDA signed an agreement for co-financing renewable energy projects?
 - A) Punjab National Bank

B) Bandhan Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) IDFC First Bank

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) and Punjab National Bank have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the aim of taking forward renewable energy initiatives across the country.
- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited is an Indian public sector enterprise, established in 1987.
- ✓ PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
- ✓ Founded: 12 April 1894
- ✓ Founder: Dyal Singh Majithia And Lala Lajpat Rai
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ✓ MD & CEO : Atul Kumar Goel
- ✓ Tagline: The Name You can Bank Upon
- ✓ Punjab National Bank Merge: (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India

IREDA IN NEWS 2023-24

- > Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, Punjab National Bank to co-finance green energy projects.
- > 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.
- > 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.4. Which country's women's team won the gold medal in the Badminton Asia Team Championship?

A) India

B) China

C) Malaysia

D) Singapore

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian women's team performed brilliantly and won the gold medal in the Badminton Asia Team Championship.
- ✓ This is the first time that India won a gold medal in the women's event.
- ✓ Earlier, the men's team had won bronze medals in the 2016 and 2020 editions.
- ✓ PV Sindhu, Trisa Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand and Kharab gave India the lead by winning their respective matches.
- Q.5. In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation stone of 'Shri Kalki Dham Temple'?

A) Bihar

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Maharashtra

Answer: B

✓ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Hindu pilgrimage site 'Shri Kalki Dham Temple' in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh.

✓ This temple is being constructed by Shri Kalki Dham Nirman Trust, whose president is Acharya Pramod Krishnam. Lord Kalki is considered to be the 10th incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Shri Kalki Dham temple complex will be completed in five acres, which will take 5 years.

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS 2023-24

- > Global aerospace giant Boeing has opened its first distribution center in India, located in Khurja, Uttar Pradesh.
- > For the first time in India, a boat running on solar energy will be operated in the Saryu river in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
- > Uttar Pradesh State Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra inaugurated 'Rahat Vani Kendra' (RVC), an observatory for early disaster warning.
- Lucknow city, known as the 'City of Nawabs', will be developed as India's first 'AI City'.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has announced the launch of India's first 'Telecom Center of Excellence.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh has achieved the highest entry rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform.
- A high-level delegation from the Uttar Pradesh government is set to participate in the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland.
- > Uttar Pradesh government has linked big institutions like the CSIR and DRDO with the Bulk Drug Park and made them its knowledge partners.
- Ayodhya, the temple city on the banks of the Saryu River in Uttar Pradesh, marked a spectacular Deepotsav on Saturday, setting a new Guinness World Record with the lighting of 22.23 lakh earthen lamps across 51 ghats.
- > President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show at India Expo Center and Mart in Greater Noida.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for the solarisation of residential units at Ayodhya and for bio-energy and renewable project financing.
- Ashok Leyland has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the government of Uttar Pradesh to set up an integrated commercial vehicle bus plant focused on green mobility in Uttar Pradesh.

- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has decided to organize a campaign under Road Safety Fortnight from July 17 to 31.
- > Uttar Pradesh Police Department has launched 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has decided to cancel all Traffic Chalan for private and commercial vehicle owners pending from 2017 to 2021.
- Q.6. The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA), often mentioned in the news, aims to:
 - A) provide access to quality education for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds
 - B) promote cultural exchange in residential schools
 - C) provide scholarships to meritorious students from Scheduled Caste (SC) communities for higher education
 - D) exclusively cater to students with disabilities in residential schools

Answer: C

- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) recently issued instructions for Residential Private Schools interested in joining SHRESHTA Scheme.
- ✓ About Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA):
- ✓ The scheme aims to provide access to the best private residential schools for meritorious students from Scheduled Caste (SC) communities.
- ✓ It will provide scholarships to meritorious students from SC communities to study in private and NGO-run residential schools for Classes 9-12.
- ✓ The scheme is expected to provide admissions to around 3,000 students in Classes 9 and 11 each year.
- ✓ The core objectives of the scheme are to enhance the reach of the development initiatives of the government and fill in the gap in service-deprived SC dominant areas in the education sector.
- ✓ Implementation agency: The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- ✓ Eligibility: Students whose annual parental income is less than Rs 2,50,000 and who belong to SC communities are eligible to participate in this scheme.

