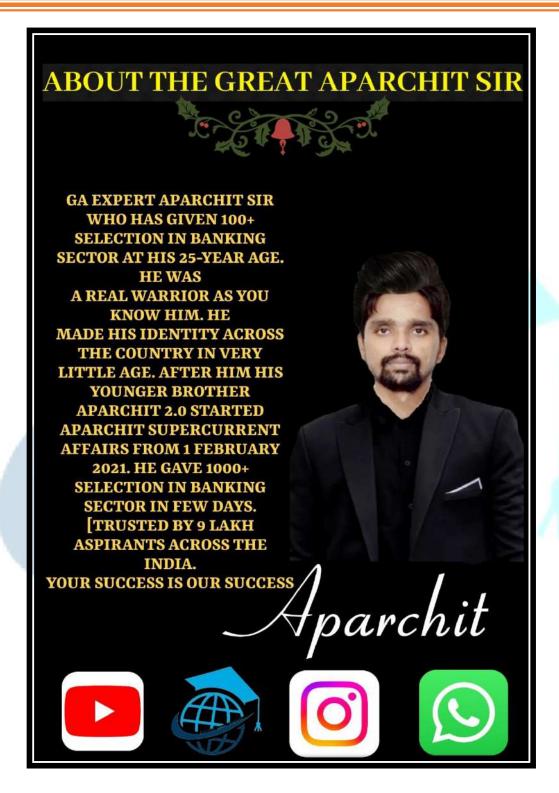


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The Aramco company, which will sponsor FIFA's major football tournament till 2027, belongs to **O.1.** which country?

A) China

B) Qatar

C) Saudi Arabia

D) UAE

Answer: C

- ✓ Saudi company Aramco to sponsor FIFA World Cup
- ✓ The world football governing body FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) announced a major sponsorship deal with the Saudi Arabian oil giant Aramco on 25 April 2024. Under the deal, Aramco company would sponsor major FIFA tournaments until 2027.
- ✓ Saudi Sponsorship of International Events
- ✓ Under the FIFA deal, the Aramco company would sponsor multiple FIFA events, including the 2026 Men's World Cup and the 2027 Women's World Cup. The 2026 Men's World Cup will be co-hosted by Canada, the United States and Mexico. The host country for the Women's World Cup 2027 is yet to be decided. Warriors
- ✓ Saudi Aramco Company
- ✓ The Saudi Arabian oil Company is also known as Saudi Aramco.
- ✓ The Saudi Aramco company is owned by the government of Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ It is in the field of exploration and transportation of oil and gas. It is also in the business of refining petroleum oil and other petrochemical business.
- ✓ It is the world's largest oil-producing company.
- ✓ It is the most profitable company in the world.
- ✓ Headquarters: Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
- ✓ FIFA Men's World Cup
- ✓ The FIFA Men's Football World Cup is a senior men's football championship organised every four years.
- ✓ Uruguay hosted the first World Cup in 1930. Due to the World Wars, no World Cup was held in 1942 and 1946.
- ✓ The 21st World Cup was hosted by Qatar in 2022 and won by Argentina.

- ✓ The 22nd World Cup would be co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada in 2026.
- ✓ The 23rd World Cup would be co-hosted by Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay in 2030. It would be hosted by six countries in three continents.
- ✓ The 24th World Cup 2034 would be hosted by Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ Brazil is the most successful team in the world, having won it five times, while Italy and Germany have won it four times each.
- ✓ FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)
- ✓ It is the world governing body of men's and women's football.
- ✓ Headquarters of FIFA: Zurich, Switzerland.
- ✓ President: Gianni Infantino

Q.2. Which country will host the FIFA Men's World Cup 2034?

