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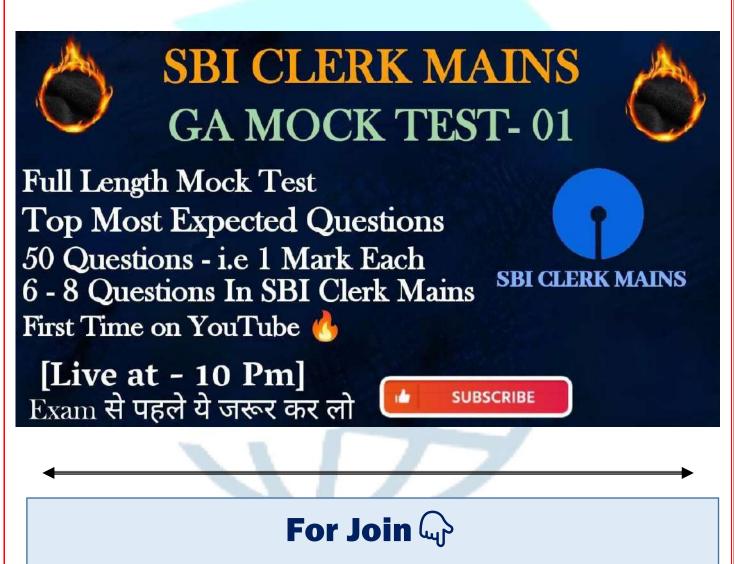
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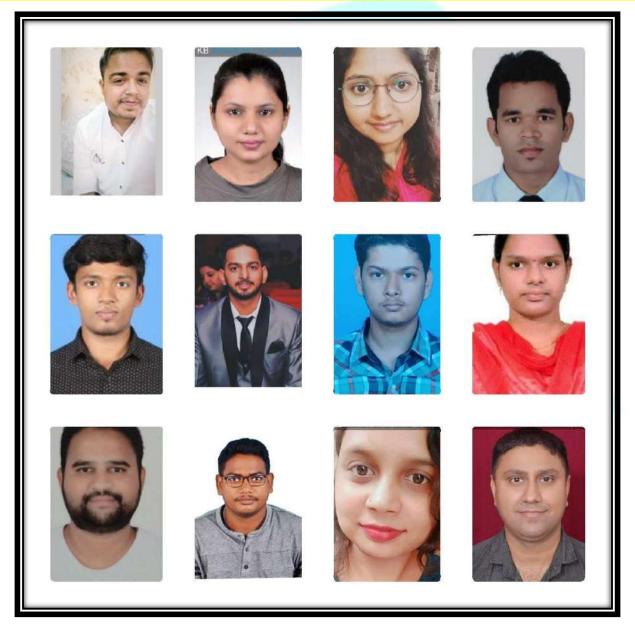
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Aparchit 1 April English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Which bank has launched the digital US dollar Fixed Deposits (FD) tailored for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) situated in GIFT City?

A) Yes Bank	B) HDFC Bank

C) ICICI Bank D) Axis Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Axis Bank launches Digital US Dollar Fixed Deposits for NRIs at GIFT City
- ✓ Axis Bank has launched the digital US dollar Fixed Deposits (FD) tailored for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) situated in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- ✓ The US Dollar fixed deposit scheme offers a diverse array of investment tenures ranging from seven days to an extensive ten years.
- ✓ Additionally, customers retain the flexibility to request partial or full premature closure of their FD through the Axis Bank mobile application, enhancing their control and convenience over their investments.
- ✓ With this introduction, Axis Bank becomes the first bank to offer a digital journey for GIFT City Deposits.
- ✓ The bank's NRI clientele can now initiate US dollar fixed deposits at GIFT City through 'Open by Axis Bank,' the mobile banking application offered by the lender.

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- Axis Bank has launched the digital US dollar Fixed Deposits (FD) tailored for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) situated in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- > Axis Bank to support Tata Memorial-supported National Cancer Grid.
- 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.



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- > 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.2. Where is the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant owned by Adani located?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Telangana

C) Gujarat

Aparch D) Karnataka

Answer : C

- ✓ The Adani-led conglomerate has announced the launch of the first phase of the world's largest copper manufacturing plant in Mundra, Gujarat.
- ✓ The plant will help to reduce India's dependence on copper imports and support the transition to clean energy.
- ✓ Kutch Copper, a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited, has commissioned the first phase of its greenfield copper refinery.
- ✓ At present, India's per capita copper consumption is only 0.6 kg, which is less than the global average of 3.2 kg.



