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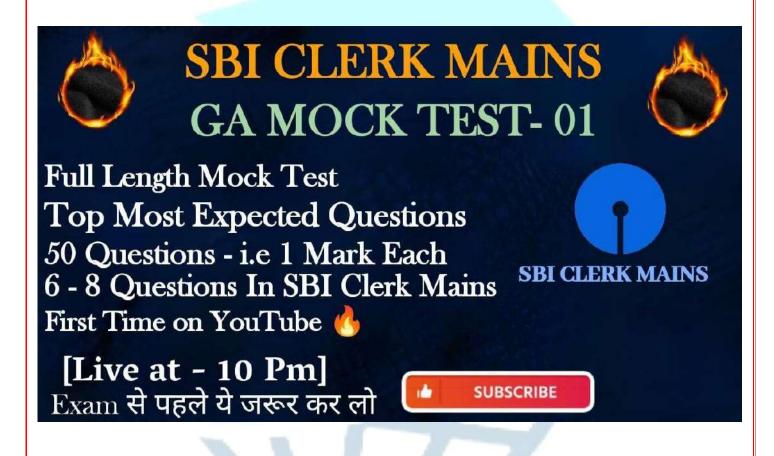
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#### Aparchit 11 April English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

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Q.1. Which space organization has been directed to establish a time standard for the Moon called Coordinated Lunar Time (LTC)?

A) CNSA

B) JAXA

C) ISRO

D) NASA

#### Answer: D

- ✓ NASA has been tasked with establishing Coordinated Lunar Time (LTC) as a unified standard for timekeeping on the Moon and other celestial bodies.
- ✓ Unlike time zones, time standards define units of time and aid in timekeeping.
- ✓ With lunar missions planned, a standard is crucial due to varying gravitational forces and celestial influences

#### **NASA IN NEWS 2023-24**

- ➤ NASA has been tasked with establishing Coordinated Lunar Time (LTC) as a unified standard for timekeeping on the Moon and other celestial bodies
- American space agency NASA has discovered a "super-Earth" planet, dubbed TOI-715 b, that could potentially support life. It is located 137 light-years away and was found by NASA's planet-hunting Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) mission.
- > NASA Re-Establishes Contact With Ingenuity Helicopter On Mars After Outage
- NASA has invited people to send their names to the surface of the Moon aboard the agency's first robotic lunar rover VIPER short for Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover.
- NASA is gearing up to enhance our understanding of Earth's atmosphere with the upcoming Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, Ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission, scheduled for launch in early 2024.
- > NASA renames mission going to asteroid Apophis after returning rocks from Bennu.
- ➤ About OSIRIS-APEX:
- > It is a mission to study the physical changes to asteroid Apophis that will result from its rare close encounter
- ➤ with Earth in April 2029.

- A NASA experiment on the Psyche spacecraft has beamed back a near-infrared laser that contains test data from almost 16 million kilometres away.
- ➤ 16 Psyche:
- ➤ It is currently orbiting the Sun between Mars and Jupiter.
- NASA is set to launch the Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE) to study 'airglow' to understand space
- weather.
- NASA's James Webb Telescope recently discovered a new exoplanet named 'Wasp-107b', which is the size
- of Jupiter.
- > NASA's Lucy spacecraft successfully completed its first flyby of an asteroid named Dinkinesh.
- ➤ About Lucy Mission:
- ➤ It is a first-of-its-kind mission of NASA that will explore Jupiter's elusive Trojan asteroids.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched a sounding rocket as part of its INFUSE mission.
- NASA's Subsurface Water Ice Mapping (SWIM) project released its fourth set of maps.
- NISAR is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.
- ➤ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- > Founded: 1958
- Aparchit Exam > Headquarters : Washington, D.C
- Administrator : Bill Nelson
- Q.2.Consider the following statements with reference to the QS World University Rankings 2024:
  - 1. India is the most represented country in Asia in terms of the number of ranked universities.
  - 2. In terms of volume, India is now the world's largest producer of research and academic papers.