A) UAE

B) India

C) Qatar

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer: D

- ✓ Saudi Arabia to host forthcoming international events
- ✓ Football events
- ✓ Saudi Arabia is to host the 2034 Men's FIFA World Cup. It was the only country to bid for the event. FIFA will formally announce Saudi Arabia as the host of the 2034 Men's FIFA World Cup after its approval by the FIFA member federations.
- ✓ Asian Games
- ✓ Saudi Arabia will host the 2034 Asian Games in Riyadh, its capital city. The Games will feature more sports events than the Summer Olympics

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2024

- Aramco company would sponsor major FIFA tournaments until 2027.
- ➤ IndusInd Bank, a leading financial institution in India, has announced a significant multi-year sponsorship deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Nandini's Sponsorship of Ireland and Scotland Cricket Teams Sparks Debate
- ➤ Tata Group Secures IPL Title Sponsorship for Next 5 Years spanning 2024 to 2028.
- > Indian Cricket Board announced that the IDFC First Bank has grabbed the title rights for home

international series of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for three years.

> Dream11 has reportedly taken over as the main jersey sponsor for the Indian cricket team from July 2023 to March 2026, replacing Byju's.

Q.3. According to a UNCTAD report, what is the rank of India in the world amongst service-exporting countries in 2023?

A) 5th

B) 6th

C) 7th

D) 4th

Answer: C

- ✓ India's service sector export grew by 11.4 % in 2023: UNCTAD.
- ✓ According to a recent report by the United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Indian service sector exports grew by 11.4 per cent to \$345 billion in the calendar year 2023(January-December) despite prevailing global uncertainties. However, Chinese service exports declined by 10.1 per cent to \$381 billion in 2023.
- ✓ India's services imports, however, dipped marginally by 0.4 per cent to \$248 billion last year.
- ✓ Highlights of the UNCTAD report.
- ✓ According to the UNCTAD, the service sector export in the world grew by 8.9% in 2023 and reached US\$ 7.9 trillion in 2023.
- ✓ The main reason for the growth in the service sector export was the growth in the International travel sector. The travel service sector export grew by 40%.
- ✓ The transport sector recorded a negative growth of 12 per cent.
- ✓ According to the report, Services, many of which can be traded digitally, recorded a growth of over 7% in each quarter of 2023.
- ✓ Top Service Exporting/Importing Counties in 2023(UNCTAD)
- ✓ India is the 7th largest exporter of services in the world. The United States is the largest service exporter in the world, followed by the United Kingdom.
- ✓ Top 5 service exporting developed country in the world 2023
 - 1. The United States of America (\$999 billion),
 - 2. United Kingdom (\$584 billion),
 - 3. Germany (\$440 billion)

- 4. Ireland (\$398 billion)
- 5. France (\$356 billion)
- ✓ Top Service Importing Countries in the World 2023
- ✓ According to UNCTAD, India was the 9th largest service-importing country in the world. The United States was the leading service importer country in the world, followed by China.
- ✓ Top 5 leading service-importing developed countries in 2023
 - 1. United States of America (\$719 billion)
 - 2. Germany (\$ 508 billion)
 - 3. United Kingdom (\$ 394 billion)
 - 4. Ireland (\$ 389 billion)
 - 5. France (\$323 billion)
- ✓ United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- ✓ The United NationsTrade and Development (UNCTAD) was established as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 1964.
- ✓ In 2024 at its 60th anniversary, its name was changed to United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ✓ UNCTAD is a permanent organisation of the United Nations.
- ✓ The main aim of the UNCTAD is to promote trade, investment and development of the developing countries.

- ✓ Reports released by UNCTAD

 The UNCTAD all ✓ The UNCTAD also releases various reports. The important ones are :
- ✓ World Investment Report,
- ✓ Trade and Development Report,
- ✓ Digital Economy report,
- ✓ Review of Maritime Transport,
- ✓ Technology and Innovation Report.
- ✓ Commodities and Development Report,
- ✓ Least Developed Countries Report

According to a UNCTAD report, what is the rank of India in the world amongst service-importing Q.4. countries in 2023?

A) 9th

B) 6th

C) 5th

D) 4th

Answer: A

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 - 4. Ireland (\$ 389 billion)
 - 5. France (\$323 billion)
- Which country has placed India on the monitoring list in the matter of intellectual property (IP) Q.5. protection in April 2024?

