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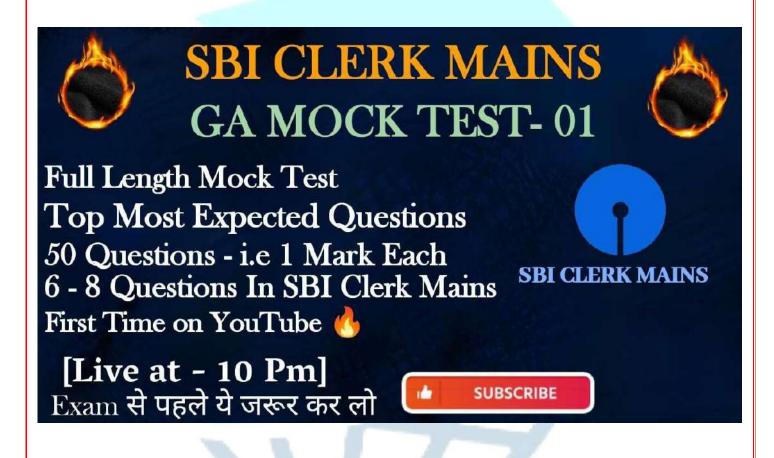
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#### Aparchit 2 April English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

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#### Q.1. Who has been appointed as the first woman Prime Minister of Congo?

A) Bintou Keita

B) Judith Suminwa Tuluka

C) Sama Lukonde

D) Laura Spagnolo

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The African country Congo has appointed Judith Suminwa Tuluka as the country's first woman Prime Minister.
- ✓ Tuluka's appointment has come at a time when there is an atmosphere of tension in the area bordering Rwanda.
- ✓ Congo is a Central African country, its capital is Kinshasa.

#### FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2023-24

- > Democratic Republic Of Congo Appoints Judith Suminwa Tuluka As African Nation's First Woman Prime Minister.
- Suman Kumari has become the first woman sniper of the Border Security Force (BSF).
- Maryam Nawaz was sworn in as the first woman Chief Minister (CM) of Pakistan's Punjab province.
- > Justice Ritu Bahri was today sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court.
- Nina Singh becomes first woman to be appointed as DG of CISF.
- > Captain Fatima Wasim has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at the operational post of Siachen Glacier.
- > Captain Geetika Kaul of Snow Leopard Brigade had become the first woman medical officer to be deployed in Siachen.
- ➤ Commander Prerna Deosthalee has been appointed as the first woman officer to command a warship in the Indian Navy (INW).
- > Sue Redfern became the first woman to stand as an umpire in a men's first-class cricket match in England and Wales.
- ➤ Jaya Varma Sinha has been appointed as the new Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board (Ministry of Railways) w.e.f Sept 01, 2023. She has replaced AK Lahoti.

- ➤ She is the first woman to be appointed to this Apex post of Indian Railways.
- ➤ Geetika Srivastava is first woman to head Indian mission in Pakistan.
- ▶ Phangnon Konyak became the first woman to chair the Rajya Sabha from Nagaland.
- > Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Lisa Franchetti becomes 1st woman to be top Navy officer in US history.
- Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history.
- > Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- > Shalini Singh from Lucknow has become the first woman NCC cadet in India to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand.
- ➤ Parminder Chopra becomes first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation.
- > Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency.
- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- > Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- ➤ Sheenu Jhawar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- ➤ American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- > Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- > Shalija Dhami becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- ➤ Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- > Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO)
   Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.

- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- ➤ Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- > Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year.
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.
- > FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match.
- > PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.
- Q.2. With reference to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Guidelines on Penal Charges on Loan Accounts, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It prohibits commercial banks and finance companies from charging borrowers' penal rates on loan defaults.
  - 2. Penalties charged for non-compliance of the material terms and conditions of the loan contract by the borrower should be treated as penal charges.
  - 3. There is no upper limit cap on penal charges.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest guidelines on penal charges on loan accounts have come into effect recently.
- ✓ About RBI Guidelines on Penal Charges on Loan Accounts:
- ✓ The norms prohibit commercial banks and finance companies from charging borrowers' penal rates on loan defaults or any other non-compliance event.
- ✓ Under the new rules, penalty, if charged, for non-compliance of the material terms and conditions of the loan contract by the borrower should be treated as 'penal charges'.