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: D

- ✓ Sixty-nine Indian universities made it to the rankings with 424 entries in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject.
- ✓ About QS World University Rankings:
- ✓ Published annually by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds, the QS list ranks the world's top 1,000 universities.
- ✓ For 2024, universities were evaluated in 55 specific subjects and five broader subject areas.
- ✓ Highlights of the 2024 Rankings:
- ✓ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)has been ranked as the No. 1 university in the world by QS World University Rankings for 12 straight years.
- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) is the top ranked Indian institution, being ranked at 149.
- ✓ A total of 69 Indian universities with 424 entries have made it to the QS World University Rankings by subject, marking a 19.4% rise from the previous year's 355 entries achieved by 66 universities.
- ✓ India is the second most represented country in Asia for the number of ranked universities (69), after mainland China with 101.
- ✓ India holds the fourth position in the total number of ranked entries (454), after China (1,041), Japan (510) and South Korea (499).
- ✓ Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) leads among Indian institutions, securing the 20th position globally for development studies.
- ✓ In total, 12 Indian Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) feature in the top 100, and 69 HEIs from India are ranked in 44 out of 55 subjects.
- ✓ India has shown significant progress, with a 20 percent improvement in the Citations per Paper indicator, reflecting a strong research capability.
- ✓ In terms of volume, India is now the world's fourth-largest producer of research, generating 1.3 million academic papers in this period, trailing only behind China, the United States and the United Kingdom.
- ✓ However, the country faces challenges in securing citations in premier global journals, with only 15% of its research cited in these publications between 2017 and 2021.
- Q.3. With reference to the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), consider the following statements:
  - 1. It is India's first-ever Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF).
  - 2. It invests in greenfield, brownfield and stalled projects.

3. It is majority-owned by institutional investors and is independent in its investment decisions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The NIIF has invested \$200 million in iBUS Network and Infrastructure Pvt Ltd., a connectivity technology firm, to support the growth of India's digital infrastructure.
- ✓ About the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF):
- ✓ NIIF is a fund manager that invests in infrastructure and related sectors in India.
- ✓ It is India's first-ever Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF), which was set up in 2015.
- ✓ An institution anchored by the Government of India, NIIF is a collaborative investment platform for international and Indian investors with a mandate to invest equity capital in domestic infrastructure.
- ✓ NIIF invests across asset classes such as infrastructure, private equity, and other diversified sectors in India, with the objective of generating attractive risk-adjusted returns for its investors.
- ✓ It invests in greenfield (new), brownfield (existing) and stalled projects.
- ✓ NIIF is 49% owned by the Indian Government and has more than \$4.9 billion in assets under management, making it the country's biggest infrastructure fund.
- ✓ NIIF benefits from its association with the Government yet is independent in its investment decisions.
- ✓ It is majority-owned by institutional investors and managed professionally by a team with experience in investments and infrastructure.
- ✓ The funds are registered as Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) with the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and are currently raising capital from domestic and international institutional investors.
- ✓ NIIF manages capital invested currently through four funds:
- ✓ NIIF Master Fund: This fund primarily invests in infra-related projects such as roads, ports, airports, and power. It is the largest infrastructure fund in India.
- ✓ NIIF Private Markets Fund: Invests in funds managed by third-party managers in infrastructure and associated sectors.
- ✓ NIIF Strategic Opportunities Fund: It invests and develops large-scale businesses and greenfield projects that are of strategic importance to the country.
- ✓ India-Japan

- ✓ Fund: NIIF's first bilateral fundinvests in environment preservation in India.
- ✓ It also seeks to enable opportunities for collaboration between Indian and Japanese companies in India.
- ✓ The Fund has a target corpus of US\$600 million, with the Government of India contributing 49% and the remaining 51% contributed by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, a policy-based financial institution wholly owned by the Government of Japan
- Q.4. Consider the following statements with reference to the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector:
  - 1. It is characterized by high-volume sales and quick inventory turnover.
  - 2. It is the second-largest sector in the Indian economy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The Rs 5-trillion domestic fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) market still faces hurdles on its path to complete recovery from the current slowdown.
- ✓ About Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG):
- ✓ FMCG, or Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG), are products sold quickly and at a relatively low cost.
- ✓ The FMCG industry is characterized by high-volume sales, quick inventory turnover, and various products catering to consumer needs.
- ✓ These goods include essential everyday items such as food and beverages, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and other low-cost household items.
- ✓ FMCGs have a short shelf life because of high consumer demand (e.g., soft drinks and confections) or because they are perishable (e.g., meat, dairy products, and baked goods).
- ✓ FMCG Industry in India:
- ✓ The FMCG sector is the fourth-largest sector in the Indian economy.
- ✓ In 2022, the urban sector accounted for 65% of the overall annual FMCG sales, while rural India contributed over 35%.
- ✓ Household and personal care products make up 50% of the industry's sales, healthcare claims 31-32%, and food and beverage products account for the remaining 18-19%.

