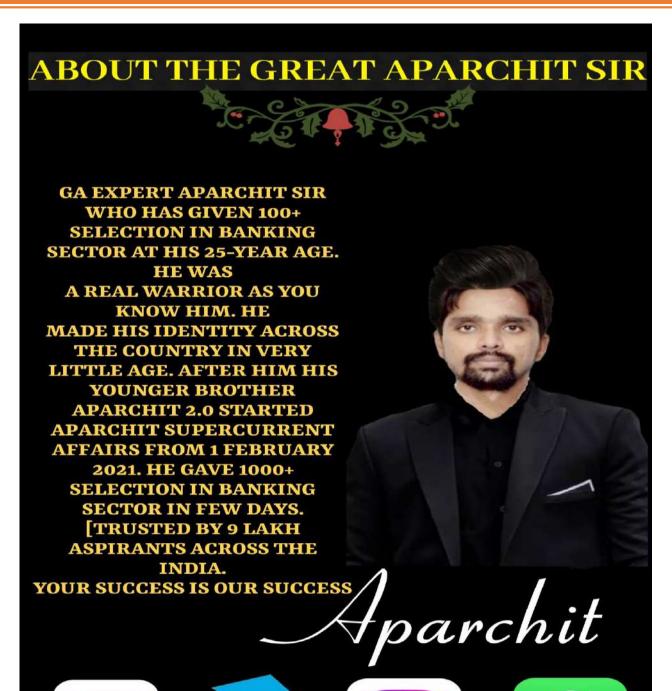
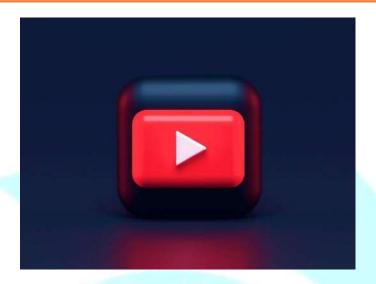


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Q.1. DRDO conducted a successful flight test of the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) at which place?

A) Chandipur, Odisha

B) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

C) Pokhran, Rajasthan

D) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from Chandipur, Odisha. All subsystems performed well, monitored by range sensors and a Su-30-Mk-I aircraft.
- ✓ The missile showcased precise navigation, flying close to the sea surface.
- ✓ The test affirmed the reliability of the indigenous propulsion system by GTRE, Bengaluru.
- ✓ Developed by ADE, equipped with advanced avionics, the ITCM is a technology demonstrator with an upgraded seeker and small turbofan engine.

DRDO IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is reported to be testing a prototype of its DURGA-2 (Directionally Unrestricted Ray Gun Array) system.
- > DRDO successfully tested the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from Chandipur, Odisha.
- ➤ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out successful trials of the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- > Recently, Strategic Forces Command and DRDO successfully tested the new generation ballistic missile Agni-Prime off the coast of Odisha.
- > DRDO successfully conducted two flight tests of the Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile.
- > DRDO successfully conducted four flight trials of the high-speed expendable aerial target 'ABHYAS' recently.

- ➤ Defence Ministry has cleared the proposal of buying a regiment of Pralay tactical ballistic missiles for the Indian Army which can strike targets at 150–500 km.
- ➤ DRDO organises 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' to encourage Defence R&D.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have formed a partnership to create an Indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System for the submarines in the Indian Navy.
- ▶ DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- ➤ Indian Navy and Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) collaborated to conduct the first successful test trial of a locally-made Air Droppable Container called 'ADC-150' from the IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa .
- ➤ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrated its 66th foundation day on 1st January 2024.
- ➤ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Founded: 1 January 1958

> Headquarters : New Delhi

Motto: "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"

> Chairman : Sameer V Kamat

- Q.2. Consider the following statements with reference to the Cruise missile:
 - 1. It is a guided missile used against terrestrial or naval targets.
 - 2. It has a low trajectory and is difficult to detect it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

- ✓ Recently, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight-test of Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- ✓ The missile is equipped with advanced avionics and software to ensure better and reliable performance.

