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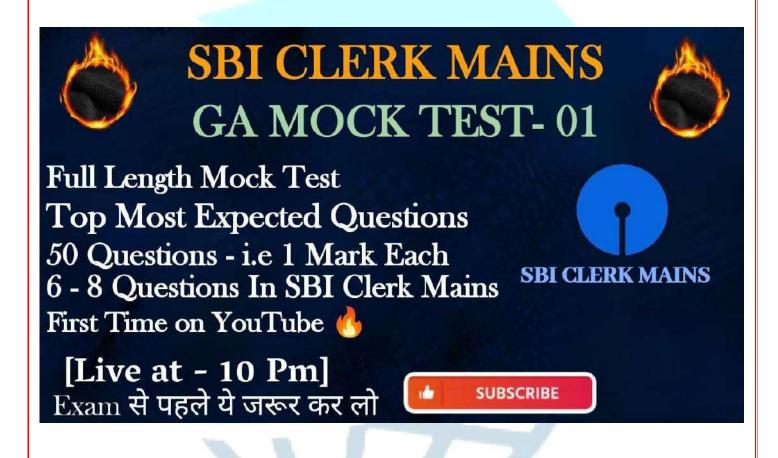
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Aparchit 2 March English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

- Q.1. Consider the following statements with reference to the Foreign Exchange Reserves:
 - 1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the custodian of the foreign exchange reserves in India.
 - 2. India's Foreign Exchange Reserves include foreign currency assets and Special Drawing Rights (SDRs).
 - 3. The biggest contributor to India's foreign exchange reserves is Gold.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ India's foreign exchange reserves surged by \$2.98 billion to \$619.07 billion recently.
- ✓ About Foreign Exchange Reserve:
- ✓ Foreign Exchange Reserves (also called Forex Reserves) are reserve assets held by a central bank in foreign currencies.
- ✓ Foreign assets comprise assets that are not denominated in the domestic currency of the country.
- ✓ These may include foreign currencies, bonds, treasury bills, and other government securities.
- ✓ Reserves are denominated and expressed in the US dollar, which is the international numeraire for the purpose.
- ✓ RBI is the custodian of the foreign exchange reserves in India.
- ✓ India's foreign exchange reserves comprise of;
- ✓ Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs): These are maintained in currencies like the US dollar, euro, pound sterling, Australian dollar, and Japanese yen.
- ✓ Gold
- ✓ SDR (Special Drawing Rights): This is the reserve currency with the IMF.
- ✓ RTP (Reserve Tranche Position): This is the reserve capital with the IMF.
- ✓ The biggest contributor to India's Forex reserves is foreign currency assets, followed by gold.
- ✓ Purpose:

- ✓ They are used to back liabilities on their own issued currency, support the exchange rate, and set monetary policy.
- ✓ To ensure that RBI has backup funds if their national currency rapidly devalues or becomes altogether insolvent.
- ✓ If the value of the Rupee decreases due to an increase in the demand for the foreign currency, then RBI sells the dollar in the Indian money market so that depreciation of the Indian currency can be checked.
- ✓ A country with a good stock of forex has a good image at the international level because the trading countries can be sure about their payments.
- ✓ A good forex reserve helps in attracting foreign trade and earns a good reputation with trading partners.

Q.2. Exercise Samudra Laksamana, is conducted between India and:

A) Bangladesh

B) Bhutan

C) Sri Lanka

D) Malaysia

Answer: D

- ✓ The Exercise Samudra Laksamana kicked off on February 28 and will continue until March 2, taking place at or off the coast of Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ It is a joint naval exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy.
- ✓ It is the 3rd edition of this exercise.
- ✓ Indian Naval Ship Kiltan and Royal Malaysian Ship KD Lekir are participating in this exercise which has harbour professional interactions followed by the operational phase at sea.
- ✓ The exercise aims to strengthen bonds and enhance interoperability between the Indian and Royal Malaysian Navy

EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023-24

- Exercise Samudra Laksamana kicked off on February 28 and will continue until March 2, taking place at or off the coast of Visakhapatnam
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started its largest military exercise in Europe, the Steadfast Defender 2024, recently.
- > The 5th edition of the joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is being organized at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.

