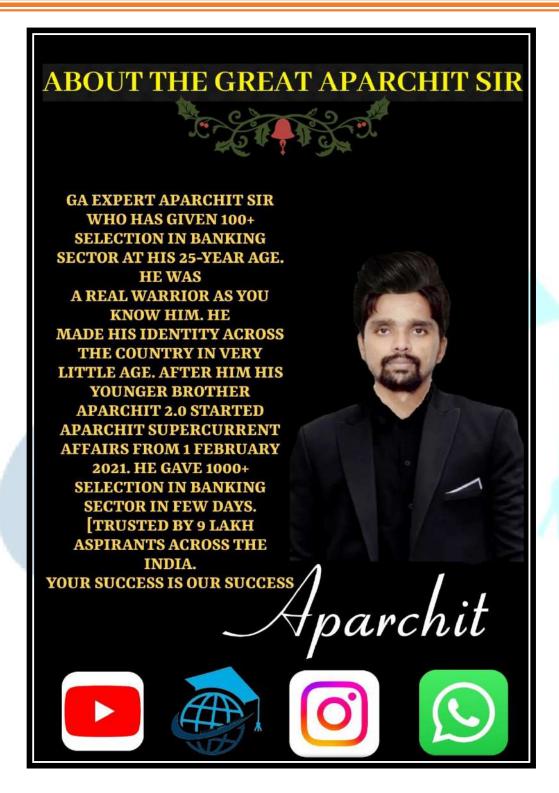


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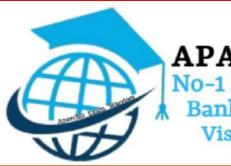
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- Q.1. Which Indian has been selected for the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize?
 - A) Medha Patkar
 - B) Jadav Payeng
 - C) Alok Shukla
 - D) Mike Pandey

Answer: C

- ✓ Alok Shukla get's 2024 Goldman Prize for his Hasdeo Arand movement.
- ✓ Chhattisgarh's environmental activist and convenor of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan Alok Shukla has been selected for the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize.
- ✓ The Goldman Environmental Prize, also popularly known as the Green Nobel Prize, is awarded annually to grassroots environmental champions worldwide.
- ✓ Alok Shukla and his work to protect Hasdeo Arand Forest
- ✓ Hasdeo Arand forest area of Chhattisgarh is considered to be the lungs of Chhattisgarh. The area is rich in coal, and in 2010, the government auctioned two coal blocks to private companies for mining. To save the forest area and its ecosystem, Alok Shukla founded Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti.
- ✓ Winners of the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize
- ✓ This year, seven people from six inhabited regions of the globe have been selected for the annual Goldman Environmental Prize. They are



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Serial no.	Winner	Country
1	Marcel Gomes	Brazil
2	Murrawah Maroochy Johnson	Australia
3	Alok Shukla	India
4	Teresa Vicente	Spain
5	Andrea Vidaurre	United States of America
6	Nonhle Mbuthuma and Sinegugu Zukulu	South Africa

Q.2. Which country's 60-year-old Alejandra Marisa Rodriguez woman has been authorized to participate in Miss Universe 2024 in April 2024?

A) Saudi Arabia

B) UAE

C) Argentina

D) Brazil

Answer: C

- ✓ At 60 Alejandra Rodriguez won title of Miss Universe Buenos Aires 2024
- ✓ Alejandra Marisa Rodriguez, aged 60, made history by clinching the crown of Miss Universe Buenos Aires 2024. Alejandra Rodriguez is a lawyer and journalist by profession. Alejandra is a resident of La Plata, Argentina.
- ✓ The Miss Universe pageant 2024 is scheduled to be held later this year on 28 September 2024 in Mexico City
- ✓ Miss World 2024 Contest:

- ✓ This year Miss World 2024 competition was organized in Mumbai in March 2024. In this, 24-year-old beauty Krystyna Pyszkova of Czech Republic was successful in winning the 71st Miss World title.
- ✓ Krystyna Pyszkova became Miss World by defeating contestants from 112 countries. Last year's winner Karolina Białawska defeated Krystyna Piszkowa for the crown.
- ✓ Sini Shetty represented India in the Miss World pageant 2024.

MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS 2023 -24

- ➤ Alejandra Marisa Rodriguez, aged 60, made history by clinching the crown of Miss Universe Buenos Aires 2024.
- ➤ Krystyna Pyszkova of the Czech Republic was crowned Miss World 2024.
- ➤ Rijul Maini won the title of Miss India USA 2023 in the annual competition held in New Jersey.
- ➤ Sheynnis Palacios from Nicaragua crowned Miss Universe 2023 during the 72nd Miss Universe pageant in San Salvador.
- Praveena Aanjna crowned as Miss International India 2023.
- > Priyan Sen, who hails from Rajasthan, won the Miss Earth India 2023 title during the Miss Divine Beauty 2023 National Finals held in New Delhi.
- Rikkie Kollé is the first transgender woman to win Miss Universe Netherlands.
 - ➤ Rajasthan's Nandini Gupta crowned 2023 Femina Miss India.
 - ➤ America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.
 - > South Korea's Mina Sue Choi Crowned Miss Earth 2022.
 - ➤ Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
 - ➤ Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022.
 - ➤ Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea.
 - ➤ Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022.
 - ➤ Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the title of Miss World 2021.
 - ➤ List of Miss World winners from India

Reita Faria : 1966
 Aishwarya Rai : 1994
 Diana Hayden : 1997

4. Yukta Mookhey: 1999

5. Priyanka Chopra: 20006. Manushi Chhillar: 2017.

➤ List of Miss Universe winners from India

Sushmita Sen : 1994
 Lara Dutta : 2000

3. Harnaaz Sandhu: 2021.

> Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966.

> Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994.

➤ Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

Q.3. Which will be the World's Largest Airport?

- A) China Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport
- B) Al Maktoum International Airport
- C) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- D) Tokyo Haneda International Airport

Answer: B

- ✓ Dubai's Al Maktoum International Airport will be World's Largest
- ✓ Dubai, known for its futuristic and innovative approach, has recently launched a groundbreaking airport project to create the world's largest capacity airport upon completion.
- ✓ This was announced by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai. The government has approved the designs for the new passenger terminals at the upcoming Al Maktoum International Airport.
- ✓ Sheikh Mohammed has a bold vision of establishing a complete city around the airport in Dubai South. It will not only serve as an airport, but also as the world's airport, its port, its urban hub, and a new global center.
- ✓ With an estimated cost of AED 128 billion (approximately \$34.85 billion or nearly Rs 2.9 lakh crore) the Al Maktoum International Airport project is a strategic initiative of the Dubai Aviation Corporation.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2023-24

- Dubai's Al Maktoum International Airport will be World's Largest
- ➤ 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.4. Which state has started a survey of Nilgiri Tahr?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Karnataka

C) Kerala

D) Telangana

Answer: A

- ✓ The government of Tamil Nadu has launched a three-day survey of the Nilgiri Tahr, the state animal. The aim of this survey is to better understand and conserve this endangered species.
- ✓ The survey is being carried out in collaboration with organizations such as the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✓ The Nilgiri Tahr is an endemic species that is listed as endangered, and it faces numerous challenges such as habitat loss and poaching.
- ✓ Conservation initiatives, such as those in the Eravikulam and Mukurthi National Parks, along with captive breeding programmes, highlight the multi-faceted approach required for the effective conservation of this endangered animal and its habitat.
- ✓ Nilgiri Tahr
- ✓ The Nilgiri Tahr is a stunning mountain ungulate that can only be found in the Western Ghats of India.

- ✓ The Nilgiri Tahr, a mountain-dwelling ungulate native to the Western Ghats of India, is currently listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✓ Under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 it is also protected. This designation underscores the severe threats faced by the species and emphasizes the urgent need for conservation efforts.
- ✓ IUCN
- ✓ IUCN is the leading global authority on the status of the natural world and the actions necessary to protect it.
- ✓ Established in 1948, IUCN has grown to become the world's largest and most diverse environmental network.
- ✓ Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2023-24

- Tamil Nadu has launched a three-day survey of the Nilgiri Tahr, the state animal.
- ➤ Conservationists plan to nominate Kazhuveli watershed region of Tamil Nadu for inclusion in World Monuments Fund Watch 2025, linking local preservation efforts with global attention and action.
- The Khelo India Youth Games 2024 will be held in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- > 'Guidance', the nodal agency for investment promotion of Tamil Nadu, has received the United Nations Promotion Award 2023.
- Project Nilgiri Tahr' launched in Tamil Nadu.
- > The second spaceport of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will come up in about two years at Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
- > The U.K. and Tamil Nadu collaborate on a smart technology project for sustainable water, waste, and resource management.
- > Recently, Udangudi 'Panangkarupatti' (palm jaggery/ gur) from Tamil Nadu has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- > Tamil Nadu government has unveiled its new tourism policy to develop the State into the most attractive experiential destination in Asia.
- > Tamil Nadu's Salem Sago gets GI tag.
- > Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey of Doda and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir, have

been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.