✓ However, as India aims to adopt clean energy systems and increase electric vehicle use, demand for copper is expected to double by 2030. The copper industry will play a key role in India's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2070.

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- Hindalco Industries Limited currently operates the country's largest copper smelter with a capacity of 0.5 \checkmark million tonnes.
- \checkmark Copper production is more concentrated globally than oil. Chile and Peru are the top two producers, accounting for 38% of worldwide production.

GUJARAT IN NEWS 2023-24

- Adani-led conglomerate has announced the launch of the first phase of the world's largest copper manufacturing plant in Mundra, Gujarat.
- Gujarat government is going to start the country's first submarine tourism.
- > Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 at Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad.
- > Dhordo, a village located in the Kutch district of Gujarat, known for its annual Rann Utsav has been bestowed with the title 'Best Tourism Village' by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation Stone for the Akashvani Dahod FM Relay Station Project in Gujarat.
- Gujarat Assembly has passed the Gujarat Local Authorities Law (Amendment) Bill 2023 by a majority vote to raise reservation for Other Backward Class (OBC) communities in local self-government bodies to 27 percent from the current 10 percen.
- 'Gujarat Declaration' outlining the outcome of the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 released.
- > In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.
- Gujarat to host 69th edition of Filmfare Awards in 2024.
- > London-based company OneWeb and the Gujarat Government's Science and Technology Department have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today for the establishment of a 'Satellite Network Portal Site' in Gujarat.



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah organized a virtual ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the country's first cooperative-run Sainik School.

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- > Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the best tourism facilities in the historical lighthouses of Gujarat.
- > Under the Sagarmala programme, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is developing a National Maritime Heritage Complex, a world-class facility at Lothal, Gujarat.
- Gujarat government signs MoU with US chip maker firm Micron Technology for semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Ahmedabad.
- > Indian cabinet has given its approval to Micron Technology's plan to invest \$2.7 billion in setting up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat.
- Urban-20 City Sherpas' meet begins at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- > India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- > BJP leader Bhupendra Patel took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term.
- Madhvendra Singh has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Maritime Cluster by Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited.
- First G20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Dhordo in Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli passed away.
- ▶ Gujarat Day is celebrated on May 1 every year. The state was established on May 1, 1960.
- > Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has declared the last week of April as "Swagat Saptah" in commemoration of the completion of 20 years of the "State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology" (SWAGAT) initiative.
- > Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in GIFT city.
- > Two Australian Universities Wollongong and Deakin to set up Campuses in Gujarat's GIFT City.
- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat. \geq
- International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



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Q.3. With reference to Non-Performing Asset (NPA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a loan or advance for which the principal or interest payment remained overdue for a period of 90 days.

2. An asset is classified as a doubtful asset if it remains as an NPA for a period less than or equal to 12 months.

3. Provisions are amounts that banks set aside from their profits to cover losses on NPAs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ The gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) of the Indian banks are projected to see further improvement, potentially reaching up to 2.1 per cent by the end of the fiscal year 2025, as per a recent report.
- ✓ About Non-Performing Asset (NPA):
- ✓ It is a loan or advance for which the principal or interest payment remained overdue for a period of 90 days.
- They can include various types of loans, such as personal loans, business loans, mortgages and credit card debt.
- ✓ When the ratio of NPAs in a bank's loan portfolio rises, its income and profitability fall, its capacity to lend falls and the possibility of loan defaults and write-offs rises.
- ✓ Types of NPAs: Different types of NPAs depend on how long they remain in the NPA category
- ✓ Sub-Standard Assets: An asset is classified as a sub-standard asset if it remains as an NPA for a period less than or equal to 12 months.
- ✓ Doubtful Assets: An asset is classified as a doubtful asset if it remains as an NPA for more than 12 months.
- ✓ Loss Assets: An asset is considered a loss asset when it is "uncollectible" or has such little value that its continuance as a bankable asset is not suggested. However, some recovery value may be left in it as the asset has not been written off wholly or in parts.
- ✓ NPA Provisioning:
- Provisioning means an amount that the banks set aside from their profits or income in a particular quarter for non-performing assets, such as assets that may turn into losses in the future.
- ✓ Provisions are amounts that banks set aside to cover losses on NPAs.
- ✓ It is a method by which banks provide for bad assets and maintain a healthy book of accounts.