A) United States

B) Japan

C) Singapore

D) Russia

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Answer: A

- ixam ✓ India on America's monitoring list in IP security issue.
- ✓ United States has decided to place India on the watch list in the intellectual property (IP) protection case on April 25, 2024. In this context, the US informed that India remains one of the most challenging major economies in the world with regard to IP security.
- ✓ 2024 Special 301 Report released by USTR:
- ✓ Along with India, Argentina, Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia and Venezuela are also included in the watch list in the 2024 Special 301 report released by the US Trade Representatives (USTR).
- The Dominican Republic is no longer on the monitoring list.
- This report is an annual review of the global state of IP protection

- Q.6. Which Indian company has been awarded the management of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Hambantota, by the Sri Lanka government?
 - A) Zen Technologies

- B) Shaurya Aeronautics (Pvt) Ltd
- C) Paras Defence And Space
- D) Hindustan Aeronautics

Answer: B

- ✓ Indian & Russian companies to manage China built airport in Sri Lanka.
- ✓ The government of Sri Lanka has decided to hand over the management of a Chinese-built Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota to an Indian and Russian company. This information was given by the Sri Lankan government on 26 April 2024 after a cabinet meeting
- ✓ The Sri Lankan government will lease the management of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport or Hambantota Airport to Shaurya Aeronautics (Pvt) Ltd. of India and Airports of Regions Management Company of Russia. The companies will manage the airport for 30 years. The price of the contract has not been disclosed.
- ✓ The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) was built in Hambantota as the second international airport in Sri Lanka

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL) won the 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024' award by Skytrax at the Passenger Terminal EXPO 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany
- > The government of Sri Lanka has decided to hand over the management of a Chinese-built Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota to an Indian and Russian company
- ➤ Delhi airport included among the 10th busiest airports in the world
- Manohar International Airport, Mopa, joins 13 others in India adopting the Digi Yatra system, enhancing travel convenience.
- Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in Delhi, India has been named the "Best Airport" in the Asia-Pacific region for six years in a row.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 15 airport projects, including the revamped Terminal 1 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, worth over Rs.9,800 crore
- > Cochin International Airport Limited has signed an agreement with Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) for the Green Hydrogen Project.

- Supreme Court recently agreed to hear a curative petition filed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) against the multinational conglomerate GMR Group concerning the operational management of Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport.
- > So far, 519 air routes are being operated across the country under the regional level air connectivity scheme (RCS) 'Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik' (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik-UDAN).
- ➤ Government of India has officially given the status of 'International Airport' to Surat Airport in Gujarat.
- ➤ Thiruvananthapuram Airport Honored with Excellence Award for its Quality Initiatives.
- ➤ Bengaluru and Delhi Airports have jointly bagged the 'Best Airport of the Year' at the Wings India Awards 2024 in the Civil Aviation Sector.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a new terminal building at Tiruchirappalli International Airport in Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to declare Surat Airport an international airport.
- > 58 Airports in the country have been covered under Krishi Udan Scheme.
- > Deoghar Airport in Jharkhand is the first airport in the country to land a commercial aircraft in low visibility.
- Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Construction have secured a large order to construct the greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport project in Andhra Pradesh.
- ➤ The largest airport in the world is the king Fahd International Airport, located in Dammam, Saudi Arabia which covers an area of about 300 sq.
- ➤ Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated Utkela Airport owned by the Government of Odisha.
- > Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport became the first airport in the northeast to get 'Digi Yatra' facility.
- > Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gujarat's first greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot.
- ➤ Government of India has given 'in-principle' approval for setting up 21 new greenfield airports.