- ✓ It provides employment to around 3 million people, accounting for approximately 5% of the total factory employment in India.
- Q.5. Fiscal Monitor Report, recently in news, is published by:
  - A) World Bank

- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

  D) World Economic Forum (WEF)

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Recently, in its Fiscal Monitor the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said industrial policy initiatives pursued by the United States, Europe and other countries to steer innovation in certain sectors were no panacea to boost economic growth.
- ✓ It provides an overview of latest public finance developments, updates the medium-term fiscal outlook, and assesses fiscal implications of policies relevant to the global economy.
- ✓ It is prepared twice a year by the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department.
- ✓ Its projections are based on the same database used for the World Economic Outlook (WEO) and the Global Financial Stability Report (GFSR).
- ✓ The fiscal projections for individual countries have been prepared by IMF desk economists, and, in line with the WEO guidelines
- Which one of the following is the primary objective of the CDP-SURAKSHA Platform? Q.6.
  - A) institutionalize the process of skill development of emigrant Indian workers
  - B) transform citizen services through the use of digital technology
  - C) provide a platform for startups to come up with new ideas and innovation
  - D) disbursal of subsidies to horticulture farmers by using e-RUPI vouchers

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Government of India has come up with a new digital platform called CDP-SURAKSHA to disburse subsidies to horticulture farmers under the Cluster Development Programme (CDP).
- System for Unified Resource Allocation, Knowledge, and Secure Horticulture Assistance (SURAKSHA) is a platform which will allow an instant disbursal of subsidies to farmers in their bank account by utilising the e-RUPI voucher from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

- ✓ Features: Database integration with PM-KISAN, cloud-based server space from NIC, UIDAI validation, eRUPI integration, local government directory (LGD), content management system, geotagging, and geofencing.
- ✓ Working
- ✓ The platform allows access to farmers, vendors, implementing agencies (IA), and cluster development agencies (CDAs), and officials of the National Horticulture Board (NHB).
- ✓ A farmer can login using their mobile number and place an order for planting material such as seeds, seedlings, and plants based on their requirement.
- ✓ Once the demand has been raised by the farmer, the system will ask them to contribute their share of the cost of planting material. The subsidy amount paid by the government will appear on the screen automatically.
- ✓ After the farmer pays their contribution, an e-RUPI voucher will be generated. This voucher will then be received by a vendor, who will provide the required planting material to the farmer.
- ✓ Once the ordered planting material is delivered to the farmer, they have to verify the delivery through geotagged photos and videos of their field.
- ✓ It is only after the verification that the IA will release the money to the vendor for the e-RUPI voucher.
- ✓ What is e-RUPI?
- ✓ The voucher is a one-time payment mechanism that can be redeemed without a card, digital payments app or internet banking access, at the merchants accepting e-RUPI.
- ✓ It can be shared with the beneficiaries for a specific purpose or activity by organisations or government via SMS or QR code.
- Q.7. Which report released in April 2024 said that only 57 companies are responsible for 80% of carbon emissions in the world?

A) Greenhouse Gas Report

B) Environmental performance Index Report

C) Energy transition Index Report

D) Thinktank 'InfluenceMap'

#### Answer: D

- ✓ According to a report released by thinktank 'InfluenceMap'. Just 57 companies are responsible for 80% of the world's carbon emissions from fossil fuels and cement since 2016.
- ✓ These 57 companies are involved in the production of oil, gas, coal and cement in the world.