✓ Provisioning is done according to which category the asset belongs.

Q.4. The Eco-Niwas Samhita, which is a residential energy conservation building code, was developed by:

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- A) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency
- B) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Bureau of Energy Efficiency

Answer : D

- ✓ The Eco-Niwas Samhita (ENS) introduced the Residential Envelope Transmittance Value (RETV), a metric measuring heat transfer through a building's envelope.
- ✓ It is a Residential Energy Conservation Building code developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- The code sets standards to limit heat gain and loss and ensure adequate natural ventilation and day lighting potential.
- ✓ It was launched in two parts:
- ✓ ENS 2018 (Part 1) sets minimum standards for building envelope designs for energy-efficient residential buildings.
- ✓ ENS Part 2 launched by the Bureau as ENS 2021 focuses on the building's code compliance and electromechanical systems. It also addresses other aspects such as Energy Efficiency in Electro-Mechanical Equipment for Building Operation, Renewable Energy Generation, Embodied Energy of Walling Materials and Structural Systems.
- ✓ What is the Residential Envelope Transmittance Value?
- ✓ It is a metric measuring heat transfer through a building's envelope.
- ✓ Lower RETV values lead to cooler indoor environments and decreased energy usage. For optimal efficiency, improved occupant comfort, and lower utility expenses, it's recommended to maintain an RETV of 15W/m2 or less.
- Q.5. With reference to C-Vigil app, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is developed by the Election Commission of India.
 - 2. It allows citizens to report cases of violations of the Model Code of Conduct anonymously.
 - 3. It allows users to capture the live incidents only.

How many of the above statements are correct?



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- A) Only one
- C) All three

B) Only two D) None

Answer : C

- ✓ Since the announcement of General Elections 2024, over 79,000 complaints have been received on C-Vigil app.
- ✓ It is a mobile application developed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to enable citizens to report violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during elections.
- ✓ Features of the app
- ✓ It is user-friendly and easy to operate application, which connects vigilant citizens with the District Control Room, Returning Officer and Flying Squads Teams.
- ✓ By using this app, the citizens can immediately report on incidents of political misconduct within minutes and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer.
- ✓ As soon as the complaint is sent on the cVigil app, the complainant will receive a unique ID through which the person will be able to track the complaint on their mobile.
- ✓ Users capture audios, photos or videos in real-time, and a "100-minute" countdown for time-bound response to complaints is ensured.
- ✓ It uses GPS to track the location of the violation.
- ✓ It allows users to capture the live incidents only.
- Varrior ✓ It has a feature to report the case of MCC violation anonymously.
- \checkmark One can track the progress of the complaint in this app.
- ✓ Hence all statements are correct
- Q.6. Which countries joined the EU's Schengen area partially?
 - A) Bulgaria and Romania
 - **B)** Cyprus and Ireland
 - C) Indonesia and Croatia
 - **D)** Germany and France

Answer : A

- ✓ Bulgaria and Romania partially joins Europe's Schengen Area.
- Romania and Bulgaria have partially joined the Schengen Area, the ID-check-free travel zone in Europe.



This is an important step in the integration of both countries with the European Union. After years of negotiations, passengers arriving by air or sea from both countries now have free access to the Schengen area.

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- ✓ However, land border checks will continue mainly due to opposition from Austria which has long blocked his bid over illegal migration concerns.
- ✓ The Schengen Area, established in 1985, comprises 23 of the 27 EU member states, together with Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.
- ✓ Prior to the inclusion of Bulgaria and Romania, around 3.5 million individuals would cross the internal border every day.
- ✓ Austria vetoed Romania and Bulgaria entry into the Schengen area at the end of 2022 but allowed Croatia full entry. Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU in 2007, and Croatia in 2013.
- ✓ <u>About Schengen Area</u>
- ✓ The Schengen Area is a region consisting of certain European countries that have abolished passport and other types of border control at their mutual borders.
- Q.7. Which players hold the world record for being the oldest player to win an ATP 1000 Master Tennis title?
 - A) Rohan Bopanna **B)** Danielle Collins D) Matthew Ebden **C)** Jannik Sinner