- ✓ It cannot be levied in the form of 'penal interest' that is added to the rate of interest charged on the advances.
- There should be no capitalisation of penal charges; that is no further interest computed on such charges.
- ✓ The material terms and conditions will be defined as per the credit policy of the bank, and they may vary from one category of loan to another, and from bank to bank based on their own assessment.
- There is no upper limit or cap for penal charges. However, the guidelines stipulated that the quantum of penal charges would be reasonable and commensurate with the non-compliance without being discriminatory within a particular loan category.
- ✓ The guidelines also mentioned that the penal charges in the case of loans sanctioned to individual borrowers for purposes other than business will not be higher than the penal charges applicable to non-individual borrowers for similar non-compliance.
- ✓ These guidelines will not apply to credit cards, which are covered under product specific directions.
- With reference to the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is an independent system attached to the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) that allows the voters to verify that their votes are cast as intended.
  - 2. VVPAT can be accessed by the polling officials, but not by the voters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The Supreme Court recently sought responses from the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Centre on a plea seeking a comprehensive count of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slips in elections.
- ✓ About Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):
- ✓ It was first introduced in India in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.
- ✓ It is an independent system that consists of two parts, namely, a VVPAT Printer and VVPAT Status Display Unit (VSDU) attached to the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), that allow the voters to verify that their votes are cast as intended.
- ✓ When a vote is cast, a slip is printed containing the serial number, name, and symbol of the candidate and remains exposed through a transparent window for 7 seconds.
- Thereafter, this printed slip automatically gets cut and falls into the sealed drop box of the VVPAT.

- ✓ How is VVPAT used for verification?
- ✓ The results of EVMs can be verified using the slipskept in the drop boxes of VVPAT machines.
- ✓ VVPAT can be accessed by the polling officials, but not by the voters.
- ✓ The paper slips are deemed to be more authoritative than EVM tallies in cases where VVPAT slips are utilised to verify votes.
- ✓ Voter verification, however, is only done in extreme circumstances, such as when there are accusations of fraud or miscalculation.
- ✓ The ECI has the authority to request that votes be verified using VVPAT slips in response to such complaints.
- ✓ The ECI has clarified that EVMs and VVPATs are separate entities and are not connected to any network.
- ✓ These machines are developed by the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL).

#### Q.4. The Digital India Trust Agency was recently seen in the news in the context of:

- A) curbing illegal lending apps
- B) regulating cryptocurrencies
- C) registration of Virtual Digital Assets
- D) allocation of Government-dated securities

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India is considering establishing a Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA) to combat cyber fraud and illegal lending apps.
- ✓ It will be responsible for stopping illegal lending apps from popping up.
- ✓ It will enable the verification of these digital lending apps and will maintain a public register of these verified applications.
- ✓ Any app which will not carry the "verified" tag of DIGITA, will be considered unauthorised.
- ✓ Significance: This will create an important and much-needed checkpoint in the fight against online financial fraud.
- ✓ What is digital lending?
- ✓ It is a remote and automated lending process, largely by use of seamless digital technologies.
- ✓ It involves lending through web platforms or mobile apps, utilising technology in customer acquisition, credit assessment, loan approval, disbursement, recovery and associated customer service.

- ✓ It generally involves three parties a lender, a lending service provider (including a digital lending platform) and a borrower.
- ✓ It includes products like Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL), which is a financing option (or simply a short-term loan product).
- ✓ It allows one to buy a product or avail a service without having to worry about paying for it immediately.
- Q.5. Which port in India emerged as the highest cargo handling port in 2023-24?
  - A) Deendayal Port

B) Mormugao Port

C) Paradip Port

D) Kamarajar Port

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Paradip Port, the top cargo-handling port in India in 2023-24.
- ✓ Paradip Port Authority, Odisha, has displaced the Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, as the top cargohandling major port of India in 2023-24.
- ✓ In 2023-24, the Paradip Port handled 145.38 Million Metric Tons (MMT) of cargo.
- ✓ Paradip Port handled 10.02 million metric tons more cargo than last year, registering a growth of 7.4%.
- ✓ The Paradip port has the capacity to handle 289 million metric tonnes.
- ✓ The Paradip Port achieved the highest productivity among all major ports in India. Its berth productivity has improved from 31050 MT to 33014 MT.
- ✓ Paradip Port is the cheapest in terms of tariff among all the ports in the country.
- ✓ About Paradip Port
- ✓ Paradip Port was initially set up by the government of Odisha in 1962. However, in 1965, the government of India took over the ownership and management of the port from the Odisha government.
- ✓ There were initially 13 major ports in India. The Chennai Port acquired the Kamarajar Port(earlier known as Ennore Port) in 2020, and now there are only 12 major ports in India
- Q.6. Consider the following statements regarding the SEBI Complaint Redress System (SCORES 2.0):
  - 1. It enables market intermediaries and listed companies to receive complaints online from investors.
  - 2. It provides for the redressal of complaints within two months from the date of receipt of the complaint.