- ✓ Although governments pledged in Paris to cut greenhouse gases, the analysis reveals that most megaproducers increased their output of fossil fuels and related emissions in the seven years after that climate agreement, compared with the seven years before.
- ✓ In the database of 122 of the world's biggest historical climate polluters, the researchers found that 65% of state entities and 55% of private-sector companies had scaled up production.
- ✓ During this period, the biggest investor-owned contributor to emissions was ExxonMobil of the United States, which was linked to 3.6 gigatonnes of CO2 over seven years, or 1.4% of the global total. Close behind were Shell, BP, Chevron and TotalEnergies, each of which was associated with at least 1% of global emissions.
- Q.8. Who has been appointed as the coach of the senior women's national hockey team?

A) Dhanraj Pillay

B) Mohammad Shahid

C) Harendra Singh

D) Arjun Singh

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Former Indian Hockey player and Dronacharya awardee Harendra Singh has been selected by Hockey India as the coach of the senior national women's hockey team.
- ✓ He will be appointed coach until the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
- ✓ Harendra Singh will replace Janneke Schopman of Holland Janneke Schopman.
- ✓ Schopman is a former Dutch hockey player, resigned last month as the coach of the national women's team after the Indian team failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics 2024.
- Q.9. The Indian Army has received the first batch of Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) from which country in April 2024?

A) Israel

B) Russia

C) France

D) USA

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian Army has received the first batch of 24 Russia-made Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) and 100 missiles as part of a larger deal that includes domestic production in India.
- ✓ This procurement aims to enhance the Army's Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) capabilities, particularly in high mountainous terrain along the northern border.

- ✓ The Igla-S is a hand-held defence system that can be operated by an individual or crew. It is designed to bring down low-flying aircraft and can also identify and neutralise air targets such as cruise missiles and drones.
- ✓ India signed a contract with Russia in November last year for 120 launchers and 400 missiles.
- ✓ About MANPADS
- ✓ MANPADS are portable surface-to-air missile systems and air defence units in high mountainous regions use MANPADS to neutralise low-altitude aerial threats such as aircraft, drones, and missiles
- Q.10. Which eye hospital has been honoured with the prestigious 'Best Scientific Poster Award' at the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) 2024 Annual Meeting?

A) LV Prasad eye hospital

B) Sankar Netralaya

C) Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital

D) Sharp Sight Eye Hospital

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital wins 'Best Scientific Poster Award' 2024
- ✓ Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital's research team have been honoured with the prestigious 'Best Scientific Poster Award' at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS).
- ✓ This recognition comes in light of their groundbreaking study on 'The efficacy of RevitalVision vision-training software in improving best-corrected vision in stable keratoconus patients post Crosslinking surgery.'
- ✓ In the study by Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, stable keratoconus patients undergoing RevitalVision vision-training software post Crosslinking surgery experienced a significant improvement in their vision.
- ✓ Statistical analysis revealed an average improvement of 2.5 lines on the visual acuity test chart, providing tangible evidence of the software's efficacy in enhancing patient outcomes.
- Q.11. Who has been honoured with the "Medal of Honour" by the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique-India (HCCD-India) during the annual Consular Day event held at the ITC Grand Chola in Chennai?

A) Vivek Srivastava

B) Neeraj Sharma

C) Manish Prasad

D) Rajendra Prasad Goyal

#### Answer: B

✓ Neeraj Sharma receives prestigious "Medal of Honour" at Consular Day 2024

- ✓ Neeraj A Sharma, the Honorary Consul General of The Republic of Palau in India, was honored with the esteemed "Medal of Honour" by the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique-India (HCCD-India) during the annual Consular Day event held at the ITC Grand Chola in Chennai.
- ✓ The Consular Day 2024 event, organized by HCCD-India, was a gathering of distinguished guests, representing elite individuals and the international fraternity.
- ✓ The award was presented by Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi during the ceremony

# Q.12. According to Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), India aims to increase its nuclear power production to 1 lakh MW by which year?