- Q.7. Credit card spends surged 27 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to Rs 18.26 trillion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) from nearly Rs 14 trillion in the year-ago period, according to RBI data. Which of the following banks is the leader in credit card issuance in the country?
 - A) HDFC Bank

B) ICICI Bank

C) State Bank of India

D) Axis Bank

Answer: A

- ✓ Credit card spends surged 27 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to Rs 18.26 trillion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) from nearly Rs 14 trillion in the year-ago period, according to RBI data.
- ✓ In March 2024, credit card spends rose nearly 10.07 per cent to Rs 1.64 trillion from Rs 1.49 trillion in February. This is on account of the financial year close and festival sales during March.
- ✓ Among the top card players, use of HDFC Bank's credit card was at Rs 43,471.29 crore in March, 8.57 per cent higher than Rs 40,288.51 crore in February.
- ✓ The total number of credit cards issued by banks in India has increased to 101 million in March 2024. It was 100.60 million at the end of February 2024.
- ✓ HDFC Bank is the leader in credit card issuances with the lender's cards in circulation standing at 20.59 million. Other major players include SBI Card with 18.89 million cards, ICICI Bank (16.95 million) and Axis Bank with 14.21 million cards.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (MUFG) will to acquire a 20 per cent stake in HDB Financial Services, a non-banking subsidiary of HDFC Bank, at a valuation of \$9-10 billion.
- ▶ HDFC becomes first private bank to open branch in Lakshadweep.
- ➤ HDFC Bank proposes to sell 100% stake in its subsidiary HDFC Education.
- ➤ HDFC Bank has appointed Sumant Rampal as Group Head of Mortgage Business, in the place of Arvind Kapil.
- ➤ HDFC Bank Raises \$300 Million via Bond Issue to Fund Green Loans.
- ➤ HDFC Bank to acquire up to 9.5% stake in ICICI Bank.
- LIC gets RBI nod for 9.99% stake buy in HDFC Bank.
- ➤ HDFC Bank first lender to issue 20 million credit cards.
- ➤ HDFC Bank approves re-appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as chairman for 3 years.



- ▶ HDFC Bank has recently raised Rs 7,425 crore through infrastructure bond issue.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as HDFC Bank MD & CEO for a period of three years.
- ➤ HDFC Bank Launches India's First Co-Branded Hotel Credit Card named 'Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card' in partnership with Marriott International.
- ➤ HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is highest paid bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55 crore pay.
- ▶ HDFC Bank overtakes SBI in CRISIL's corporate banking ranking for 2023.
- ➤ Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- > HDFC BANK
- > Founded: 1994
- Founder: Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- > HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- > MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- > Tagline: We understand your world

Q.8. Phi-3-Mini, an AI model developed by:

A) OpenAI

B) Meta

C) Google

D) Microsoft

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Answer: D

- ✓ Recently, Microsoft unveiled the latest version of its 'lightweight' AI model the Phi-3-Mini.
- ✓ It is believed to be first among the three small models that Microsoft is planning to release.
- ✓ It has reportedly outperformed models of the same size and the next size up across a variety of benchmarks, in areas like language, reasoning, coding, and maths.
- ✓ It is the first model in its class to support a context window of up to 128K tokens, with little impact on quality.
- ✓ The amount of conversation that an AI can read and write at any given time is called the context window, and is measured in tokens.

- ✓ It is a 3.8B language model, is available on AI development platforms such as Microsoft Azure AI Studio, HuggingFace, and Ollama.
- ✓ Phi-3-mini is available in two variants, one with 4K context-length, and another with 128K tokens.
- ✓ How is Phi-3-mini different from Large language Models?
- ✓ Phi-3-mini is a Small Language Model (SLM).
- ✓ SLMs are more streamlined versions of large language models. When compared to LLMs, smaller AI models are also cost-effective to develop and operate, and they perform better on smaller devices like laptops and smartphones.

MICROSOFT IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Microsoft unveiled the latest version of its 'lightweight' AI model the Phi-3-Mini.
- ➤ Microsoft announces VASA-1 AI model to turn images into videos.
- ➤ Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella pledges to skill 2 million Indians by 2025
- ➤ Microsoft Hits The \$3 Trillion Valuation Mark But Apple Still Remains Most Valuable Company.
- Microsoft India has unveiled the 'AI Odyssey' initiative, aiming to train 100,000 Indian developers in the latest AI technologies.
- ➤ Microsoft Completes \$69 Billion Acquisition of Activision Blizzard
- ➤ Microsoft has appointed Puneet Chandok as the new Corporate Vice President of Microsoft India and South Asia.
- ➤ Infosys And Microsoft Collaborate For Adoption Of Generative Artificial Intelligence.
- ➤ Microsoft has recently announced the appointment of Aparna Gupta as the new Global Delivery Center (GDC) leader
- Meta and Microsoft have jointly announced the expansion of their artificial intelligence partnership by introducing their new large language model (LLM) called "Llama 2".
- MICROSOFT
- > Founded: 1975
- Founders: Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- ➤ Headquarters : Washington DC
- > Chairman : Satya Nadella
- > CEO: Satya Nadella