- ✓ The missile is developed by Bengaluru-based DRDO laboratory Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) along with contribution from other laboratories and Indian industries.
- ✓ It was monitored by several range sensors like radar, Electro Optical Tracking System (EOTS) and telemetry deployed by ITR at different locations to ensure complete coverage of the flight path.
- ✓ What is a Cruise missile?
- ✓ It is a guided missile used against terrestrial or naval targets, that remains in the atmosphere (unlike ballistic missiles) and flies the major portion of its flight path at an approximately constant speed, before hitting the target.
- ✓ Precision: High, up to a few metres fit for small, moving targets.
- ✓ Trajectory: Low altitude, level trajectory hard to detect
- ✓ Subsonic Cruise missiles: These cruise missiles travel at less than Mach 1.
- ✓ Supersonic Cruise missiles: Cruise missiles travelling at supersonic speeds are called supersonic cruise missiles.
- ✓ Hypersonic Cruise missiles: Cruise missiles powered using scramjet engines to realise speeds greater than Mach 5 are designated as hypersonic cruise missiles.
- Q.3. Consider the following statements with reference to the Directionally Unrestricted Ray Gun Array (DURGA) system:
 - 1. It destroys its target using focused energy by means of microwaves or particle beams.
 - 2. It has been indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is reported to be testing a prototype of its DURGA-2 (Directionally Unrestricted Ray Gun Array) system.
- ✓ It damages or destroys its target using focused energy by means of lasers, microwaves or particle beams.
- ✓ Advantages: These weapons have several advantages over conventional munitions.

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- ✓ They transmit lethal force at the speed of light (about 300,000 kilometers per second).
- ✓ Their beams are not affected by the constraining effects of gravity or atmospheric drag.

- ✓ They are extremely precise. Fourth, their effects can be tailored by varying the type and intensity of energy delivered against targets.
- ✓ Significance
- ✓ The aerospace industry can transform the way wars will be fought.
- ✓ This will enable us to produce cutting edge platforms, weapons, sensors, and networks essential to fight and win a future war.
- ✓ Other countries which have this system: Russia, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Israel, and China.
- Q.4. Recently, a state-of-the-art Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization and Evaluation (SPACE) was inaugurated in which state?

A) Kerala

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Maharashtra

D) Odisha

Answer: A

- ✓ In Kerala, the Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory of DRDO unveiled the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE). It's a testing hub for sonar systems on Indian Navy ships, subs, and helicopters.
- ✓ SPACE has two parts: a floating platform and a submersible one reaching 100m depth.
- ✓ It facilitates quick deployment and recovery of scientific gear, aiding survey, sampling, and data collection for Anti-Submarine Warfare research.
- Q.5. Which IIT has launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels?

A) IIT Bombay

B) IIT Madras

C) IIT Kanpur

D) IIT Guwahati

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels.
- ✓ The facility can calibrate up to 45 different life-saving medical devices including defibrillator analyser, electrical safety analyser, gas flow analyser, and dialysis reference meter.
- ✓ The calibration of medical devices on a regular basis is must to ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment of patients.

✓ This vehicle will go to the doorsteps of labs and calibrate life-saving medical equipment. The equipment will be tested in just a few hours.