Answer : A

- ✓ Rohan Bopanna wins Miami Open 2024 Doubles Title.
- 44 years old star Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna along with his Australian partner Matthew Ebden won the 2024 Miami Open Tennis men's doubles title at the Hard Rock Stadium in Florida, United States of America on 31 March 2024.
- ✓ In the women's singles American Danielle Collins won her first major title while in the men's singles Italian tennis player Jannik Sinner was crowned the champion.
- ✓ Rohan Bopanna reclaims World No.1 Rank
- The duo of Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden defeated the pair of Croatia's Ivan Dodig and American Austin Krajicek despite losing the first set. With this victory, the duo of Bopanna and Eden reclaimed their world No.1 rank in the ATP men's double ranking.



 \checkmark At the age of 44, Bopanna also broke his own record to become the oldest player to win an ATP 1000 Masters Championship. Rohan Bopanna along with Ebden had won the Indian Wells tournament last year and at the age of 43 years, Bopanna set the world record of being the oldest player to win an ATP 1000 Master title.

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- ✓ After Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupati and Sania Mirza, Bopanna became the fourth Indian to win the Miami Open title.
- ✓ American Danielle Collins wins Miami Open Women's Single Title.
- ✓ American tennis player Danielle Collins defeated Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the final to win one of her biggest titles in her career as a professional tennis player.
- Q.8. Name the player who has won the 2024 Miami Open Tennis tournament in men's single event?
 - A) Daniil Medvedev **B)** Santiago Gonzalez
 - C) Edouard Roger **D)** Jannik Sinner

Answer : D

- ✓ Jannik Sinner winner of Miami Open Title.
- ✓ Italian Jannik Sinner defeated Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov in the final to win the Miami Open Master 1000 title.
- ✓ It was the third title of the season for Jannik Sinner. Jannik Sinner won the 2024 Australian Open singles title and the Rotterdam Indoors

B) Prayagraj

- Q.9. Where is India's largest agri waste-based bio CNG plant being set up?
 - A) Aligarh
 - **D)** Mathura

Answer : D

C) Agra

- ✓ Adani Total Energies Biomass Limited (ATBL), has commissioned the first phase of its Barsana BioGas plant in Shre Mataji Gaushala, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ ATBL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL).
- ✓ Adani Total Gas Limited is a joint venture between Adani Group and Total Energies of France.
- ✓ Barsana Biogas Project.



The Barsana Biogas Project, which is being developed in three phases, will have a total capacity of 600 \checkmark tonnes per day of feedstock after its completion, The project is expected to generate 42 tonnes per day of Compressed Biogas (CBG) and 217 tonnes per day of organic fertiliser

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- Adani Total Energies Biomass Limited Headquarters: Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Q.10. Who has won the 2023 Annual Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year?
 - A) Hardik Singh **B) PR Sreejesh**
 - C) Harmanpreet Singh D) Araijeet Singh Hundal

Answer : B

- ✓ Hockey India announced the sixth Hockey India Awards 2023 on 31 March 2024 at a function in New Delhi.
- ✓ Salima Tete and Hardik Singh were named the women's and men's player of the year, respectively.
- ✓ Hockey India started the annual Hockey India Awards in 2014 to honour India's best hockey players, former players and officials
- ✓ Hardik Singh and Salima Tete
- ✓ Hardik Singh of Punjab, currently the Indian Hockey men's team vice-captain, was part of the bronze-medalwinning Indian team at the Tokyo Olympics 2023 and the gold-medal-winning 2023 Hangzhou Asian team.
- ✓ Hardik Singh, winner of the FIH Player of the Year at the Star Awards 2023, was also awarded the Hockey India's Best Midfielder of the Year award.
- ✓ Salima Tete of Jharkhand was part of the Indian women's Hockey team that won the bronze medal at the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games. She was also honoured with the Asian Hockey Federation's Emerging Player of the Year Award in 2023.
- ✓ Winner of the Hockey India Annual Awards 2023
- ✓ Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award
- ✓ Ashok Kumar, the son of Indian Hockey legend Dhyan Chand, was honoured with the Hockey India Lifetime Achievement Award. Ashok Kumar was a member of the Indian Hockey team, which won the bronze medal at the 1972 Munich Olympics. He scored the goal in the final of the 1975 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, which secured India's gold medal.
- The winner got a cash prize of Rs 30 lakhs and a trophy.