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

- ➤ Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy were conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 09 Nov 2023.
- Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023 commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.
- ➤ It is a joint bilateral training exercise between Indian & Malaysian Armed Forces.
- ➤ The 19th edition of "EXERCISE YUDH ABHYAS" will be conducted from 25th September to 8th October
- 2023 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.
- Q.3. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project (PMP), sometimes seen in the news, is a bi-national hydropower project between which two countries?

A) India and Bhutan

B) India and Nepal

C) India and Bangladesh

D) India and Afghanistan

Answer: B

- ✓ Despite the recent India-Nepal agreement, the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project (PMP) discussions remain deadlocked. Established through the Mahakali Treaty in 1996, the PMP is a cross-border hydropower initiative on the Mahakali River. With the goal of enhancing energy production and irrigation in both nations, it features a 315-meter dam (Sharda in India), aiming to generate 6,480 MW equally shared. Additionally, it targets irrigating 130,000 hectares in Nepal and 240,000 hectares in Indian Territory.
- Q.4. Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

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A) Anup Kumar Singh

B) Sudhir Pratap Singh

C) Daljit Singh Chaudhary

D) Subhash Joshi

Answer : C

- ✓ Daljit Singh Chaudhary, a 1990 batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG), a crucial role in India's security. Currently the DG of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), he takes on the added responsibility of leading the NSG, known as the "black cats." This move signifies a significant development in India's security apparatus, enhancing Chaudhary's role in shaping and overseeing critical aspects of national defense.
- ✓ National Security Guard (NSG), commonly known as Black Cats, is a counter-terrorism unit of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

✓ It was founded on 16 October 1984, following Operation Blue Star, to combat terrorist activities and protect states against internal disturbances

NEW UPDATED LIST OF CHIEF AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

- Daljit Singh Chaudhary : National Security Guard (NSG)
- > Anish Dayal Singh: Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- Rahul Rasgotra: Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan: Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
- Daljit Singh Chawdhary : Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- ➤ Nitin Agarwal : Border Security Force (BSF)
- > Pradeep Chandran Nair: Assam Rifles
- Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari: Air Force Chief
- General Manoj Pande : Army Chief
- Admiral R Hari Kumar: Navy Chief
- ➤ Nina Singh: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) [Nina Singh becomes 1st woman to head CISF]
- Rakesh Pal: Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh: National Cadet Corps (NCC)
- Q.5. Which ministry signed an MoU with ISRO on Urban Framed Survey using Bhuvan?
 - A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - B) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
 - C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 - D) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Answer: C

- ✓ Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan.
- ✓ UFS, managed by the Field Operations Division (FOD) of NSSO, utilizes compact units in urban areas with 120-150 households.
- ✓ Executed in five-year phases, it acts as a sampling frame for large-scale socio-economic surveys.

✓ The digital implementation of UFS occurred for the first time during Phase 2017-22, employing the Bhuvan platform for data collection.

ISRO IN NEWS 2023-24

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan.
- ➤ INDIA ON TRACK TO HAVE OWN SPACE STATION BY 2035, ASTRONAUT ON MOON BY 2040: ISRO
- > PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the second spaceport of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ ISRO has successfully launched meteorological satellite INSAT-3DS with the GSLV-F14/INSAT-3DS mission from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota.
- Vyommitra(Woman Robot Astronaut) is going to fly into Space ahead of ISRO's "Gaganyaan" Mission
- ➤ ISRO has completed all key tests on Insat-3DS satellite before the final review which will be followed by its shipping to the spaceport in Srihari Kota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the PSLV-C58 X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) mission.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is planning to send Indian astronauts to the moon for the first time by 2040.
- ➤ ISRO's Next Moon Mission in Collaboration with Japan Gathers Steam. This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25.
- > Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- > ISRO has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START).
- ➤ ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