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

- ✓ SEBI recently launched a new version of the SEBI Complaint Redress System (SCORES 2.0).
- ✓ What is SCORES?
- SCORES is a web-based centralized grievance redress system of SEBI launched in 2011.
- ✓ SCORES enables investors to lodge and follow up on their complaints and track the status of redressal of such complaints online from anywhere.
- This enables market intermediaries and listed companies to receive complaints online from investors, redress such complaints, and report redressal online.
- ✓ An investor who is not familiar with SCORES or does not have access to SCORES can lodge complaints in physical form at any of the offices of SEBI.
- ✓ Such complaints would be scanned and also uploaded in SCORES for processing.
- ✓ What types of complaints can be registered in the SCORE portal?
- ✓ Complaints can be lodged on SCORES for any issues covered under the Sebi Act, Securities Contract Regulation Act, Depositories Act, and rules and regulations and provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Depository participants / depository

  ✓ Mutual funds

  ✓ Portfolio Manager ✓ Entities against which complaints are handled by SEBI include:

- Other entities (KYC Collective investment scheme, Merchant banker, Credit rating, Foreign institutional investor etc)
- ✓ Key Features of SCORES 2.0:
- ✓ It will feature reduced and uniform timelines for redressal of investor complaints, which is 21 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint.
- ✓ An auto-routing of complaints to the concerned regulated entity will be facilitated to eliminate time lapses, if any, in the flow of complaints.
- Designated bodies will have to monitor the timely redressal of investors' complaints.

✓ SCORES 2.0 will be integrated with the KYC Registration Agency database for easy registration of the investor on SCORES.

#### **SEBI IN NEWS 2023-24**

- > SEBI recently launched a new version of the SEBI Complaint Redress System (SCORES 2.0).
- > Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) recently approved the launch of the beta version of the T+0 settlement on an optional basis.
- > SEBI Extends Nomination Filing Deadline for Mutual Funds and Demat Accounts Until June 2024.
- > SEBI Plans To Introduce Same Day Trade Settlement By March 2024.
- According to her, market participants have conveyed the necessity to initiate the process at T+0 and subsequently progress towards instantaneous settlement.
- ➤ The regulatory body aims to achieve same-day settlement by the end of March 2024, marking a significant leap from the existing T+0 settlement cycle.
- > SEBI has granted approval for Not for Profit Organisations (NPOs) to enhance their fundraising capabilities through the social stock exchange.
- > SEBI has decided to decrease the minimum issue size for public issuance of Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments (ZCZP) from Rs 1 crore to Rs 50 lakh.
- Madhabi Puri Buch, the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has officially launched the Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- > Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
- It is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India established in 1988.
- ➤ It is the regulator of the Capital market and Commodities market in India.
- > The first SEBI chairman was Dr S A Dave (1988-90)
- ➤ Madhabi Puri Buch is the current and 10th Chairperson of the SEBI.
- Headquarters : Mumbai

#### Q.7. Sarthebari Metal Craft famous in which state?

A) Gujarat

B) Bihar

C) Odisha

D) Assam

#### Answer: D

- ✓ 19 Traditional Products of Assam Received Geographical Indication tag.
- ✓ Nineteen traditional products and crafts from Assam have been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag, out of which thirteen are credited to the Bodo community.
- ✓ These iconic items include Assam Bihu Dhol, Jaapi, Sarthebari Metal Craft, and more
- ✓ Assam's Products.
- ✓ Assamese Bihu Dhol.
- ✓ Assamese Jaapi.
- ✓ Sarthebari Metal Craft.
- ✓ Panimeteka Craft (Water Hyacinth).
- ✓ Mising Taat (Handloom).
- ✓ Asharikandi's Exquisite Terracotta Works.
- ✓ Thirteen of the products that have been awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tags are associated with the Bodo community, which is the largest tribal group in the Indian state of Assam. These products represent the cultural heritage of the Bodos and include a variety of items, such as Jotha, Gongona, Gamsa, Sifung, Serja, Khardwi, Kham, Gongar Dunjia, Thorka, Keradapini, Jwmgra, Dokhona, and Eri Silk. These GI tags cover both agricultural products and musical instruments