✓ Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year - PR Sreejesh. He got a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a Trophy.

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- ✓ Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year Harmanpreet Singh. He got a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a Trophy.
- ✓ Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year Hardik Singh. He received a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a Trophy.
- ✓ Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year Abhishek. He got a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a Trophy.
- ✓ Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year (Women) Salima Tete. She got a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh and a Trophy.
- ✓ Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year (Men) Hardik Singh. He got a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh and a Trophy.
- Q.11. Who has won the 2023 Annual Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for the Men Player of The Year?
 - A) Ashok Kumar **B)** S.Sreejesh
 - C) Harmanpreet Singh **D)** Hardik Singh

Answer : D

- Q.12. What is the rank of India's 'Government e-Market' (GeM) portal as an e-commerce platform in the world?
 - A) First
 - C) Second

B) Third

Aparch_D) Fourth

Answer : B

- ✓ India's GeM: World's 3rd largest e-commerce platform.
- ✓ India's 'Government e-Market' (GeM) portal is the world's third largest e-commerce platform for public procurement after Korea's On-Line e-Procurement System (KONEPS) and Singapore's GeBIZ.
- ✓ GeM's total sales value crosses Rs 4 lakh crore:
- ✓ According to GeM CEO PK Singh, GeM ended this financial year with a gross merchandise value (GMV) of over Rs 4 lakh crore.
- \checkmark This is almost 100% more than the GMV at the end of the last financial year.
- ✓ This demonstrates its unique potential to promote digital inclusion.



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- ✓ <u>About Government e-Market (GeM) Portal:</u>
- ✓ GeM was launched in the year 2016 to facilitate procurement of goods and services by many government departments and organizations. It is an online platform launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- ✓ GeM is open to all government departments, public sector undertakings, autonomous bodies and other organizations.
- ✓ Currently South Korea's KONEPS is the world's largest online platform. GeM is at third place after Singapore's GeBIZ.
- ✓ Presently CEO of GeM: PK Singh

Q.13. Which is currently the world's largest online platform?

A) KONEPS	B) GeM
C) GeBIZ	D) IndiaMART
Answer : A	

- ✓ Currently South Korea's KONEPS is the world's largest online platform.
- ✓ GeM is at third place after Singapore's GeBIZ
- Q.14. Which company has decided to close its agricultural tractor business and related activities? Aparchit Exam Warr
 - A) Sonalika
 - **B)** Force Motors
 - C) Swaraj
 - **D)** Tafe Motors

Answer : B

- ✓ India's Force Motors has informed on March 29, 2024 that it has decided to close its agricultural tractor business and related activities from March 31.
- ✓ According to Force Motors, sales of agricultural tractors accounted for 3.66% of the company's total revenue in fiscal year 2023.
- ✓ Force Motors company, known for its multi-seater passenger vehicles. Force Motors also manufactures engines for BMW and Mercedes cars in India. It earns about 48% of its revenue from vehicle sales, while about 36% of the revenue comes from contract engine manufacturing.



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- ✓ <u>About Force Motors:</u>
- ✓ Force Motors is an Indian automobile company. It was founded in 1958 by NK Firodia.
- ✓ Known for making agricultural tractors.
- ✓ Force Motors was known as Bajaj Tempo before May 2005.
- ✓ The Chennai-based manufacturing unit of Force Motors was established in the year 2015. Engines for SUVs and BMW cars are manufactured at the Force Motors Chennai plant.

Q.15. Which country endorsed the idea of considering the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023)?

A) India

B) Italy

C) France

D) Germany

Answer : A

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) held the closing ceremony of the International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 on March 29th, 2024, at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.
- ✓ In March 2021, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets after a proposal by India, which was supported by over 70 countries.
- ✓ International Year of Millets (IYM 2023)
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets at its 75th session in March 2021.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will lead the celebration of this Year in collaboration with other stakeholders.
- Millets are a type of grain that can grow in arid lands with minimal inputs and are resilient to changes in climate..
- ✓ About Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that focuses on global food and agricultural matters.
- \checkmark Its primary mission is to lead international efforts to prevent hunger.
- ✓ World Food Day is celebrated annually on 16th October to commemorate the establishment of FAO in 1945.
- ✓ FAO has its headquarters in Rome, Italy, and is currently headed by Director-General Qu Dongyu.
- ✓ India is one of the founding members of FAO



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Q.16. India has agreed to help which country in promoting research and education in the Sanskrit language?