- Founded: 15 August 1969
- > HQ: Bengalore, Karnataka
- > Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- > 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- ➤ GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- > SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao: satellite Man of India
- Q.6. Which company has signed a joint venture agreement with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (MAHAGENCO) for development of renewable energy parks in Maharashtra?
 - A) Steel Authority of India
 - B) NTPC Green Energy
 - C) TP renewable Microgrid
 - D) Torrent Power

Answer: B

- ✓ NTPC joins hands with MAHAGENCO for development of Renewable Energy Parks
- ✓ NTPC Green Energy (NGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, has signed a joint venture agreement with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (MAHAGENCO) for development of renewable energy parks in Maharashtra.

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- ✓ The company to be set up under the joint venture will develop GW-scale renewable energy parks and undertake projects of this scale in a phased manner.
- ✓ The agreement aligns with the green energy objectives of NTPC and is another step in the Government of Indias efforts towards energy transition.
- ✓ NTPC Group has ambitious plans of attaining 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by the year 2032. Currently, it has 3.4 GW of installed RE capacity and more than 22 GW under pipeline.
- ✓ NTPC is committed to supporting Maharashtra's and India's decarbonisation goals.

NTPC IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ NTPC Green Energy (NGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, has signed a joint venture agreement with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (MAHAGENCO) for development of renewable energy parks in Maharashtra
- > NTPC Green Energy has entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation to set up India's largest green hydrogen production plant.
- NTPC Limited gets certified as a Top Employer 2024 in India.
- ➤ NTPC Kanti has received the 11th edition of the FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category.
- > NTPC shines as the only Indian PSU to feature in Forbes "World's Best Employers 2023" List.
- The central government has received about Rs 1,487 crore from NTPC as a dividend tranche.
- NTPC has been honoured with the prestigious Economic Times (ET) HR World Future Skills Awards 2023.
- NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List.
- ➤ NTPC Kanti launches Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GeM)-2023.
- > NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- ➤ Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- > NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- ➤ India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- ➤ About NTPC
- ➤ The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.
- > The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.
- > Headquarters: New Delhi
- ➤ Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh

- Consider the following statements with reference to Nano Urea:
 - 1. It is a nanotechnology-based revolutionary Agri-input that provides nitrogen to plants.
 - 2. It is developed and patented by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).

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

- ✓ India will replace the consumption of 2.5 million tonnes (mt) of conventional urea with nano urea in FY24, the Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister said at a press conference recently.
- ✓ About Nano Urea:
- ✓ It is a nanotechnology-based revolutionary Agri-input that provides nitrogen to plants.
- ✓ It is developed and patented by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).
- ✓ IFFCO Nano Urea is the only nano fertilizer approved by the Government of India and included in the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO).
- ✓ Features:
- ✓ Compared to conventional urea prill, Nano Urea has a desirable particle size of about 20-50 nm, and more surface area (10,000 times over 1 mm urea prill), and number of particles (55,000 nitrogen particles over 1 parchit Exam mm urea prill).
- ✓ It contains 4.0% total nitrogen (w/v).
- ✓ Benefits:
- ✓ It is produced by an energy-efficient, environment-friendly production process with less carbon footprints.
- ✓ Increased availability to crops by more than 80%, resulting in higher nutrient use efficiency.
- ✓ It is expected to improve crop productivity, soil health, and nutritional quality of produce and address the "imbalanced and excessive use" of conventional fertilizer.
- With reference to National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), consider the following statements: O.8.
 - 1. Round-the-clock availability on all days of the year.
 - 2. Penal interest provision for delay in credit or return of transactions.
 - 3. No charges to savings bank account customers for online NEFT transactions.