#### **GI TAG IN NEWS 2023-24**

- The famous silver filigree (Rupa Tarakasi) of the millennium Cuttack city in Odisha recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Tripura's traditional tribal attire 'risa' gets received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently.
- ➤ Kachchhi Kharek, the indigenous variety of dates of Kutch, has become the second fruit of Gujarat to get a geographical indication (GI) tag.
- ➤ On December 4, 2023, Uttarakhand became the 1st state in the country to get GI certificates for a maximum of 18 products in a single day.
- ➤ Till now, a total of 27 products of Uttarakhand have received GI tag.
- > West Bengal achieves Geographical Indication tags for distinctive products, including 'Mouban' honey from Sunderbans, 'Prince of Rice' Black Nunia rice, and traditional Tangail, Gorod, etc.
- ➤ 1. Recognition of Sunderbans Honey 'Mouban'

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

Q.8. Which one of the following is often referred to as a 'bridge fuel'?

A) Coal B) Solar energy

C) Natural gas D) Nuclear energy

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Natural gas has been called a 'bridge fuel' for countries looking to transition away from coal and oil dependency, and as they pursue a pathway towards renewables and electrification.
- ✓ About Bridge Fuel:
- ✓ Bridge fuel is a commonly-used term for a fuel that will power society with the least environmental cost while we deploy non-polluting, renewable energy.
- ✓ The goal of using a bridge fuel is to replace the bulk of today's fossil-fuel-dependent energy sources as we transition to a cleaner and more renewable energy economy that is free of greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Many people consider natural gas a bridge fuel because it produces less greenhouse gas during the combustion process.
- ✓ Key Facts about Natural Gas:
- ✓ Natural gas is a fossil fuel. Like all fossil fuels, it is a nonrenewable resource.
- ✓ It is a mixture of gases which are rich in hydrocarbons.
- ✓ It is a colorless and odorless gas composed of 70-90% methane (CH4). Its other ingredients include ethane (C2 H6) and propane (C3 H8).
- ✓ Possible impurities include carbon dioxide (CO2), hydrogen sulfide (H2S), and nitrogen (N).
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- Q.9. With reference to the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It provides autonomous powers in terms of the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
  - 2. Each autonomous district will have a District Council with a maximum of 30 members.
  - 3. Autonomous District Councils can make laws related to the allotment and use of lands other than any land which is a reserved forest.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: C

- ✓ Recently, noted environmentalist and innovator Sonam Wangchuk, sat on a hunger strike for three weeks, demanding statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ About Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution:
- ✓ It provides autonomous powers in terms of administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
- ✓ Its provisions are present in Articles 244(2) and 275(1) of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ District Councils and Regional Councils:
- ✓ The tribal areas in the four states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram are to be administered as Autonomous Districts.
- ✓ If there are different Scheduled Tribes in an autonomous district, the Governor can divide the district inhabited by them into Autonomous Regions.
- ✓ The Governor is empowered to organize and reorganize the autonomous districts. He can also increase, decrease the boundaries, or alter the name of any autonomous district.
- ✓ There are presently three ADCs in Assam, Mizoram, and Meghalaya, respectively, while Tripura has one.
- ✓ According to the Sixth Schedule, each autonomous district will have a District Council with a maximum of 30 members, of whom not more than four persons shall be nominated by the Governor, and the rest shall be elected on the basis of adult suffrage.
- ✓ There shall be a separate Regional Council for each area constituted as an autonomous region.
- ✓ The Governor will also decide the rules of the District Councils and Regional Councils in consultation with the existing tribal councils or other representative tribal organisations within the autonomous districts or regions concerned.
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- ✓ It allows one to buy a product or avail a service without having to worry about paying for it immediately.

Q.11. Where was the ceremony held to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Reserve Bank of India?