✓ Only those candidates who have passed or are appearing in Class VIII/X in the given academic session can apply for taking admission to Class IX/XI.

SCHEME IN NEWS 2024

- According to a Crisil assessment called Prabhaay, 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.

Q.7. Which among the following best describes Disinflation?

- A) An increase in inflation rates
- B) A decrease in inflation rates
- C) A decrease in the aggregate supply D) A decrease in the aggregate demand

Answer: B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor recently said recurring food price shocks and renewed flash points on the geo-political front pose a challenge to the ongoing disinflation process.
- About Disinflation:

- ✓ Disinflation is a decrease in inflation rates.
- ✓ In simple terms, a decline in the rate of increase in the general price level of goods and services in the gross domestic product (GDP) of a country over time is called disinflation.
- ✓ Unlike inflation and deflation, which refer to the direction of prices, disinflation refers to the rate of change in the rate of inflation.
- ✓ Disinflation is not considered problematic because prices do not actually drop, and disinflation does not usually signal the onset of a slowing economy.
- Q.8. The primary role of the Chinook/CH-47F helicopter is:

A) Close Air Support

B) Heavy troop and supply transport

C) Reconnaissance

D) Aerial refueling

Answer: B

- ✓ A Chinook helicopter of the Indian Air Force made a precautionary landing following a "technical snag" near Punjab's Barnala recently.
- ✓ About Chinook Helicopter:
- ✓ Chinook/CH-47F is the U.S. Army's primary heavy troop and supply transport aircraft.
- ✓ It is an advanced multi-mission helicopter.
- ✓ It is manufactured by the American aerospace and defence firm Boeing for the US Army and international defence forces.
- ✓ It is used for the transportation of troops, artillery, supplies, and equipment to the battlefield.
- ✓ India has about 15 CH-47 Chinook helicopters.
- ✓ Maximum Speed: 160 knots (296 kmph).
- Q.9. Which one of the following is the primary objective of the Chang'e 6 mission?
 - A) To search for exoplanets beyond our solar system
 - B) To study Venus's geological and volcanic activity.
 - C) To retrieve samples from the lunar south pole.
 - D) To explore the potential for life on Mars.

Answer: C

- ✓ The China National Space Administration (CNSA) recently announced that the Chang'e 6 sample return mission is on track to land on the surface of the Moon in the first half of 2024.
- ✓ About Chang'e 6 Mission:
- ✓ The Chang'e 6 mission is a planned lander designed to return samples from the lunar south pole.
- ✓ The mission aims to land on the Moon, collect samples from the lunar surface, and return them to Earth.

 This process will contribute crucial data to unravel the Moon's geological mysteries.
- ✓ Representing the first attempt to retrieve samples from the far side of the Moon, Chang'e 6 is set to bring back up to two kilograms of lunar samples, adopting a configuration similar to the successful Chang'e 5 mission.
- ✓ The mission involves international collaboration, with payloads from the European Space Agency (ESA) and the French space agency CNES.
- ✓ ESA contributes a lunar surface ion tester, while CNES provides equipment for measuring radon gas and its decay products.
- ✓ Additionally, an Italian laser corner reflector for radar instrument calibration and Pakistan's ICUBE-Q CubeSat will be part of the mission.
- ✓ Chang'e 6 will consist of both a lander and a rover.
- ✓ The lander will touch down on the lunar surface, while the rover will explore specific regions, conduct experiments, and aid in the sample collection process.
- Q.10. Consider the following statements with reference to the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP):
 - 1. It is a voluntary movement of followers of Buddhism with both monastic (monks) and lay members.
 - 2. It is headquartered in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

- ✓ The Indian Vice President recently inaugurated the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace in New Delhi.
- ✓ About Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP):

- ✓ It was founded in 1970 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, as a voluntary movement of followers of Buddhism with both monastic (monks) and lay members.
- ✓ Its aim is to bring together the efforts of Buddhists in support of consolidating universal peace, harmony, and cooperation among people in Asia.
- ✓ It is currently headquartered at the Gandanthegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and the Supreme Head of Mongolian Buddhists is the ABCP President.