4. Positive confirmation to the remitter by SMS/E-mail

How many of the statements given above are advantages of NEFT?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) Only three

D) All four

Answer: D

- ✓ National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) reported its highest-ever daily number of transactions at 4.10 crore recently.
- ✓ About National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT):
- ✓ NEFT is a nation-wide centralised payment system owned and operated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ It is an electronic method of transferring money online.
- ✓ Most Indian banks provide the NEFT feature on internet banking and mobile banking.
- ✓ It enables transferring funds from the account maintained with any bank to any other bank branch, provided the transaction is attempted between the banks that participate in the NEFT payment system.
- ✓ Organisations, companies, and individuals can use it to transfer funds from one bank account to another.
- ✓ As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, the payments made via NEFT are processed and settled in half-hourly batches.

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- ✓ Minimum Transfer Value: Rs. 1
- ✓ Maximum transfer value: No limit
- ✓ NEFT offers the following advantages for funds transfer or receipt:
- ✓ Round-the-clock availability on all days of the year.
- ✓ Near-real-time funds transfer to the beneficiary account and settlement in a secure manner.
- ✓ Pan-India coverage through large network of branches of all types of banks.
- ✓ The beneficiary need not visit a bank branch for depositing the paper instruments. Remitter can initiate the remittances from his / her home / place of work using internet banking, if his / her bank offers such a service.
- ✓ Positive confirmation to the remitter by SMS / e-mail on credit to beneficiary account.
- ✓ Penal interest provision for delay in credit or return of transactions.
- ✓ No levy of charges by RBI from banks.
- ✓ No charges to savings bank account customers for online NEFT transactions.
- ✓ The transaction charges have been capped by the RBI.

- ✓ Besides fund transfers, NEFT system can be used for a variety of transactions, including the payment of credit card dues to the card issuing banks, payment of loan EMIs, inward foreign exchange remittances, etc.
- ✓ The transaction has legal backing.
- ✓ Available for one-way funds transfers from India to Nepal
- Q.9. Consider the following statements with reference to the semiconductor fabrication:
 - 1. It is a process in which raw silicon wafers are turned into Integrated Circuits (ICs).
 - 2. It uses photolithography technology which enables the creation of intricate circuitry.

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

- ✓ Union Cabinet approved the country's first semiconductor fab to be made by the Tata Group in collaboration with Powerchip Taiwan.
- ✓ A semiconductor fab -- short for fabrication in which raw silicon wafers are turned into Integrated Circuits (ICs).
- ✓ The process includes creating intricate patterns on the wafer using light and chemicals, depositing different materials to form components, and etching away unwanted materials.
- ✓ The process includes creating intricate patterns on the wafer using light and chemicals, depositing different materials to form components, and etching away unwanted materials.
- ✓ This results in the formation of transistors, interconnects, and other elements that make up a semiconductor device.
- ✓ What kind of technology is used in fabs?
- ✓ Photolithography:
- ✓ It is a crucial step in semiconductor fabrication where patterns are transferred onto silicon wafers.
- ✓ A photosensitive material, called photoresist, is applied to the wafer and exposed to light through a mask.

- Q.10. Consider the following statements with reference to the Network Planning Group:
 - 1. It includes heads of the Network Planning Division of all connectivity infrastructure Ministries & Departments.
 - 2. It guides Ministries responsible for creation of economic zones.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

- ✓ The 66th meeting of Network Planning Group (NPG) was held in New Delhi, under the chairpersonship of Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade to evaluate three projects from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and two projects from Ministry of Railways (MoR).
- ✓ It is an Integrated Multimodal Network Planning Group (NPG) with heads of Network Planning Division of all connectivity infrastructure Ministries & Departments.
- ✓ It is responsible for unified planning and integration of the proposals and assist the Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) in respect of its mandate.
- ✓ It facilitates regular interactions between the stakeholders.
- ✓ It will guide all the Departments/ Ministries responsible for creation of economic zones and connectivity infrastructure during the planning phase itself.
- ✓ The parameters/prescribed norms of the overall National Master Plan will be the overarching objective of the NPG for examining and sanctioning future projects thus leading to minimising of disruptions and strive for the creation of an ideal & efficient operating system for all infrastructure projects in the country.
- ✓ Its role is to ensure:
- ✓ integration of networks;
- ✓ enhance optimization through modification/expansion/new network creation;
- ✓ avoid duplication of works for holistic development of any region;
- ✓ reduction logistics costs through micro-plan detailing.
- ✓ What is PM GatiShakti?
- ✓ It is an approach for growth accelerating trustworthy infrastructure through synchronized, holistic, integrated and comprehensive planning based on knowledge, technology and innovation.