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels.
- > India's first Artificial Intelligence based Film 'IRAH' trailer launched
- ➤ India's 1st Battery Energy Storage GigaFactory will be Launched in J&K
- ➤ India's first integrated oil palm processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh started operation by one of India's largest oil palm development companies, 3F Oil Palm.
- India's first Indoor athletic centre inaugurated in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- India's First Research IIT Satellite Campus will be in Ujjain.
- ➤ India's first spy satellite built by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) will be launched in a SpaceX rocket by April and will be used by the armed forces to obtain secret information.
- ➤ Commencement of Core Loading at India's first indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) (500 MWe) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- The PFBR has been fully designed and constructed by BHAVINI.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first automobile in-plant railway siding project at Maruti Suzuki India's plant in Hansalpur, Gujarat.
- ➤ Kerala has declared the man-animal conflict a state-specific disaster, the first in India to do so.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first indigenous green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility.
- ➤ Ola Founder's Krutrim Becomes First \$1 Billion Indian AI Startup.
- > For the first time in India, a boat running on solar energy will be operated in the Saryu river in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- Reliance Industries Achieves India's First ISCC-Plus Certification.
- Lucknow city, known as the 'City of Nawabs', will be developed as India's first 'AI City'.
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government has announced the launch of India's first 'Telecom Center of Excellence.

- ➤ India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- ➤ Uttarakhand launches India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management.
- ➤ Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF) in Hyderabad.
- India's first-ever sports university to be set up in Manipur.
- ➤ India Launches Its 1st Indigenous e-Tractor Developed By the CMERI.
- ➤ Dr Jitendra Singh, had launched the CSIR Prima ET11, the first indigenous e-Tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, a public engineering R&D institution in Durgapur, West Bengal, and a constituent laboratory of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- > Kerala Launches India's First AI School, Pioneering Future-Focused Education.
- > Sanchi, a world heritage site located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, is all set to become India's first solar city.
- ➤ Hitachi Payment Services launched India's first UPI-ATM.
- India's first Vedic-themed park unveiled in Noida.
- Q.6. Which IIT has signed an MoU with digital infrastructure provider Lightstorm for employment enablement and skill development programme in the country?

A) IIT Madras

B) IIT Bombay

C) IIT Kanpur

D) IIT Guwahati

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with digital infrastructure provider Lightstorm for employment enablement and skill development programme in the country
- ✓ The collaboration aims to address the skill gap among underprivileged students and support underserved youth, women, and job seekers from tier II and III cities.
- ✓ It will provide extensive placement assistance, including job readiness facilities, for students pursuing degrees in arts, science, and commerce.

✓ The 'Employment Enablement Programme through Skill Development' is a meticulously designed curriculum that aims to upskill students with essential topics that are highly practical and relevant in the current job market

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.7. Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE) is associated with:

- A) testing and evaluation hub for sonar systems
- B) a new submarine testing
- C) wastewater treatment
- D) water quality testing

Answer: A

- ✓ Recently, a state-of-the-art Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE) was inaugurated by Secretary, Department of Defence (R&D) and Chairman DRDO in Kerala.
- ✓ It is set up by the Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory of DRDO.
- ✓ It has been designed as a premier testing and evaluation hub for sonar systems destined for Indian Navy onboard various platforms including ships, submarines and helicopters.

- ✓ Features: It will consist of two distinct assemblages a platform which floats on the water surface, and a submersible platform which can be lowered to any depth upto 100 m using winch systems.
- ✓ Uses: It will mainly be utilised for evaluation of complete sonar system, allowing for quick deployment and easy recovery of scientific packages such as sensors and transducers. It will be suitable for survey, sampling, and data collection of air, surface, mid-water, and reservoir floor parameters using modern scientific instrumentation.
- ✓ It will cater to the needs of data processing and sample analyses in modern, well equipped scientific laboratories heralding a new era of Anti-Submarine Warfare research capabilities.
- ✓ What is Sonar?
- ✓ Sound NAvigation and Ranging (SONAR) is a tool that uses sound waves to explore the ocean.
- ✓ Scientists primarily use sonar to develop nautical charts, locate underwater hazards to navigation, search for and identify objects in the water column and on the seafloor such as shipwrecks, and map the seafloor itself.
- ✓ Sonar is used for oceanography because sound waves travel farther in the water than radar and light waves can.