A) 2030

B) 2040

C) 2042

D) 2047

#### Answer: D

- ✓ India aims to increase its nuclear power production to 1 lakh MW by 2047, a significant jump from the current 8,000 MW.
- ✓ This goal was highlighted by Atomic Energy Commission Chairman A K Mohanty at the release of a report on energy transitions.
- ✓ He said the breeder reactors would contribute 3 GW of nuclear power, while 17.6 GW would come from light water reactors built with international cooperation and another 40-45 GW would come from the pressurized heavy water reactors.

#### **TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2023-24**

- India plans to build its first privately managed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) by 2029-30.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared India's plan to establish its own space station by 2035.
- ➤ National Strategic Plan & Roadmap for Leprosy (2023-27) to achieve zero transmission of leprosy by 2027.
- ➤ India self-reliant in pulses by December 2027
- ➤ Indian Consumer Tech To Touch \$300 Bn By 2027.
- ➤ India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third largest economy in the world by 2027.
- Members of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) collectively have set an "aspirational target" of 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030.

- ➤ India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before 2050.
- ➤ This 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023' event will help the country to achieve its commitment of becoming a global drone hub by 2030.
- ➤ Vaccine manufacturer Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) expects to commercially launch its dengue fever vaccine by early 2026.
- ➤ Group Chief Economic Advisor at the State Bank of India (SBI), Soumya Kanti Ghoshon has reiterated that India is likely to become the third-largest economy by 2027.
- ➤ The Ministry of Coal has set a target to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by FY 2030.
- According to the report of Goldman Sachs Research, by the year 2075, India will become the second largest economy in the world after China leaving behind not only Japan and Germany but also America.
- ➤ UNEP suggests measures to reduce 80% of world's plastic pollution by 2040.
- > India aims to become one trillion dollar tourism economy by 2047.
- ➤ The government announced a plan to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next five years to achieve its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030.
- > India has set targets for half of its installed electricity capacity to be from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and for the country to attain net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- ➤ 2023 foreign trade policy has the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.
- ➤ India to get 9% of Electricity from Nuclear Sources by 2047.
- ➤ India sets target to become 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030
- Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.
- ➤ India to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030.
- India has set a target to replace the use of diesel by renewable energy in the agriculture sector by 2024.
- ➤ Indian Government has set a target to eliminate TB in India by 2025.
- ➤ India targets ₹25,000-cr worth defence exports by 2024.
- Reserve Bank of India's 2023 monetary policy objective is to hold inflation within the mandated tolerance band and guide it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024.

Q.13. Which of the following has signed an Expression of Interest (EoI) with India for startups working in Battery Recycling Technologies for Electric Vehicles (EVs) for a matchmaking event?

A) ASEAN

B) African Union

C) BIMSTEC

D) European Union

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The European Union (EU) and India have launched an Expression of Interest (EoI) for startups working in Battery Recycling Technologies for Electric Vehicles (EVs) for a matchmaking event.
- ✓ The matchmaking aims to enhance the cooperation between European and Indian Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and startups in the clean and green technologies sector.
- ✓ The intended exchange of knowledge and expertise will be instrumental in advancing the circularity of rare materials and transitioning towards carbon neutrality in both India and the EU.
- ✓ This initiative takes place under the India-EU Trade & Technology Council (TTC), announced by India and the European Commission in New Delhi on 25th April 2022.
- Q.14. Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of SJVN Limited by the Public **Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)?**

A) Sushil Sharma

B) Dinesh Meena

C) Rahul Sharma

Warriors D) Rajnish Singh

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Sushil Sharma has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of SJVN Limited by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).
- ✓ He is currently serving as Director (Projects) at SJVN Limited (formerly Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam).
- Sharma did his B.E. (Mechanical) from VNIT, Nagpur. He has more than 30 years of rich and varied experience in various organisations including SJVN.
- Q.15. Which Insurance Company has partnered with Policybazaar to offer insurance products?

A) Bharti AXA General Insurance

B) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance

C) ICICI Lombard General Insurance D) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer: D

- ✓ ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has partnered with Policybazaar to offer products on the platform.
- ✓ The collaboration aims to provide insurance solutions to Indian consumers through Policybazaar's reach.
- ✓ The partnership grants access to nearly 10 million customers, offering insurance products including motor, health, travel, home and business insurance.
- ✓ The collaboration covers business lines of the Policybazaar platform, including policybazaar.com for retail audiences, PB for Business for corporates and PB Partners for channel partners
- Q.16. The US-India Tax Forum has appointed whom as the new head of the Forum?