A) Delhi

B) Kolkata

C) Mumbai

D) Hyderabad

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the opening ceremony of RBI@90 in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 1 April 2024.
- ✓ The ceremony was organised to mark the 90 years of the establishment of India's central bank, Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The Prime Minister Modi released a commemorative coin to mark 90 years of RBI on the occasion.
- The Prime Minister said that the next 10 years were crucial for reversing the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047 and RBI will play a central role in it with its priority of fast-paced growth and focus on trust and stability.
- He said that during his government the Indian banking sector has emerged more strong with a strong balance sheet. He pointed out that Gross NPA (Non Performing Assets) of banks that stood at 11.25 percent in 2018 came down to below 3 percent by September 2023.
- Government of India infused Rs 3.5 lakh crore in the public sector banks to make it more strong.

- ✓ About Reserve Bank of India
- ✓ India's central bank. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was set up on the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance also known as the Hilton-Young Commission.
- ✓ Accepting the recommendation of the Hilton-Young Commission the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934 was passed.
- ✓ On 1 April 1935, the Reserve Bank of India started its operation.
- ✓ The RBI was initially owned by a private person . It was nationalised in 1949 and is now owned by the Government of India.
- ✓ Main functions of the RBI
- ✓ It is the apex monetary body which formulates, implements and monitors the monetary policy.
- ✓ It regulates and supervises the Indian financial system. It is the regulator and supervisor of the financial system. It regulates banks, NBFC,NABARD,SIDBI,EXIM Bank.
- ✓ It manages the foreign exchange reserves of India.
- ✓ It issues currency notes in India except Re 1 notes and coins. Re 1 notes and coins are issued by the government of India.
- ✓ It is the regulator and supervisor of the payment and settlement system in india.
- ✓ It is the banker to the governments and all the scheduled banks.
- ✓ Offices of RBI
- ✓ The headquarters of RBI was shifted from Kolkata to Mumbai in 1937 .The RBI has 33 offices
- ✓ Governor of RBI
- ✓ Sir Osborne Smith was the first governor of RBI.
- ✓ The first Indian governor of RBI was C.D.Deshmukh.He was appointed in 1943.
- ✓ Current and 25th Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das

#### Q.12. Katchatheevu island is a disputed area between which countries?

A) India and Sri Lanka

B) India and Singapore

C) India and Maldives

D) India and Norway

#### Answer: A

✓ Documents obtained through an RTI application by Tamil Nadu's BJP chief K. Annamalai have revealed India's inconsistent approach to the Katchatheevu island dispute with Sri Lanka.

- ✓ Island of Katchatheevu
- ✓ Katchatheevu is a tiny island located in the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka, with an area of 285 acres.
- ✓ It is situated around 33 km northeast of Rameswaram, India and approximately 62 km southwest of Jaffna, the northernmost point of Sri Lanka.
- ✓ Agreement between India and Sri Lanka
- ✓ In June 1974, the then-Prime Ministers of India and Sri Lanka, Indira Gandhi and Sirima R.D. Bandaranaike, signed an agreement.
- ✓ Agreement defined the boundary between India and Sri Lanka in the waters from the Palk Strait to Adam's Bridge.
- ✓ Katchatheevu controversy
- ✓ There is a dispute between India and Sri Lanka over the jurisdiction of Katchatheevu island. Sri Lanka claims sovereignty over the island, citing the Portuguese occupation from 1505 to 1658 CE as evidence of their jurisdiction. India, however, argues that the former Raja of Ramnad held possession of the island as part of his estate.

#### Q.13. According to SIPRI, which country is India's primary supplier of arms?

A) US

C) Russia

D) Germany

#### Answer: C

- ✓ According to Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh India's arms exports have surpassed Rs 21,000 crore for the first time.
- ✓ India has been expanding its exports of a wide variety of weapons, from BrahMos cruise missiles to artillery guns, in an effort to become self-reliant in the sector.
- ✓ The country has taken a significant step forward in becoming 'Aatmanirbhar' or self-reliant in defence exports.
- ✓ The defence minister stated on April 1st that the arms exports reached Rs 21,083 crore in the financial year 2023-24, an impressive growth of 32.5% compared to the previous fiscal year. In the financial year 2022-23, India's defence exports were nearly Rs 16,000 crore.