> President : Brad Smith

- Q.9. Consider the following statements with reference to the Payment Aggregator (PA):
 - 1. It is a third-party service provider that allows merchants to accept payments from customers by integrating it into their websites.
 - 2. It allows merchants to accept bank transfers without setting up a bank-based merchant account.

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 Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has floated two consultation papers seeking enhanced regulation of payment aggregators carrying out face-to-face transactions.
- ✓ About Payment Aggregator (PA):
- ✓ A PA (also known as a merchant aggregator) is a third-party service provider that allows merchants to accept payments from customers by integrating it into their websites or apps.
- ✓ PAs enable their clients to accept various payment methods such as debit cards, credit cards, cardless EMIs, UPI, bank transfers, e-wallets and e-mandates.
- ✓ PA provides a stack of multiple payment methods to merchants so that their customers can pay using their preferred mode of payment.
- ✓ Also, a payment aggregator does fund settlement, i.e., it moves the money from banks and other issuing entities to the merchants.
- ✓ Similarly, they also enable disbursing payments to various stakeholders, such as partners, employees, suppliers and authorities.
- ✓ It allows merchants to accept bank transfers without setting up a bank-based merchant account. It means a merchant need not have a merchant account directly with the bank.
- ✓ A PA in India is incorporated under the Companies Act 2013.
- ✓ A PA can be a bank or a non-bank entity.
- ✓ Since a PA handles funds, it requires a license from the RBI.

- ✓ Only non-bank PAs require unique authorization from RBI as 'handling funds' is considered a part of the normal banking relationships for bank PAs.
- ✓ Examples: Amazon (Pay) India, Google India, Razorpay, Pine Labs, etc.
- ✓ What is a Payment Gateway?
- ✓ It is a software service that connects your bank account to the platform where you need to transfer your money.
- ✓ It authorizes you to conduct an online transaction through different payment modes like net banking, credit card, debit card, UPI, or other online wallets.
- ✓ A Payment gateway plays the role of a third party that securely transfers your money from the bank account to the merchant's payment portal.
- Q.10. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID):
 - 1. It is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 - 2. It is headquartered in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2 Tarmious

Answer: A

- ✓ The Union government is expected to roll out a new test designed by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) to diagnose specific learning disabilities (SLDs) in adults in India.
- About National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID):
- ✓ NIEPID (formerly the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped), established in1984, is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- It is dedicated to provide quality services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) in the national interest.

- ✓ It is the apex body functioning for training, research, and surveys in the field of intellectual disability in the country.
- ✓ The institute is headquartered in Secunderabad, Telangana and has regional centres in Kolkata, Navi Mumbai, and Noida.
- ✓ It empowers persons with intellectual disabilities (Divyangjan) to access state-of-the-art rehabilitation interventions viz., educational, therapeutic, vocational, employment, leisure and social activities, sports, cultural programmes, and full participation.
- Q.11. Which one of the following is the primary objective of NASA's Advanced Composite Solar Sail System (ACS3) mission?
 - A) To study the composition of asteroids
 - B) To observe the dynamics of the Sun's chromosphere
 - C) To search signs of life on Mars
 - D) To develop technologies for future small spacecraft

Answer: D

- ✓ NASA successfully launched its Advanced Composite Solar Sail System spacecraft from New Zealand recently.
- ✓ About Advanced Composite Solar Sail System (ACS3):
- ✓ It is a NASA technology demonstration mission designed to characterize solar sail structures technologies for future small spacecraft to engage in deep space missions requiring long-duration, low-thrust propulsion.
- ✓ Launched in 2024, ACS3 will deploy a sail about the size of a small apartment from a toaster oven-size spacecraft.
- ✓ At its core, ACS3 is a CubeSat, a small satellite built to standardized dimensions. It features four 7 m long deployable composite booms.
- ✓ Just as a sailboat is powered by wind in a sail, solar sails employ the pressure of sunlight for propulsion, eliminating the need for conventional rocket propellant.
- ✓ Space missions have demonstrated that small spacecraft can use solar sails to change their orbits, expanding their possible uses.