Q.11. Consider the following:

1. Puri

2. Gangotri

3. Sringeri

4. Dwarka

How many of the above are monastic centers (maths) established by Adi Shankaracharya?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) Only three

D) All four

Answer: C

- ✓ The four Shankaracharyas recently said that they will not attend the inauguration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.
- ✓ About Shankaracharyas:
- ✓ Shankaracharya, literally 'teacher of the way of Shankara', is a religious title used by the heads of the four Hindu maths (monasteries) that were established by the eighth-century Hindu saint Adi Shankara.
- ✓ These maths are located in Dwarka (Gujarat), Joshimath (Uttarakhand), Puri (Odisha), and Sringeri (Karnataka).
- Q.12. India and which country have signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation?

A) Ethiopia

B) Uganda

C) Colombia

D) Oman

Answer: C

- ✓ India and Colombia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation.
- ✓ It was signed between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Information Technologies and Communications of Colombia.

SIGNS MoU IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ India, Colombia sign MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions.
- ➤ India Signs Agreement for Lithium Exploration & Mining Project in Argentina.
- > Cabinet approves the Migration and Mobility Agreement between India and Italy
- India and Italy sign Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement to facilitate movement of workers.
- ➤ India-Japan pact on semiconductor supply chain gets Cabinet green light.
- India, Italy sign defence agreement.
- ➤ India and Tanzania elevate ties to Strategic Partnership; Agree on 5 year roadmap for defence cooperation.
- ➤ India, Tanzania to sign 15 agreements with eye on USD 10 billion trade.
- India And Saudi Arabia Tie Up For Green Hydrogen.
- ➤ India And Saudi Arabia Sign Agreement On Cooperation In Energy Sector.
- India, New Zealand Sign MoU To Enhance Cooperation In Civil Aviation.
- ➤ India and Trinidad and Tobago have entered a partnership by signing an MoU to share INDIA STACK.
- ➤ India, Moldova agree to sign MoU for cooperation in agriculture
- ➤ India, UAE sign MoU on linking of India's Unified Payments Interface with Instant Payment Platform of UAE.
- ➤ India, Panama sign MoU on electoral cooperation.
- ➤ India and Singapore extend MoU on cooperation for 5 years.
- ➤ Israel signed an agreement with India to enhance technological advancements and sustainable practices cooperation in the fields of water and agriculture.
- > India and US To Establish Monitoring Group to Boost High-Tech Trade and Tech Partnership.
- India and Australia Sign Agreements on Migration and Green Hydrogen Task Force.
- India, Israel sign MoU for industrial research and development cooperation.
- ➤ NET Zero' Innovation Virtual Centre to be jointly created by India-UK.
- ➤ India, UK sign agreement to collaborate on science and innovation.
- ➤ Nepal and India to Sign Agreement for Cross-Border Digital Payments.
- > India and Romania sign first Defence Cooperation Agreement to strengthen bilateral relations.
- ➤ India, US to sign memorandum of understanding on semiconductors.

Australia, India agree on strengthening economic, defence ties.