O.8. Men5CV Vaccine is related to:

A) COVID-19

B) Malaria

C) HIV

D) Meningitis

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Answer: D

- ✓ Nigeria has taken a historic step in the fight against meningitis, becoming the first country in the world to introduce a new, highly effective vaccine called Men5CV.
- ✓ It protects against strains A, C, W, Y and X of the meningococcus bacteria, all of which can cause meningitis and blood poisoning.
- ✓ It is recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ Funding: The vaccine and emergency vaccination activities are funded by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.
- ✓ Key facts about Meningitis
- ✓ It is a serious infection that leads to the inflammation of the membranes (meninges) that surround and protect the brain and spinal cord.
- ✓ There are multiple causes of meningitis, including viral, bacterial, fungal and parasitic pathogens.
- ✓ Symptoms: It often includes headache, fever and stiff neck

Q.9. Where is the World Future Energy Summit 2024 being organized?

A) New Delhi

B) Dhaka

C) Dubai

D) Abu Dhabi

Answer: D

- ✓ The World Future Energy Summit 2024 is being organized in the Gulf city of Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ It is being organised to discuss measures to facilitate global energy transition and promote investment in clean and renewable energy

Q.10. Which Indian institution played an important role in the Shri Ram 'Surya Tilak' program in Ayodhya?

A) IIT Varanasi

B) IIT Delhi

C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics

D) IIT Madras

Answer: C

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, played a key role in the Shri Ram 'Surya Tilak' programme in Ayodhya.
- ✓ The opto-mechanical system used in the 'Surya Tilak' programme at Ayodhya was designed by CBRI and the device was manufactured by Optics, Bangalorey

Q.11. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Indian Navy?

A) R K Dhawan

B) Karambir Singh

C) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

D) R Harikumar

Answer : C

- ✓ Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- ✓ He will take charge on April 30, 2024.
- ✓ Current Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar is about to retire from service.
- ✓ Tripathi is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.

NEW UPDATED LIST OF CHIEF AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

- Daljit Singh Chaudhary : National Security Guard (NSG)
- Anish Dayal Singh: Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- Rahul Rasgotra: Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan : Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
- Daljit Singh Chawdhary : Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- ➤ Nitin Agarwal : Border Security Force (BSF)
- > Pradeep Chandran Nair: Assam Rifles
- ➤ Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari : Air Force Chief
- General Manoj Pande : Army Chief
- Dinesh Kumar Tripathi : Navy Chief
- ➤ Nina Singh: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) [Nina Singh becomes 1st woman to head CISF]
- Rakesh Pal: Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh: National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Q.12. Who won the Best Airport Award at the Skytrax Awards 2024?

- A) Changi Airport (Singapore)
- B) Tokyo Haneda Airport
- C) Hamad International Airport (Doha) D) Dubai Airport

Answer: C

- ✓ Doha's Hamad International Airport (HIA) won the Best Airport Award at the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2024.
- ✓ Hamad Airport beat 12-time champion, Singapore Changi Airport, to win the award.
- ✓ It also won the Best Airport Award for Shopping for the second consecutive time.
- ✓ India's Delhi Airport stood at 36th position in the best airport list.

Q.13. Hindustan Zinc has reached what position in silver production globally?

A) First

B) Second

C) Third

D) Fourth

Answer: C

- ✓ Vedanta Group company Hindustan Zinc has become the third largest producer of silver globally.
- ✓ Last year the company was at fourth position in silver production.
- ✓ Silver plays a vital role in the global energy transition.
- ✓ The chairperson of Hindustan Zinc is Priya Agarwal.

Q.14. Recently India is supplying BrahMos supersonic cruise missile to which country?

A) Nepal

B) Philippines

C) Thailand

D) Bangladesh

Answer: B

- ✓ Recently, India supplied the first batch of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the South East Asian country Philippines under a \$375 million deal.
- ✓ The Philippines had made this deal with India in January 2022.
- BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles fire at speeds of 2.8 Mach or about three times the speed of sound

Q.15. Recently 'Tirangi Barfi' has been given GI tag, it is related to which city?