A) Tarun Bajaj

B) Smita Sarangi

C) Rakesh Mohan

D) Arindam Bagchi

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The US-India Tax Forum, an US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) initiative, has appointed Tarun Bajaj as the new head of the Forum.
- ✓ Bajaj is the former Revenue Secretary and Secretary of Economic Affairs to the Government of India.
- ✓ Joined USISPF as an advisor to the Board of Directors in January 2024 his appointment is a testament to his significant experience and expertise in economic affairs and taxation matters
- Q.17. In a move to smoothen the processes for 100 5G Labs across academic institutions in India, one of the "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" was launched during a 5G workshop at which IIT in April 2024?

A) IIT Madras

B) IIT Bombay

C) IIT Kanpur

D) IIT Delhi

#### Answer: A

- ✓ 'Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs' launched at IIT Madras
- ✓ In a move to smoothen the processes for 100 5G Labs across academic institutions in India, one of the "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" was launched during a 5G workshop at IIT Madras.
- ✓ This initiative aims to simplify the experimental licence requirements for these institutions, facilitating smoother operations and fostering innovation in the 5G domain.
- ✓ The primary objective behind this initiative is to cultivate competencies and engagement in 5G technologies among students and start-up communities.

- ✓ These labs will be using 5G frequency bands for carrying out various experiments.
- ✓ This license is currently being issued on "Self-declaration Mode" from the Saralsanchar portal of DoT through National Single Window System (NSWS). Till date around 1500 licenses have been granted since the launch of this module on Saralsanchar portal in July 2021

#### **IIT IN NEWS 2023-24**

- Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs' launched at IIT Madras
- > President of India Draupadi Murmu launched India's first domestic gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay.
- ➤ French aerospace and defence firm Starburst Accelerator SARLhas partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) to set up an innovative hub for start-ups with €100 million in funding support.
- > IIT Madras has developed an indigenous electric standing wheelchair called 'NeoStand,' claimed to be India's most customizable wheelchair for the benefit of wheelchair users
- ➤ Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) have collaborated to establish a Centre of Excellence and Industry Accelerator in the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.
- ➤ Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT Guwahati) transferred swine fever vaccine technology to BioMed Pvt. Ltd.
- > Uttar Pradesh government will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Roorkee for better disaster management in the state.
- > Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility.
- > IREDA has entered into an agreement with IIT Bhubaneswar to promote innovation and research in the renewable energy sector.
- > IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka.
- ArcelorMittal and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India materials and engineering resources being deployed to construct Asia's first Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras, Chennai, India

- ➤ Reliance Jio Infocomm, India's largest telecom service provider, is working with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay to launch 'Bharat GPT', a large language model specifically tailor for India's needs.
- ➤ IIT Guwahati recently developed an indigenous river model, BRAHMA-2D.
- > IIT Kanpur, Indian Navy join forces to drive innovation through research partnership.
- > SAMRIDHI conclave, a deeptech startup acceleration drive launched at IIT Ropar.
- ➤ The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting was held at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- > IIT Kanpur and Airbus to collaborate to boost aerospace talent base in India.
- ➤ IIT Kanpur has signed an MoU with private lender ICICI Bank to support the startup ecosystem in the institute.
- > IIT Guwahati have developed pharmaceutical and food products from tea factory waste.
- > IIT Jodhpur scientists develop 'CODE' device for good air quality.
- ➤ IIT Madras-incubated space tech startup GalaxEye Space on 29 August 2023 launched their drone-based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) system, Ahead of their planned satellite launch in 2024.
- > IIT Bombay has received a donation of \$18.6 million from an alumnus towards the establishment of a Green Energy and Sustainability Research Hub.
- ➤ IIT Guwahati has signed MoU with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.