- > The Matti banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district Tamil Nadu was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ➤ Taiwanese firm Foxconn Technology Group, a key supplier to Apple Inc., signed a letter of Intent with the Tamil Nadu government to invest ₹1,600 crore to establish a manufacturing facility in Kancheepuram district.
- ➤ Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- Tamil Nadu's Authoor betel leaves get Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- > Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation.
- ➤ Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister "Udhayanidhi Stalin" has unveiled the trophy and the 'Bomman' mascot for the prestigious Asian Champions Trophy 2023 hockey tournament to be held in Chennai.
- Muthamizh Selvi, first Tamil Nadu woman to scale Mt Everest.
- > Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..
- Tamil Nadu becomes first state to launch its own Climate Change Mission.
- Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- In a first of its kind initiative in India, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project'.
- Q.5. Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS), recently seen in the news, is developed by which one of the following countries?

A) Israel

B) United States

C) India

D) Russia

Answer: B

- ✓ The United States recently confirmed providing long-range Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) to Ukraine to aid its war effort against Russia.
- ✓ About Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS):

- ✓ It is a conventional surface-to-surface artillery weapon system capable of striking targets well beyond the range of existing Army cannons, rockets, and other missiles.
- ✓ It is manufactured by the US defence company Lockheed Martin.
- ✓ It is also designated M39 by the US Army, and its Department of Defence (DoD) designation is MGM-140.
- ✓ The missile first saw use during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.
- ✓ ATACMS are 24/7, all-weather, surface-to-surface, inertially guided ballistic missiles.
- ✓ It has a range of about 190 miles (305 km).
- ✓ Propulsion: Single-stage, solid propellant.
- Q.6. Raja Ravi Varma is best known for his contributions to which of the following fields?
 - A) Literature
 - B) Music
 - C) Painting and art
 - D) Philosophy

Answer: C

- ✓ About Raja Ravi Varma:
- ✓ He was an Indian painter and artist.
- ✓ He is considered one of the greatest painters in the history of Indian art.
- ✓ He was born as Ravi Varma Koil Thampuran of Kilimanoor palace, in the erstwhile princely state of Travancore (Thiruvithankur) in Kerala.
- ✓ He is known for his amazing paintings, which revolve mainly around the Puranas (ancient mythological stories) and the great Indian epics, the Mahabharata and Ramayana.
- ✓ His most famous works include Damayanti Talking to a Swan, Shakuntala Looking for Dushyanta, Nair Lady Adorning Her Hair, and Shantanu and Matsyagandha.
- ✓ His paintings were also sent to the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893, and he was awarded two gold medals.
- ✓ In 1904, Viceroy Lord Curzon, on behalf of the King Emperor, bestowed upon Raja Ravi Varma the Kaisar-i-Hind Gold Medal. At this time, his name was mentioned as "Raja Ravi Varma" for the first time.

- Q.7. Which media company's AI news anchor Sana has won the International News Media Association (INMA)'s 2024 Global Media Award for AI-led newsroom transformation?
 - A) India Today

B) The Hindu

C) Indian Express

D) DD news

Answer: A

- ✓ India Today Group's AI news anchor, Sana has won the International News Media Association (INMA)'s 2024 Global Media Award for AI-led newsroom transformation.
- ✓ India Today Group has been selected as the best in South Asia for 'AI-led newsroom transformation'.
- ✓ The company's human-collaborative AI anchor, Sana, won first place among national brands for the 'best use of AI in customer-facing products'.
- ✓ The India Today Group introduced India's First AI Anchor, Sana, in March 2023.
- ✓ Sana boasts a diverse set of capabilities, excelling in multilingual communication with virtually no learning curve.
- ✓ Notably, it seamlessly transitions across a spectrum of topics and formats without succumbing to fatigue, thus addressing the dynamic demands of our newsroom.
- ✓ The awards ceremony was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London
- ✓ About Artificial Intelligence (AI):
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence (AI) was developed in the 1950s. It is the technology that enables computer systems or robots to use logic similar to the human brain.
- ✓ In simpler terms, AI is the science of creating intelligent machines that can make decisions and think like humans. John McCarthy, the father of AI, defined it as the intelligence displayed by machines.
- ✓ AI is used to create computer-controlled robots or software that can think like humans. The study of AI involves exploring how the human brain thinks, learns, and works when solving problems.
- Q.8. Which was the first Small Finance Bank to get a license from RBI?