- ✓ This development comes as part of New Delhi's push to boost defence exports under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ India has set an ambitious target of taking annual defence exports to Rs 35,000 crore by 2024-25.
- ✓ <u>India's supplies to Arms</u>
- ✓ India supplies arms to more than 85 countries, including Italy, the Maldives, Russia, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Poland, Egypt, Israel, Spain, Chile, and others.
- ✓ India's defense exports have seen significant growth in recent years, from Rs 686 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 21,083 crore in 2023-24.
- ✓ Around 100 firms are exporting defence products in India and the Centre allocated Rs 6.21 lakh crore to the defence budget for 2024-25
- ✓ Still India is largest arms exporter
- ✓ Despite India's "aatmanirbharta" push, it remains the world's largest arms importer, accounting for 9.8% of all arms imports, according to the Swedish think-tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- ✓ While Russia remains India's primary supplier of arms, its share of Indian arms imports has decreased from 76% in 2009-13 to 36% in 2019-23

#### Q.14. Who won the men's Kho-Kho title at the 56th National Kho-Kho Championship 2023-24?

A) Chennai Quick Guns

B) Odisha Juggernauts

C) Airport Authority of India

D) Maharashtra

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Maharashtra Men's and Women National Kho Kho Champion.
- ✓ The Maharashtra team made a clean sweep at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24.
- ✓ It won both the men's and women's titles, held at Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium and the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.
- ✓ The winning team collected a cash prize of Rs 3 lakh and a trophy.
- ✓ The runner-up got a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh and a Trophy.
- ✓ 56th National Kho Kho Men's Champion Maharashtra.
- ✓ In the final match played at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, the Maharashtra men's team defeated the Indian Railway team.

- ✓ 56th National Kho Kho Women's Champion Maharashtra.
- ✓ In the women's category, the Maharashtra team, led by Sampada Maurya, defeated the Airport Authority of India team by 18-16 points.
- ✓ Kho Kho Game
- ✓ It is a traditional sport in India that is considered very ancient. It is considered the second most popular traditional sport in India after Kabbadi. It can be played both indoors and outdoors.
- ✓ Kho Kho was included as a demonstration sport in the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics and the 3rd South Asian Federation Games held in Kolkata(Calcutta) in 1987.
- ✓ Kho Kho Federation of India
- ✓ It was set up in 1955. It is a body recognised by the government of India .
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ✓ President: Sudhanshu Mitta
- Q.15. Maharashtra defeated which team in the final to win the women's 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24?

A) Haryana

B) Gujarat

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Airport Authority of India

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24 was organised by the Kho Kho Federation of India at Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium and the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium from 28 March to 1 April 2024.
- ✓ In the women's category, the Maharashtra team, led by Sampada Maurya, defeated the Airport Authority of India team by 18-16 points.
- Q.16. Who has taken charge as the Principal Director General of PIB?

A) Ambika Soni

B) Smriti Irani

C) Sheyphali B. Sharan

D) Abhay Singh

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Sheyphali B. Sharan as Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB).
- ✓ Sharan has assumed charge.
- ✓ Sharan is a 1990 batch officer of the Indian Information Service.

✓ PIB is the nodal agency of the Government of India for disseminating information in the print and electronic media, including government policies.

#### Q.17. Who has taken charge as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization?

A) Aarti Singh

B) Dhanashree Sharma

C) Joyshree Das Verma

D) Anjali Kapoor

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Joyshree Das Verma has taken charge as the 41st National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO).
- ✓ At the same time, Israel has appointed him as its honorary consul for North-East India.
- ✓ Verma is also the director of HR firm Kapro Management Solutions Private Limited.

#### Q.18. When is the World Autism Awareness Day observed globally?

A) 02 April

B) 01 April

C) 31 March

D) 30 March

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The World Autism Awareness Day is observed on 02 April every year, to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout the world.
- ✓ Theme 2024 : "Moving from Surviving to Thriving: Autistic Individuals share regional perspectives".
- ✓ It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 18 December 2007.
- ✓ World Autism Day is one of only seven official health-specific UN Days.

# Q.19. Every year the International Children's Book Day is marked on April 02. Which country is the sponsor for the day in 2024?

A) Australia

B) Netherlands

C) Canada

D) Japan

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is organised annually on 2nd April since 1967, by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY).
- ✓ IBBY is an international non-profit organization, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.
- ✓ The Japan Board on Books for Young People (JBBY) is proud to be the official sponsor of ICBD 2024.

✓ The theme for this year is "Cross the Seas on the Wing of your Imagination"

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0.1.	Which of the following	g card type cann	ot be used for cas	sh 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)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

Aparch 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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Q.6.	In 1980,	those banks	were nationalized	whose de	eposits were	more than
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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

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#### 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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