✓ PM GatiShakti National Master Plan provides comprehensive database of the ongoing & future projects of various Ministries i.e. Infrastructure Ministries & Ministries and States involved in development of Economic Zones, integrated with 200+ GIS layers thereby facilitating planning, designing and execution of the infrastructure projects with a common vision.

Q.11. Tawi festival, recently seen in the news, is celebrated in which state/UT?

A) Kerala

B) Jammu and Kashmir

C) Delhi

D) Goa

Answer: B

- ✓ The four-day 'Tawi Festival' in Jammu and Kashmir, starting on March 1, 2024, highlights the region's art, culture, and heritage.
- ✓ Emphasizing Jammu's diverse art forms and cultural heritage, the festival features seminars, workshops, folk music, street theatre, classical and folk dance, and a Mela.
- ✓ It provides a platform for youth creativity and encourages discussions with experts.
- ✓ The event showcases entrepreneurship, innovation, local cuisines, and organic products from women's NGO groups in the Himalayan region, culminating at the University of Jammu.
- Q.12. Which organizations recently collaborated to launch the Women Exporters in the Digital Economy (WEIDE) Fund?
 - A) International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank
 - B) International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Bank
 - C) International Trade Centre (ITC) and World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - D) World Health Organization (WHO) and International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Trade Centre (ITC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) have jointly initiated the Women Exporters in the Digital Economy (WEIDE) Fund, with a substantial investment of USD 50 million.
- ✓ This global fund aims to support women-led businesses and entrepreneurs in developing economies and least-developed countries by facilitating the adoption of digital technologies.
- ✓ The primary objective is to enhance the online presence of these enterprises, enabling them to thrive in the digital economy

Q.13.	Which country's parliament voted to approve Sweden's bid to join the NATO, making it the 32nd
	nation to join the alliance?

A) Norway

B) Bolivia

C) Hungary

D) Finland

Answer: C

- ✓ Hungary's parliament voted to ratify Sweden's bid to join NATO, making Sweden the 32nd member of the alliance.
- ✓ Sweden applied to join NATO in 2022 after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- ✓ New members must be approved by all existing NATO members.
- ✓ Hungary was the last country to block Sweden's membership, accusing Sweden of being hostile to it.
- ✓ The addition of the two Nordic countries will strengthen the alliance's capabilities, strengthening its position in the high north and the Baltic Sea.
- Q.14. Jal Shakti Ministry has signed an agreement with 12 technical education institutions for basin management of how many rivers?

A) 5

B) 6

C) 7

D) 4

Answer: B

- ✓ The Jal Shakti Ministry has partnered with 12 technical education institutions to collaborate on academic and research initiatives for basin management of six rivers: Narmada, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna, Cauvery, and Periyar, as part of the National River Conservation Plan.
- ✓ Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat highlighted successful efforts in cleaning the Ganga, earning UNESCO recognition for the Namami Gange Mission.
- ✓ Emphasizing river conservation as a mass movement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Arth Ganga principle links it to livelihood, urging increased inter-state cooperation.
- Q.15. Global Waste Management Outlook 2024, recently seen in the news, is published by which one of the following organization?

A) UNEP

B) UNDP

C) UNESCO

D) IMF

Answer: A



- ✓ The Global Waste Management Outlook 2024, co-published by UNEP and ISWA, highlights key trends. Predictions indicate municipal solid waste will surge from 2.3 to 3.8 billion tonnes by 2050. The direct cost of global waste management, at USD 252 billion in 2020, is projected to nearly double by 2050 without immediate intervention. Barriers include insufficient urgency recognition, incomplete data, and climate impact underestimation, as well as gendered aspects, informal sector undervaluation, and inadequate legislation.
- Q.16. Which two countries formally opposed the adoption of Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) agreement?