- Q.13. According to Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, which state has recorded the highest number of vehicle sales in October-December 2023?
 - A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Bihar

Answer : C

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of vehicle sales in October-December 2023, followed by Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, according to Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers.
- ✓ As per data from SIAM, Uttar Pradesh clocked a total sale of 8,22,472 units across passenger and commercial vehicles; and two and three-wheeler categories.
- ✓ In two-wheeler category, Uttar Pradesh topped the list followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh & Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Maharashtra was second with 6,88,192 units across the four categories followed by Gujarat with 4,21,026 units and Tamil Nadu 4,19,189 units in the quarter.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh witnessed the highest number of three-wheelers sold in the quarter at 23,859 units, followed by Maharashtra (20,495), Gujarat (19,743) and Bihar (14,955).
- ✓ Similarly, in the two-wheeler category, Uttar Pradesh topped the list with a total of 6,73,962 units sold in the state, followed by Maharashtra (5,15,612), Madhya Pradesh (3,35,478) and Tamil Nadu (3,24,918).
- Q.14. According to Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) data, which state tops the country in terms of public electric vehicle charging stations with 5,059?

A) Karnataka

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Telangana

Answer: A

- ✓ Karnataka tops the country in terms of public electric vehicle charging stations with 5,059, according to statistics from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Union Ministry of Power.
- ✓ Bengaluru Urban District has the most public charging stations with 4,281, which constitutes 85% of the charging infrastructure in the State.
- ✓ In 2017, Karnataka became the pioneer in India by introducing the first electric vehicle (EV) policy.

- ✓ At present, it leads in the number of public charging stations, with Maharashtra (3,079), Delhi (1,886), Kerala (958), Tamil Nadu (643), Uttar Pradesh (583), and Rajasthan (500) following suit.
- Q.15. Fintech firm One97 Communications owner of the brand Paytm has shifted its nodal account to which bank from Paytm Payments Bank?

A) Yes Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Axis Bank

C) ICICI Bank

Answer: C

- ✓ Fintech firm One97 Communications owner of the brand Paytm has shifted its nodal account to Axis Bank from Paytm Payments Bank.
- ✓ The move will allow continuity of Paytm QR, Soundbox, and card machine after the March 15 set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as per a regulatory filing.
- ✓ The company has also shifted its nodal account to Axis Bank (by opening an escrow account) to continue seamless merchant settlements as before.
- ✓ This arrangement is expected to seamlessly replace the nodal account that OCL was using with Paytm Payments Bank.
- ✓ The nodal account of Paytm is like a master account in which all its customers, and merchant transactions are settled

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- > Axis Bank has appointed Pranam Wahi as an additional independent director of the bank for four years.
- Axis Bank signed MoU with IRMA to promote financial inclusion and literacy in India.
- Axis Bank and Fibe Partner to launch India's First Numberless Credit Card.
- Axis Bank Launched 'NEO For Business' Banking Platform For MSMEs.
- > Axis Bank Introduces 'Infinity Savings Account' with Zero Domestic Transaction Fees.
- Axis Bank partners with RBI Innovation Hub to launch Kisan Credit cards.
- Axis Bank Partners with Kiwi to Bolster 'Credit on UPI' on RuPay Credit Cards.
- Axis Bank has launched the 'one-view' feature on its mobile application which enables account management across multiple bank accounts.

- Axis Bank has appointed NS Vishwanathan, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as non-executive chairman.
- Axis Bank launches Digital Onboarding platform 'Sarathi' for POS Terminals.
- Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation ltd announce strategic partnership under the colending model.
- Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank Partners with OPEN to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account.
- AXIS BANK
- ➤ Founded: 1993
- > HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- > Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- ➤ MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline: Badhti Ka naam Zindagi
- Q.16. Which insurance company has launched the "Amritbaal" insurance plan for children?
 - A) Life Insurance Corporation of India
 - B) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 - Aparchit Exam Warriors C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
 - D) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance

Answer: A

- ✓ The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched "Amritbaal", an insurance plan for children.
- ✓ The new "non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, life insurance" plan is specifically designed to have an adequate corpus to meet the higher education and other needs of a child.
- ✓ The minimum sum assured (SA) for this policy is ₹2 lakh and there is no maximum SA (subject to underwriting decision).
- This policy will facilitate the accumulation of corpus through guaranteed additions at the rate of ₹80 per thousand basic sum assured at the end of each policy year from the inception till the end of the policy term, provided the policy is in force.