- Q.12. Consider the following statements with reference to the ASEAN Future Forum:
 - 1. It aimed at creating a common platform for ASEAN member states as well as partner countries.
 - 2. It was proposed by India at the 43rd ASEAN Summit, 2023.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

- ✓ Recently, India's External Affairs Minister participated in the First 'ASEAN Future Forum'.
- ✓ It acts as a platform for ASEAN and its partners to share new ideas and policy recommendations.
- ✓ It aimed at creating a common platform for ASEAN member states as well as partner countries and ASEAN people to contribute to promoting and shaping the bloc's development path.
- ✓ It was proposed by Vietnam at the 43rd ASEAN Summit in 2023.
- ✓ Theme of the first forum: Toward fast and sustainable growth of a people-centered ASEAN Community.
- ✓ It took place in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- ✓ Key facts about ASEAN
- ✓ It is a group of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which was established in 1967 with the signing of the Bangkok declaration.
- ✓ Founding members: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- ✓ Presently ASEAN comprises 10 member states namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- ✓ It promotes intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational, and sociocultural integration between its members and other countries in Asia.
- Q.13. In which country was the first International Rainbow Tourism Conference held?

A) Nepal

B) Bhutan

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bangladesh

Answer: A

✓ Nepal hosts inaugural Rainbow Tourism Conference



- ✓ Mayako Pahichan Nepal, in collaboration with the Nepal Tourism Board, orchestrated the groundbreaking first International Rainbow Tourism Conference.
- ✓ This one-day event marks a significant leap forward in fostering diversity and inclusivity within Nepal's tourism industry, positioning the country as a welcoming destination for the sexual minority community in South Asia.
- ✓ The conference's main objective is to position Nepal as an LGBT-friendly tourism destination.
- ✓ The international conference was inaugurated by Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Bhagawati Chaudhary, who underlined the need to forge collaboration among different stakeholders to promote LGBT tourism in Nepal.
- ✓ About Nepal
- ✓ Capital: Kathmandu
- ✓ Currency : Nepalese rupee
- ✓ President : Ram Chandra Paudel
- ✓ Prime minister : Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- Q.14. Which organization has been conferred the Outstanding Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Year award?

A) BHEL

B) ONGC

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C) HAL

D) IOCL

Answer: C

- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) received the Outstanding Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Year award at the All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards.
- ✓ Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the award in Delhi on April 23.
- ✓ HAL achieved record revenue of over ₹29,810 crore in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, marking an impressive 11% growth.
- ✓ AIMA, established in 1957, promotes management excellence across India, collaborating with various sectors to advance the profession.
- Q.15. Who achieved India's first rowing quota for Paris Olympics?

A) Balraj Panwar

B) Sawarn Singh

C) Arjun Lal

D) Jaswinder Singh

Answer: A

- ✓ Balraj Panwar clinched India's inaugural Paris 2024 rowing quota, securing bronze in men's single sculls at the Asian and Oceanian Olympic Qualification Regatta in Chungju, Korea.
- ✓ After narrowly missing bronze at the Hangzhou Asian Games, the 25-year-old clocked 7:17.87 in heats and 7:16.29 in semis, entering the finals. With top five securing Paris 2024 quotas, Panwar finished third at 7:01.27.
- ✓ Kazakhstan's Vladislav Yakovlev won, with Memo from Indonesia taking bronze.

Q.16. Which city's airport has won the prestigious 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024' award by Skytrax?