A) India and Singapore

B) India and South Africa

C) India and China

D) India and Russia

Answer: B

- ✓ India and South Africa opposed the Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) agreement at the 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) of the World Trade Organization on February 28.
- ✓ The MC-13, held in Abu Dhabi from February 26 to 29, saw over 120 countries advocating for IFD to enhance the investment and business climate. India argued that IFD is a non-trade issue outside the multilateral trade body's framework, while a China-led group sought to make the proposal binding through Annexure-4 of the WTO.
- Q.17. Which payment bank signed an MoU with Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) to enhance financial inclusion in rural Rajasthan?

A) Airtel Payment Bank

B) Paytm Payments Bank

C) India Post Payments Bank

D) NSDL Payment Bank

Answer: C

✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) have joined forces to boost financial inclusion in rural Rajasthan. The collaboration aims to offer convenient access to bank accounts, pension products, savings, and investment schemes. Additionally, it empowers beneficiaries to serve as Individual Business Correspondents for IPPB services, promoting government social welfare schemes and facilitating income-generating loans in the region.

- Q.18. Which ministry recently launched the 'Alliance for Global Good-Gender Equity and Equality'?
 - A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Women & Child Development

Warriors

- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister of Women & Child Development Smriti Irani revealed the logo and website for the Alliance for Global Good Gender Equity and Equality in a ceremony attended by Bill Gates and Chandrajit Banerjee. Emphasizing India's leadership in women's empowerment, Irani highlighted international support garnered at Davos. Launched at Davos 2024, the alliance aligns with PM Narendra Modi's vision for women-led development. Focused on SDGs, it seeks to consolidate practices, exchange knowledge, and attract investments in women's health, education, and entrepreneurship.
- Q.19. Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) have signed a joint venture agreement (JVA) for setting up India's first commercial-scale ammonium nitrate plant in which state through surface coal gasification (SCG) technology route?
 - A) Rajasthan
 - B) Bihar
 - C) Assam
 - D) Odisha

Answer: D

- ✓ CIL and BHEL sign a JVA for setting up Ammonium Nitrate Plant
- ✓ State-run Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) have signed a joint venture agreement (JVA) for setting up India's first commercial-scale ammonium nitrate plant through surface coal gasification (SCG) technology route.
- ✓ The plant will not only be India's first commercial coal gasification project, it will also be the first to deploy an indigenously-developed coal gasification technology devised by BHEL on a commercial scale.
- ✓ The plant will come up in Lakhanpur area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), Odisha. It is planned to produce 2,000 tonnes of ammonium nitrate per day initially.
- ✓ The annual production is slated at 6.60 lakh tonnes which requires 1.3 million tonnes (MT) of coal. The coal will be supplied by Coal India.

Q.20. Reliance Consumer Products Limited (RCPL) has partnered with Elephant House to manufacture, market, distribute, and retail beverages under the Elephant House brand in India. Elephant House is the brand of which country?

A) Sri Lanka

B) Bhutan

C) Nepal

D) Thailand

Answer: A

- ✓ Reliance Consumer Products Limited (RCPL), the FMCG subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited, inked the partnership with Sri Lanka-based Elephant House to manufacture, market, distribute, and retail beverages under the Elephant House brand in India.
- ✓ This association will not only help RCPL bolster its growing beverage portfolio that boasts iconic brands such as Campa, Sosyo and Raskik but will also bring exceptional new products and value propositions to Indian consumers.
- ✓ Elephant House, owned by Ceylon Cold Stores PLC, is Sri Lanka's largest listed conglomerate. It is known for its a range of beverages including Necto, Cream Soda, EGB (Ginger Beer), Orange Barley, and Lemonade, among others, all marketed under the Elephant House brand.
- Q.21. Maruti Suzuki India has partnered with which bank for dealer financing solutions?