#### Q.18. In India, when is the National Safe Motherhood Day celebrated?

A) April 10

B) April 11

C) April 09

D) April 12

#### Answer: B

- ✓ In India, the National Safe Motherhood Day is observed every year on April 11 to raise awareness about adequate access to care for women during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services.
- ✓ India is the first country in the world to officially declare National Safe Motherhood Day
- ✓ The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, the wife of the father of Nation Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi.

- ✓ In 2003, upon the initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI), the Government of India declared the national safe motherhood day to be held on April 11.
- ✓ 2024 marks the 21st anniversary of the day. The first observation was held in 2003.

#### STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 11 April 2024

- O.1. Venki Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in which field with Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath?
  - A) Physics

B) Chemistry

C) Literature

D) Medicine

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Venki Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath.
- ✓ Prize motivation: " for studies of the structure and function of the Ribosome".
- Q.2. The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the \_\_ in 1991.

A) Infosys Foundation

B) KK Birla Foundation

C) Wipro Foundation

D) Pirojsha Godrej Foundation

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Bihari Puraskar is a literary award instituted by K. K. Birla Foundation in 1991.
- ✓ The award is named after the famous Hindi poet Bihari and is awarded to an outstanding work published in Hindi or Rajasthani by a Rajasthani writer in the last 10 years.
- Q.3. Mufin finance, one of the leading NBFC's has received in principle RBI approval for issuance of semi close prepaid payment instruments. Identify the correct statement regarding NBCF's
  - I. NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
  - II. NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system.
  - III. NFC scan issue cheques drawn on itself.

A) Only I

B) Only III

C) Both I and II

D) Both II and III

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The two statements:
- ✓ NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
- ✓ NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system. are true.

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Q.4. Which of the following is the goalpost of payments visi	on 2025?
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A) integrity

B) inclusion

C) innovation

D) all of the above

#### Answer : D

Q.5. Which of the following is the current Union Minister of Women and Child Development?

A) Smriti Zubin Irani

B) Bhupender Yadav

C) SarbanandaSonowal

D) Dharmendra Pradhan

#### Answer: A

Q.6. Recently, Safran has recently announced to establish the largest and the first aircraft engine MRO facility in Hyderabad, Telangana?

A) Japan

B) Russia

C) France

D) United States

#### Answer: C

Q.7. In which state Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife is situated at?

A) Maharashtra

B) Gujarat

C) Goa

D) Madhya Pradesh

#### Answer : C

Q.8. Ghode Modni is a folk dance of which Indian state?

A) Goa

B) Rajasthan

C) Tripura

D) Arunachal Pradesh

#### Answer: A

Q.9. Where is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) headquartered?

- A) Vienna, Austria
- B) Brussels, Belgium
- C) Geneva, Switzerland
- D) Paris, France

Answer: B



Q.10. What is the National Heritage Animal of India?

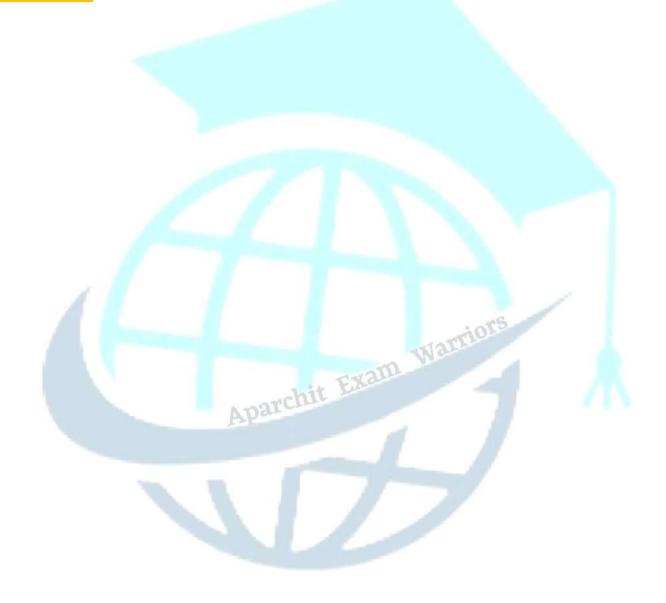
A) Panther

B) Lion

C) Tiger

D) Elephant

Answer: D





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