A) Lucknow

B) Kanpur

C) Varanasi

D) Patna

Answer: C

- ✓ Recently, Tirangi Barfi of Varanasi has been given GI tag.
- ✓ Along with this, another product of Varanasi, Dhalua Murti Metal Casting Craft has also been given GI tag.
- ✓ Till now, a total of 34 products from Banaras region and 75 products from Uttar Pradesh have been granted Warrio GI tag.
- Tamil Nadu ranks second with 58 GI products.

Q.16. What was India's electronics exports in FY24 as per Commerce Department?

A) \$29.12 billion

B) \$39.12 billion

C) \$49.12 billion

D) \$59.12 billion

Answer: A

- ✓ India exported electronics goods worth \$29.12 billion in 2023-24 (FY24), up 23.6 per cent compared to a year ago, even as the country's total exports contracted 3 per cent.
- ✓ According to commerce department officials, the top five export market of electronics good are the US, United Arab Emirates, Netherland, United Kingdom, and Italy.
- ✓ During FY24, exports also ventured into new markets, such as Montenegro, Cayman Islands, El Salvador, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Honduras and St Vincent.

- Q.17. Where was the International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and neighbouring countries held in April 2024?
 - A) London, UK

B) Sofia, Bulgaria

C) Paris, France

D) Berlin, Germany

Answer: C

- ✓ An international humanitarian conference for Sudan and neighbouring countries was held in the French capital, Paris.
- ✓ Objective To raise funds for the people of Sudan who have been caught in a war between Sudan's army and the rebel paramilitary force Rapid Support Forces.
- The conference was organised in response to the United Nations' funding appeal on 7 February 2024.
- ✓ France, Germany and the European Union organised the International Humanitarian Conference for Sudan and neighbouring countries.
- ✓ Ministers and representatives of over 58 states, including neighbouring and regional countries and donors, attended the conference.
- Q.18. Adwaita Nayar has been named Young Global Leader in World Economic Forum's Class of 2024. She is CEO of which company? Aparchit Exam Warriors
 - A) LimeRoad
 - B) Myntra
 - C) Kia Fashion
 - D) Nykaa Fashion

Answer: D

- ✓ Adwaita Nayar, the co-founder of Nykaa and CEO of Nykaa Fashion, has been inducted into the esteemed World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders Community as part of the Class of 2024.
- ✓ Comprising 90 remarkable individuals, this group of changemakers is at the forefront of shaping the future and fostering positive change through their innovative endeavors.
- ✓ As the forum of young leaders completes 20 glorious years, this recognition reflects their commitment to fostering the next generation of changemakers.
- Some of the world's most powerful political and business leaders including several current and former Prime Ministers and Presidents, Nobel laureates, Fortune 500 CEOs and billionaires are a part of this league.

- Q.19. State of World Population 2024 report, recently released by which organization?
 - A) World Bank
 - B) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
 - C) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
 - D) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Answer: B

- ✓ The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) released the 2024 State of the World's Population report in April 2024.
- ✓ India leads with a population of 144.17 crore, expected to double in 77 years. 68% aged 15-64, with a Total Fertility Rate of 2.0. Life expectancy at birth is 71 and 74 years for men and women respectively.
- ✓ Child marriage rates were 23%, and women with disabilities face up to 10 times more gender-based violence.
- ✓ Marginalized communities are largely ignored despite 30 years of SRH progress
- Q.20. Mount Ruang, recently seen in the news, lies in which one of the following countries?
 - A) Chile

B) Japan

C) Indonesia

D) Papua New Guinea

Answer: C

- ✓ Mount Ruang initiated its eruption recently, propelling an ash cloud upwards of a mile into the sky.
- ✓ About Mount Ruang:
- ✓ It is a stratovolcano located in Indonesia's North Sulawesi province.

 The summit of Ruang stands 10,932 feet above sea level, with a caldera that is about two miles wide.
- Q.21. Consider the following statements with reference to the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF):
 - 1. It consists of resident producers' investments, deducting disposals, in fixed assets during a given period.
 - 2. Developing economies possess more fixed capital per capita than developed economies.