A) Karnataka Bank

B) Karur Vyasya Bank

C) Indian Overseas Bank

D) Union Bank of India

Answer: D

- ✓ Maruti Suzuki India has inked an initial pact with Union Bank of India for dealer financing solutions.
- ✓ The tie-up enhances the comprehensive inventory funding options for over 4,000 Maruti Suzuki sales outlets across the country.
- ✓ The company's partnership with Union Bank of India since 2008, has steadily evolved and reached a significant milestone of facilitating over 3,00,000 car finance cases till date.
- Q.22. Ajay Kanwal has been reappointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of which small finance bank for 3 years?

A) Equitas Small Finance Bank

B) Jana Small Finance Bank

C) Capital Small Finance Bank

D) AU Small Finance Bank

Answer: B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of Ajay Kanwal as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD and CEO) of Jana Small Finance Bank.
- ✓ The reappointment is for a period of three years from March 21, 2024 up to March 20, 2027.
- ✓ Kanwal has more than 33 years of experience in financial services. Before Jana SFB, Kanwal was the regional CEO of ASEAN and South Asia at Standard Chartered Bank and also had a short stint as Senior Advisor at TPG and Mastercard.
- ✓ Jana Small Finance Bank Limited
- ✓ Founded: 2018
- ✓ Headquarters : Bengaluru
- ✓ CEO : Ajay Kanwal

Q.23. World Seagrass Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 1 March

B) 2 March

C) 3 March

D) 4 March

Answer: A

- ✓ World Seagrass Day is observed every year on March 1.
- ✓ This day is celebrated to raise awareness about seagrass and its important functions in the marine ecosystem.
- ✓ Theme 2024 Healthy Seagrass, Healthy Planet
- ✓ It is celebrated annually by UNGA. The UNEP was also invited to facilitate the observance of the day. In this way the first World Seagrass Day was organized in 2023.

Q.24. When is Zero Discrimination Day observed every year?

A) March 01

B) February 28

C) March 02

D) February 27

Answer: A

- ✓ Zero Discrimination Day is observed every year on March 1.
- ✓ Objective To promote inclusion, equality, and peace and raise awareness about the impact of discrimination worldwide.
- ✓ Theme 2024 To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights

- ✓ The day was first celebrated on March 1, 2014. Ten years ago, UNAIDS had launched its Zero iscrimination Campaign on 'World AIDS Day' in December 2013.
- ✓ UNAIDS is a joint United Nations program on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- Q.25. World Civil Defence Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 2 March

B) 1 March

C) 3 March

D) 4 March

Answer: B

- ✓ World Civil Defence Day is observed every year on 1 March.
- ✓ This international event serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of being prepared for emergencies and disasters.
- ✓ World Civil Defence Day was first established in 1990 by the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO) to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the ICDO's Constitution.

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Q.1. The first Public Credit Registry (PCR) was established in which country?

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

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- 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

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
Ansv	wer: D	
R a	Reserve Bank of India (RB	al Education (NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulator of India (IRDAI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authorit
Q.5.	_ are networks of issuin processed.	g and acquiring banks through which payment cards of certain brand an
	A) Card Network	B) Payment Network
	C) NACH	D) SWIFT
Ansv	wer: A	
Q.6.	is the rate charged transactions.	to a merchant for payment processing services on debit / credit car
	A) ADR	B) MDR
	C) NDR	D) FDR
Ansv	wer: B	D) FDR Warrious
Q.7.	Government Department	s have to make of their procurement from MSEs.
	A) 25%	s have to make of their procurement from MSEs.
	B) 10%	
	C) 50%	
	D) 75%	
Ansv	wer: A	
Q.8.	is the apex body respo	nsible for the development of the MSME sector.
	A) SEBI	B) RBI
	C) SIDBI	D) NABARD

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Answer: C



Q.9. Which of the following is the settlement entity for TReDS?

A) SEBI

B) SIDBI

C) RBI

D) NPCI

Answer: D

Q.10. In India, MSMEs are defined based on _____ in Plant and Machinery / equipment.

A) investment

B) division

C) limitations

D) diversification

Answer: A





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