A) Equitas Small Finance Bank

B) Shivalik Small Finance Bank

C) Fincare Small Finance Bank

D) Capital Small Finance Bank

Answer: D

✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed the Small Finance Banks (SFB) to apply for Universal Bank licenses as per the on tap licensing norms of the RBI.

- ✓ The SFBs can apply for a universal bank license after fulfilling the norms laid by the RBI.
- ✓ RBI Criteria for SFB to become a Universal Bank –
- ✓ A minimum five-year satisfactory performance track record
- ✓ Eligible SFBs need to have a minimum net worth of Rs 1,000 crore as at the end of the previous quarter and should meet the prescribed CRAR requirements for SFBs
- ✓ The SFBs aspiring to become a universal bank needs to have scheduled status with a satisfactory track record of performance for a minimum period of five years.
- ✓ Also, the shares of the bank should have been listed on a recognised stock exchange.
- ✓ Further, these SFBs also need to have a net profit in the last two financial years besides having gross non-performing assets (GNPA) and net non-performing assets (NNPA) of less than or equal to three percent and one percent respectively in the last two financial years.
- ✓ About Small Finance Bank
- ✓ Raghuram Rajan headed the "High-Level Committee on Financial Sector Reforms" in its 2008 report titled "A Hundred Small Steps" and recommended the setting up of a Small Finance Bank to promote financial inclusion.
- ✓ The first Small Finance Bank to be set up in India was the Capital Small Finance Bank (earlier Capital Local Area Bank).
- ✓ The Capital Small Finance Bank started its banking operation in April 2016.
- Q.9. Which of the following company launched India's first upgradable ATM that can be transformed into a high-performance Cash Recycling Machine (CRM) at any point of time?

A) Fujitsu Ltd.

B) HESS Cash Systems GmbH & Co KG

C) OKI Electric Industry Co. Ltd.

D) Hitachi Payment Services

Answer: D

- ✓ Hitachi Payment Services launches India's first upgradable ATM
- ✓ Hitachi Payment Services has launched an upgradable ATM machine in India. These ATMs can be upgraded to a Cash Recycling Machine (CRM) at any time.
- ✓ Manufactured under the 'Make in India' initiative, these ATMs offer flexibility and efficiency to banks. Hitachi Payment Services claims that this is the first upgradable ATM in India.
- ✓ Out of the current 2,64,000 ATMs/CRMs currently operational in India, Hitachi manages over 76,000. The company estimates a potential market of around 1,00,000 upgradable ATMs in the next eight years

Q.10. Who has taken charge as the Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal?

A) Justice Dinesh Kumar

B) Justice Harnath Prasad Asthana

C) Justice Dwijendra Nath Roy

D) Justice Gopalji Mehrotra

Answer: A

- ✓ Justice (retired) Dinesh Kumar took charge as the Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on 29 April 2024.
- ✓ The government of India appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar for a four-year term.
- ✓ Before taking over as the presiding officer of SAT, Justice Dinesh Kumar was the chief justice of the Karnataka High Court. He retired from the post in February 2024.
- ✓ The SAT has been functioning without a presiding officer for the last four months, as the last presiding officer, Justice Tarun Aggarwal, retired in December 2023.
- ✓ Dheeraj Bhatnagar also took charge as the technical member of the tribunal. He has been appointed for a term of four years or till he reaches the age of 67, whichever is earlier. Dheeraj Bhatnagar retired as principal chief commissioner of Income Tax Delhi.
- ✓ The other member of the three-member SAT is Meera Swarup.
- ✓ About Securities Appellate Tribunal
- ✓ The Securities Appellate Tribunal is a statutory body established in 1992 under the provisions of the Securities Exchange Board of India Act 1992.
- ✓ Functions of SAT
- ✓ The Securities Appellate Tribunal was set up to replace the High Court. It hears appeals against the following financial regulators.
- ✓ Orders and rulings of the capital market regulator, Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ✓ Orders and rulings of the pension sector regulator Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- ✓ Orders and rulings of the Insurance sector regulator Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- ✓ Composition of SAT
- ✓ The SAT consist of a Presiding Officer and other judicial and technical members
- ✓ Appointment of the SAT member