LIC IN NEWS 2023-24

- LIC gets RBI nod for 9.99% stake buy in HDFC Bank.
- LIC emerged as the most valued Indian PSU firm, surpassing SBI.
- > (LIC) is planning to acquire up to 10 percent equity stake in a company promoted by the National Housing Bank (NHB)
- ➤ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has appointed S Sundar Krishnan as Chief Risk Officer (CRO), replacing Pratap Chandra Paikarai
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a special scheme, named Jeevan Utsav.
- ➤ Siddhartha Mohanty appointed as Chairman of LIC Until June 2024.
- ➤ LIC Raises Stake in Tech Mahindra to 8.88% Through Open Market Transactions.
- LIC to divest 60.72% share in IDBI Bank.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- ➤ Founded : 1956
- Headquarters : Mumbai
- > Chairman : Siddhartha Mohanty
- ➤ It is India's largest life insurance company and also the country's largest investment company.
- ➤ Authorised Capital of LIC Rs 25,000 Crore
- Q.17. Famous Jain saint Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj passed away, in which state was he born?
 - A) Tamil Nadu
 - B) Assam
 - C) Himachal Pradesh
 - D) Karnataka

Answer: D

- ✓ Famous Jain saint Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj passed away at Chandragiri Tirtha in Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj was the most famous saint of the Digambar Jain community.
- ✓ Jain saint Vidyasagar Maharaj was born on 10 October 1946 in Sadalga village of Belgaum, Karnataka

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 18&19 February 2024

Q.1.	Which of the followin	g card type cannot	be used for cash	withdrawal at	PoS terminals?
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A) VISA Debit Cards

B) MasterCard

C) Credit Card

D) Rupay Card

Answer: C

Q.2. Where is the headquarters of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDBRT) located?

A) Mumbai

B) Chennai

C) Hyderabad

D) Delhi

Answer: C

Q.3. Who regulates a company based Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

D) NHB

Answer: A

Q.4. Who regulates a trust based Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF)? Warriors

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

D) NHB

Answer: B

Q.5. In 1969, those banks were nationalized whose deposits were more than .

- A) Rs 100 crore
- B) Rs 200 crore
- C) Rs 50 crore
- D) Rs 10 crore

Answer : C

The Government nationalised 14 banks (with effect from the midnight of 19 July 1969) with deposits of over Rs.50 crore by promulgating the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Ordinance, 1969.

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A) Rs 500 crore

B) Rs 100 crore

C) Rs 200 crore

D) Rs 50 crore

Answer: C

✓ Six banks, viz, Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank, New Bank of India, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Punjab and Sind Bank, and Vijaya Bank with deposit liabilities of Rs.200 crore and above were nationalised in April 1980

Q.7. What is the minimum paid up capital requirement for a bank to be eligible for inclusion in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

A) Rs 50 lakh

B) Rs 10 lakh

C) Rs 15 lakh

D) Rs 5 lakh

Answer: D

✓ A scheduled bank is one that is listed in the second schedule of RBI Act, 1934. Banks having paid up capital of at least Rs 5 lakh are eligible for inclusion in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

Q.8. How many types of Priority Sector Lending Certificates are there in India?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

Answer: B

✓ Four type- PSLC Agriculture, PSLC SF/MF, PSLC Micro Enterprises and PSLC General

Q.9. The range of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) that RBI can prescribe can vary between 0% to _____ %.

A) 20

B) 30

C) 40

D) 50

Answer: C

Q.10. What is the maximum compensation under the Banking Ombudsman Scheme of RBI?

A) Rs 10 lakh

B) Rs 5 lakh

C) Rs 20 lakh

D) Rs 1 lakh

Answer: C



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