A) Hyderabad

B) New Delhi

C) Bengaluru

D) Chandigarh

Answer: A

- ✓ GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL) won the 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024' award by Skytrax at the Passenger Terminal EXPO 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany, on April 17.
- ✓ This highlights the staff's exceptional service quality across various fronts, recognized for attitude, friendliness, and efficiency.
- ✓ The accolade underscores their dedication in enhancing the overall passenger experience, covering roles from customer help to security and food services

Q.17. At which place was the meeting of Defense Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held in April 2024?

A) Astana, Kazakhstan

B) Mumbai, India

C) Beijing, China

D)Shanghai, China

Answer: A

- ✓ SCO defence ministers meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Defense Secretary Giridhar Armane attended the meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

 Defence Ministers in Astana, Kazakhstan on April 26, 2024.
- ✓ A protocol was signed by the defence ministers of all SCO member states during the meeting
- ✓ Agreeing on the idea of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future':

- ✓ The meeting was followed by a joint communique in which SCO defense ministers agreed on other initiatives. In this joint communique, it has been agreed to develop the idea of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. This is a reflection of the ancient Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.
- ✓ In the meeting, the Defence Secretary reiterated India's unwavering commitment towards maintaining peace, stability and security in the SCO region.
- ✓ He highlighted India's 'Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)' concept for the Indo-Pacific.
- ✓ <u>About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO):</u>
- ✓ SCO functions as a regional organization focusing on politics, economics, and security in Eurasia. The objective of SCO is to maintain peace, security and stability in the concerned region.
- ✓ SCO was founded on June 15, 2001, in Shanghai.
- ✓ Shanghai-5: 'Shanghai-5' was formed in the year 1996.
- ✓ Before the establishment of SCO, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan were members of an organization called 'Shanghai-5'.
- ✓ After Uzbekistan's entry into this organization in 2001, 'Shanghai-5' was named SCO.
- ✓ The SCO Charter was signed in 2002 and became effective in 2003.
- ✓ The SCO recognizes Russian and Chinese as its official languages.
- ✓ Secretariat of the SCO: There is a permanent secretariat in Beijing, China.
- ✓ India and Pakistan were given the status of SCO members in the year 2017.
- ✓ Currently there are 9 member countries in SCO. The countries included in SCO are:

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- ✓ China
- ✓ India
- ✓ Iran
- ✓ Kazakhstan
- ✓ Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Pakistan
- ✓ Russia
- ✓ Uzbekistan
- ✓ Tajikistan.
- ✓ Iran was granted SCO membership in 2023.

Q.18. Election Commission of India launched which app to facilitate easier voting for persons above 85 years of age and PWDs with 40%?

A) Madad App

B) Sankalp App

C) Saksham App

D) Kavach App

Answer: C

- ✓ Saksham App For Elders, Differently abled voters flooded with requests.
- ✓ During the second phase of Lok Sabha Elections in Bengaluru, the Saksham app received 558 requests for assistance. Out of these, 328 were for wheelchairs, 206 for free pick-up and drop, and 24 for volunteers.
- ✓ About Saksham App
- ✓ The Saksham App offers various features to assist Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in registering to vote, locating their polling station, and casting their vote.
- ✓ Other Application of ECI
- ✓ Some of other application for voters of Election Commission are:
- ✓ Voter Helpline App
- ✓ The Voter Helpline App lets citizens apply for voter ID cards, make corrections, view polling booth details, and get contact info for officers.
- ✓ Know your Candidate (KYC) App
- ✓ To enable citizens to make informed choices, the ECI has developed the Know Your Candidate (KYC) app. This app allows citizens to view the criminal record history of candidates.
- ✓ Voter Turnout App
- ✓ The Voter Turnout App displays estimated provisional voter turnout for each Assembly Constituency, recorded by Returning Officers.
- ✓ cVIGIL App
- ✓ cVIGIL is a user-friendly mobile app developed by the Election Commission of India that allows citizens to report election code violations directly via their smartphones. It generates legally tenable information that can be used by administrators such as Chief Electoral Officers, District Election Officers, and Police to dispose of Model Code and Expenditure violation cases promptly.
- ✓ ERONET App
- ✓ ERONET is an online platform used for conducting various electoral activities, including improving the health of electoral rolls, registering new voters, and updating records..