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 failure of private investment, as measured by private Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) as a percentage of GDP at current prices, to pick up pace has been one of the major issues plaguing the Indian economy.
- ✓ About Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF):
- ✓ GFCF refers to the growth in the size of fixed capital in an economy.
- ✓ Fixed assets/capital are tangible or intangible assets produced as outputs from production processes that are used repeatedly, or continuously, for more than one year.
- ✓ GFCF consists of resident producers' investments, deducting disposals, in fixed assets during a given period.
- ✓ It also includes certain additions to the value of non-produced assets realized by producers or institutional units.
- ✓ Private GFCF can serve as a rough indicator of how much the private sector in an economy is willing to invest.
- ✓ Overall GFCF also includes capital formation as a result of investment by the government.
- ✓ Developed economies such as the U.S. possess more fixed capital per capita than developing economies such as India.
- ✓ Statistics:
- ✓ GFCF in the Indian economy increased significantly from INR 32.78 lakh crore in 2014-15 to INR 54.35 lakh crore in 2022-2023.
- ✓ This surge in capital formation reflects substantial investments in infrastructure, industry, and public goods.
- Q.22. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA):
 - 1. It is an alliance of European Union (EU) countries which envisions a just, zero-waste world.
 - 2. It aims to power a transition away from the current linear economy towards a circular system.

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: B

- ✓ Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) Asia Pacific, in collaboration with other environmental organisations, has called on the ASEAN to take decisive action in response to plastic pollution.
- ✓ About Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA):
- ✓ GAIA is a worldwide alliance of more than 1,000 grassroots groups, non-governmental organizations and individuals in over 90 countries.
- ✓ GAIA aims to power a transition away from our current linear and extractive economy and towards a circular system that supports people's right to a safe and healthy environment.
- ✓ GAIA envisions a just, zero-waste world built on respect for ecological limits and community rights, where people are free from the burden of toxic pollution and resources are sustainably conserved, not burned or dumped.
- ✓ This entails fighting pollution and building regenerative solutions in cities through local campaigns, shifts in policy and finance, research and communication initiatives, and movement building.
- ✓ They work on four primary points of intervention: incineration, zero waste, plastic, and climate

Q.23. Which one of the following is the primary objective of the Dragonfly rotorcraft mission?

- A) To study the critical earth minerals
- B) To observe the surface temperature of the Moon
- C) To monitor the near-Earth objects in space for any potential risks
- D) To look for the prebiotic chemical processes common on both Saturn's moon Titan and Earth

Answer: D

- ✓ Recently, NASA confirmed Dragonfly rotorcraft mission to Saturn's organic compound-rich moon Titan with a budget of \$3.35 billion and a launch date set for July 2028.
- ✓ It is a "dual quadcopter" designed to fly across the surface of Titan, Saturn's largest moon.
- ✓ It will explore a variety of locations on Saturn's moon Titan.
- ✓ It will spend most of its time on the moon's surface making science measurements.
- ✓ It will use a radioisotope power system like the Curiosity rover on Mars.
- ✓ Its flights, data transmission and most science operations will happen during the day, and it will have a lot of time to recharge during night on Titan.
- ✓ It is a rotorcraft, targeted to arrive at Titan in 2034, will fly to dozens of promising locations on the moon, looking for prebiotic chemical processes common on both Titan and the early Earth before life developed.