A) Sri Lanka B) Bhutan

C) Nepal

D) Indonesia

Answer : C

- ✓ India and Nepal agree to promote Sanskrit research and education.
- The Indian and Nepalese Sanskrit scholars have agreed to work jointly to promote research and education of the Sanskrit language.
- This was decided at the end of the three-day Nepal-India International Sanskrit Conclave organised in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu.
- ✓ The Niti Anusandhan Pratisthan, Nepal, organised the three-day conclave in collaboration with the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, and India Foundation, Delhi. Over 120 Sanskrit scholars, professors, and government officials from both neighbouring countries participated in the conference.
- ✓ Maharshi Sandipani Veda Vidya Pratisthan, Ujjain, will help the Niti Anusandhan Pratisthan of Nepal to provide support for the development of gurukuls in Nepal.
- ✓ <u>Sanskrit Language</u>
- Sanskrit is an ancient language of India . It was given the status of classical language by the government of India in 2005. It is one of the 22 languages mentioned in the eighth schedule of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ Sanskrit is considered a divine language in Indian tradition which was first used in vedas.
- Panini concised the grammar of Sanskrit and wrote the master book of grammar named Ashtadhyayi. The modern Sanskrit language is based on Panini's Ashtadhyayi.
- ✓ Sanskrit has been the source of the development of later languages and literature in India. Pali and Prakrit languages were the first to develop from Sanskrit.
- ✓ Ramayana, Mahabharata, and all the great epics of India were composed in Sanskrit.

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- ▶ India and Nepal agree to promote Sanskrit research and education.
- > India and Bhutan signed MoU in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures.
- > 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

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- > 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.



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Q.17. With reference to Atal Tunnel, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is the longest high-altitude tunnel in the world.
- 2. It is located in the Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas in Himachal Pradesh.
- 3. It passes through Khardung La pass.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- A) Only one B) Only two
- C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ The Manali-Leh highway was blocked due to fresh snowfall near the Atal Tunnel in Lahaul and Spiti districts recently.
- ✓ About Atal Tunnel:
- ✓ Atal Tunnel, formerly known as Rohtang Tunnel, is the world's longest high-altitude tunnel, situated at an elevation of approximately 3,100 meters (10,171 feet) above sea level.
- ✓ It is located in the Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ It passes through Rohtang pass.
- ✓ It stretches 9.02 km, connecting Manali to Lahaul and Spiti Valley throughout the year, previously cut off for about six months each year due to heavy snowfall.
- ✓ The south portal (SP) of Atal Tunnel is located at a distance of 25 km from Manali at an altitude of 3,060 metres, while the north portal (NP) of the tunnel is located near village Teling, Sissu, in Lahaul Valley at an altitude of 3,071 metres.
- Q.18. Consider the following statements with reference to the Clean Energy Transitions Programme:
 - 1. It aims to accelerate progress toward a global net zero energy system.

2. It is an initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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 International Energy Agency (IEA) launched the Clean Energy Transitions Programme annual report 2023.

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- ✓ It is the IEA's flagship initiative launched in 2017 for accelerating progress toward a global net zero energy system.
- ✓ It leverages the insights and influence of the world's leading energy authority to accelerate clean energy transitions, particularly in emerging and developing economies
- ✓ Its goals are in line with the objectives of the 2015 Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations.
- ✓ Key facts about IEA
- ✓ It is an autonomous inter-governmental organisation within the OECD framework.
- ✓ It works with governments and industry to shape a secure and sustainable energy future for all.
- ✓ It was founded in 1974 to ensure the security of oil supplies.
- ✓ It consists of 31 member countries and eleven association countries.
- ✓ A candidate country to the IEA must be a member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD).
- Q.19. Consider the following statements with reference to the Lalit Kala Akademi:

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1. It is a national academy of fine arts established to promote Indian visual art in and outside India.