- ✓ ECI has several apps related to the electoral process, including Candidate, Booth, BLO, and Observer apps, as well as apps focused on elections.
- Q.19. Which Indian aeronautical company has placed orders for A350-900 widebody aircraft in April 2024?

A) SpiceJet

B) Indigo

C) Air India

D) Vistara

Answer: B

- ✓ IndiGo orders 30 Airbus A350-900, entering wide-body market
- ✓ IndiGo has placed an order for 30 A350-900 widebody aircraft with European aircraft manufacturer Airbus on April 25, 2024. Its deal is estimated to be between \$4 billion and \$5 billion.
- ✓ To meet the growing demand in the country's air travel market, the Indian carrier last year ordered four significant aircraft for 2023.
- ✓ Air India Group, operated by Tata Group, orders 470 aircraft:
- ✓ Last year in February 2023, Tata Group-run Air India Group had ordered 470 aircraft. For this, a deal was signed with 250 European aircraft manufacturer Airbus while 220 with American aircraft manufacturer Boeing.
- ✓ In June 2023, IndiGo placed the world's largest aircraft order by signing a deal for 500 A320neo family aircraft from Airbus
- ✓ The April 25 order is the first time that IndiGo is purchasing widebody aircraft for its fleet. However, India's largest airline has some experience with widebody aircraft. Because it currently operates two B777 aircraft leased from Turkish Airlines.
- ✓ Supply of A350-900 aircraft to IndiGo will start from 2027.
- ✓ Indigo will have 990 aircraft in its fleet by 2035
- Q.20. Which country has placed India on the monitoring list in the matter of intellectual property (IP) protection in April 2024?

A) United States

B) Japan

C) Singapore

D) Russia

Answer: A

✓ India on America's monitoring list in IP security issue.



- ✓ United States has decided to place India on the watch list in the intellectual property (IP) protection case on April 25, 2024. In this context, the US informed that India remains one of the most challenging major economies in the world with regard to IP security.
- ✓ 2024 Special 301 Report released by USTR:
- ✓ Along with India, Argentina, Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia and Venezuela are also included in the watch list in the 2024 Special 301 report released by the US Trade Representatives (USTR).
- ✓ The Dominican Republic is no longer on the monitoring list.
- ✓ This report is an annual review of the global state of IP protection

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- O.1. Where is the headquarter of FAO situated?
 - A) Geneva, Switzerland
- B) Rome, Italy

C) Beijing, China

D) New York, USA

Answer: B

- Q.2. Nathpa Jhakri Dam is situated in which state?
 - A) Gujarat

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Uttarakhand

D) Odisha

Answer: B

- ✓ Nathpa Jhakri Dam is built on the Satluj River in Himachal Pradesh
- Q.3. In which state is the Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

A) Gujarat

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Uttarakhand

Answer: B

- Q.4. "Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi" is the tagline of which bank?
 - A) IDFC Bank

B) RBL Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Axis Bank

Answer: D

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- Q.5. Sattriya is the dance form of which state?
 - A) Assam

B) Jharkhand

C) Manipur

D) Chhattisgarh

Answer: A

- Q.6. Port Moresby is the capital of which country?
 - A) Albania

B) Slovenia

C) Papua New Guinea

D) Romania

Answer: C

- ✓ Country: Papua New Guinea; Currency: Kina
- Q.7. Carloz Alcaraz is a player related to which sports?
 - A) Football

B) Chess

C) Tennis

D) Basketball

Answer: C

- Q.8. What is round revolution related to?
 - A) Tomato Production

B) Potato Production

C) Cotton Production

D) Cocoa Production

Answer: B

- Q.9. Who has authored the book "The Golden Years"?
 - A) Aditya Bhushan

B) Anirudh Bhattacharjee

C) Anurag Behar

D) Ruskin Bond

Answer: D

- Q.10. Which of the following Temple is situated in Assam?
 - A) Vishwanath Temple
- B) Kamakhya Temple
- C) Natraj Temple Temple
- D) Vaishno Devi Temple

Answer: B



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