- ✓ It marks the first time NASA will fly a vehicle for science on another planetary body. The rotorcraft has eight rotors and flies like a large drone.
- ✓ Key facts about Titan
- ✓ Titan is Saturn's largest moon, Titan has an earthlike cycle of liquids flowing across its surface. It is the only moon with a thick atmosphere.
- Q.24. With reference to GPS spoofing, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is the practice of manipulating GPS receiver by broadcasting false GPS signals.
 - 2. It is done by exploiting the weak signal strength of GPS satellites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

- ✓ Israel reportedly used GPS spoofing against Iran's missile targeting teams by jamming Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation signals.
- ✓ It is also known as GPS simulation, refers to the practice of manipulating or tricking a GPS receiver by broadcasting false GPS signals.
- ✓ It misleads the GPS receiver into believing it is located somewhere it is not, resulting in the device providing inaccurate location data.
- ✓ This form of cyberattack undermines the reliability of GPS data, which is vital for a variety of applications.
- ✓ It has evolved significantly over the years. Initially a theoretical threat, it has now become a practical concern due to the availability of inexpensive software and hardware capable of transmitting fake GPS signals.
- ✓ Spoofing is not the same as jamming. While jamming, as the name suggests, is when the GPS signals are jammed, spoofing is very different and way more threatening.
- Q.25. "Keep your liver healthy and disease-free" is the theme for the World Liver Day in 2024. When is this day marked every year on which day?

A) 20 April

B) 19 April

C) 18 April

D) 17 April

Answer: B

- ✓ The World Liver Day is observed on 19 April annually to spread awareness about the importance of the liver as a vital organ and liver-related diseases, and provide tips for its prevention so as to take holistic care of liver.
- ✓ The World Liver Day theme for 2024 is "Keep your liver healthy and disease-free"
- ✓ The liver is the second largest and the second most complex organ in the body, after the brain.
- Q.26. When is the International Day for Monuments and Sites observed?

A) April 20

B) April 18

C) April 19

D) April 17

Answer: B

- ✓ The International Day for Monuments and Sites is observed on 18th of April each year. The day is also known as the World Heritage Day.
- ✓ The basic objective of this day is to promote awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage of humanity, their vulnerability and the efforts required for their protection and conservation.
- ✓ The International Day for Monuments and Sites was proposed by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on 18 April 1982 and approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983.
- ✓ Theme 2024 "Discover and Experience Diversity"

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- Q.1. For which of the following bank type it is not mandatory to exchange mutilated and defective banknotes?
 - A) Public Sector Bank

B) Private Sector Bank

C) Regional Rural Bank

D) Small Finance Bank

Answer: D

- Q.2. Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC) has been constituted by?
 - A) SEBI
 - B) ICRA
 - C) RBI
 - D) Ministry of Finance

Answer: C



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Q.3.	Who authorizes an entity to commence or operate a payment system in India?		
	A) NPCI	B) RBI	
	C) Ministry of Finance	D) SEBI	
Ansv	wer: B		
Q.4.	What is the limit for Farm Credit - to Ir	ndividual farmers that can qualify for Priority Sector lending	
	A) Rs 10 lakhs	B) Rs 25 lakhs	
	C) Rs 50 lakhs	D) Rs 75 lakhs	
Ansv	wer: C		
Q.5.	are fixed income securities whose projects.	are fixed income securities whose proceeds are used to finance new or existing eligible green ects.	
	A) Green bonds	B) Masala bonds	
	C) ECB	D) Agricultural bonds	
Ansv	wer: A		
Q.6.	The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) has	s been introduced by?	
	A) World Bank	B) IMF	
	C) ADB	D) BRICS Bank	
Ansv	wer: B	D) BRICS Bank Warriors	
Q.7.	Who is the chairperson of GST council?	hit Exc	
	A) Governor of RBI	B) Prime Minister of India	
	C) Union Finance Minister	D) Minister of State (Finance and Corporate Affairs)	
Ansv	wer: C		
Q.8.	How many digits are there in the Goods	s and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN)?	
	A) 10		
	B) 12		
	C) 15		
	D) 16		
Ansv	wer: C		



- Q.9. "Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy" is published annually by?
 - A) Ministry of Finance
 - **B) CARE Ratings**
 - C) Reserve Bank of India
 - D) SEBI

Answer: C

- Q.10. ____ is the value of a country's currency in terms of a foreign currency.
 - A) Forex Market

B) Coupons

C) Dated Securities

D) Exchange Rate

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Answer: D



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