2. It is funded by the Union Ministry of Education.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

B) 2 only

Answer : A

- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Culture has curtailed the powers of the Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) Chairman, barring him from taking any "administrative actions".
- ✓ It was inaugurated in 1954 by the then Minister for Education, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and is registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- ✓ It has preserved and documented a permanent collection of the highest order that reflects the vitality, complexity and unfolding patterns of contemporary, modern, folk and tribal art in India.

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✓ It is India's national academy of fine arts established by Government of India to promote and propagate understanding of Indian art, in and outside the country.

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- ✓ It promotes Visual Art of India in various countries of the world through Cultural Agreements and Cultural Exchange Programmes.
- ✓ The National Exhibition of Art is the most prestigious annual event of the Lalit Kala Akademi.
- ✓ Funding: It is funded by the Ministry of Culture.
- ✓ It has regional centres situated at Chennai, Lucknow, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Garhi.
- Headquarter: New Delhi \checkmark

Q.20. Hume AI, recently seen in the news, is:

- A) platform launched by Microsoft to train developers in AI technologies
- B) humanoid robot
- C) India's first indigenous AI chatbot
- D) world's first emotionally intelligent voice AI

Answer : D

- ✓ Recently, a New York-based research lab and technology company Hume, has introduced what can be called the 'first conversational AI with emotional intelligence'.
- ✓ It is the world's first emotionally intelligent voice AI. It accepts live audio input and returns both generated audio and transcripts augmented with measures of vocal expression.
- ✓ It is essentially an API that is powered by its proprietary empathic large language model (eLLM). This eLLM reportedly understands and emulates tones of voices, and word emphasis to optimise human-AI conversations.
- ✓ What is large language model?
- ✓ It is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) program that can recognize and generate text, among other tasks.
- ✓ LLMs are trained on huge sets of data—hence the name "large."

LLMs are built on machine learning: specifically, a type of neural network called a transformer model.

Q.21. Which state observes the Utkala Dibasa every year on April 01 to commemorate the foundation day of the state?

A) West Bengal	B) Odisha
C) Bihar	D) Assam



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Answer : B

- ✓ Every year, Odisha Day is celebrated on 1st April, to commemorate the foundation day of the state.
- ✓ The day is also known as Utkala Dibasa.
- ✓ It was on 1st April 1936, that the state of Odisha came into existence.
- ✓ Odisha was separated from the Bengal province.
- The day is celebrated to honour the struggle of the people of Odisha for a separate state and to promote unity among the citizens

	STATIC GK Based Curr	ent Affairs MCQs 1 April 2024
Q .1.	The first Public Credit Registry (PCR)	was established in which country?
	A) USA	B) Japan
	C) China	D) Germany
Ansv	wer:D	
Q.2.	What is the full form of ARC?	
	A) Amortized Reconstruction Compan	y B) Asset Reconstruction Company
	C) Amortized Revalued Company	D) Asset Revaluation Company
Ansv	wer:B	riors
Q.3.	In which year was National Centre for	
	A) 2012	B) 2013
	C) 2014 Aparc	D) 2015
Ansv	wer: B	
Q.4.	Which of the following is not a promote	ter of National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE)?
	A) RBI	B) SEBI
	C) IRDAI	D) SIDBI
Ansv	wer : D	
R ai	eserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities	NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted b and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulator AI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authorit

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Q.5.	_ are networks of issuing and acquiring processed.	g banks through which payment cards of certain brand are
	A) Card Network	B) Payment Network
	C) NACH	D) SWIFT
Answ	ver : A	
Q.6.	is the rate charged to a merchan transactions.	t for payment processing services on debit / credit card
	A) ADR	B) MDR
	C) NDR	D) FDR
Answ	ver : B	
Q.7.	Government Departments have to make	e of their procurement from MSEs.
	A) 25%	B) 10%
	C) 50%	D) 75%
Answ	ver : A	
Q.8.	is the apex body responsible for the d	
	A) SEBI	B) RBI
	C) SIDBI	D) NABARD
Answ	ver : C	B) RBI D) NABARD Jantions III Exam
Q.9.	Which of the following is the settlement	t entity for TReDS?
	A) SEBI	B) SIDBI
	C) RBI	D) NPCI
Answ	ver : D	
Q.10.	In India, MSMEs are defined based on _	in Plant and Machinery / equipment.
	A) investment	B) division
	C) limitations	D) diversification
Answ	ver:A	
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