- ✓ The Presiding Officer and Judicial Members are appointed by the government of India in consultation with the Chief Justice of India or its nominee.
- ✓ Tenure
- ✓ The tenure for the Presiding Officer and other members will be five years from the date of appointment, and they shall be eligible for re-appointment for a maximum of five more years.
- ✓ The maximum age of the Presiding officer or the member shall not be more than 70 years.
- ✓ However, the government has the power to specify the tenure while appointing the Presiding Officer and other members
- ✓ The rulings of the SAT can be challenged only in the Supreme Court
- ✓ Jurisdiction
- ✓ The SAT has jurisdiction all over India. Its bench is in Mumbai.

Q.11. Ligue-1 is the men's professional football league of which country?

- A) Croatia
- B) Germany
- C) France
- D) Argentina

Answer: C

- ✓ Paris Saint-Germain football club was confirmed as the champion of the 2023-24 Ligue-1 Season. It was the club's record 12th title. Paris Saint-Germain has won the last three consecutive titles and eight in the last ten years.
- ✓ The current French men's national football team captain, Kylian Mbappé, played a major role in Paris Saint-Germain's win. He, with 26 goals, is the leading goal scorer in the 2023-24 Ligue-1 season. This is also Kylian Mbappé's last season with Paris Saint-Germain, as he has been transferred to the Spanish club Real Madrid.
- ✓ Ligue-1
- ✓ Ligue-1 is the top domestic professional football championship in France. It was founded as a National or Division 1 in 1932.
- ✓ 20 professional French football clubs participate in the Ligue-1.
- ✓ The team plays against each other twice and plays a total of 38 matches.

- Q.12. Who has been chosen for the 2018 Lacchu Maharaj Award?
 - A) Uma Sharma
 - B) Rama Vaidyanathan
 - C) Hema Malini
 - D) Saira Banu

Answer: C

- ✓ Hema Malini, Saira Banu & 8 others to get Pt. Lacchu Maharaj Award
- ✓ Noted Hindi film superstars Hema Malini and Saira Banu as well as other prominent personalities from the fields of art and culture, will be honoured with the prestigious Pandit Lacchu Maharaj Award.
- ✓ The award will be given on 31 August 2024 at a ceremony in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The decision was taken at a meeting held at Bhatkhande Sanskriti University, Lucknow, presided over by the university vice-chancellor, Prof. Mandavi Singh. The meeting was also attended by the secretary of Pt. Lachhu Maharaj Bellet Foundation and senior disciple of Pandit Lachhu Maharaj, Kumkum Adarsh.
- ✓ 10 eminent personalities to be awarded the Lacchu Maharaj award
- ✓ The Lacchu Maharaj Award, Instituted in memory of the famous kathak exponent Lacchu Maharaj, was not given after 2014. Thus, the Pandit Lacchu Maharaj Ballet Foundation has decided to honour 10 personalities this year. No award has been announced for the year 2020 due to COVID-19. The awardees are:



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1	Uma Sharma	2015	New Delhi	Kathak
2	Rama Vaidyanathan	2016	New Delhi	Kathak
3	Uma Dogra	2017	Jaipur	Kathak
4	Hema Malini	2018	Mumbai	Kathak, Film actress
5	Saira Banu	2019	Mumbai	Kathak, Film actress
6	Sandhaya Puricha, Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi	2018	Mumbai	Bharatanatyam Exponent
7	Dr. Malabika Mitra	2021	Kolkata	Kathak
8	Prachi Shah	2022	Mumbai	Kathak, Film actress
9	Ashim Bandhu Bhattacharya	2023	Mumbai	Kathak
10	Pandit Rajendra Gangani	2024	Jaipur	Kathak

- ✓ About Lacchu Maharaj
- ✓ In the field of art and culture, there are two famous artists who go by the name of Lacchu Maharaj. One was a famous Kathak dancer, and another was a famous tabla player. The Lacchu Maharaj Award has been instituted in honour of the famous Kathak exponent.

- ✓ Lacchu Maharaj, who was born Baij Nath Prasad in Lucknow in 1907, was a noted classical Kathak dancer and choreographer. He died in 1978
- ✓ Lacchu Maharaj was the founder and director of the Uttar Pradesh government's Kathak Kendra in Lucknow.
- ✓ He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1957.
- ✓ About Kathak Dance
- ✓ The government of India recognises Kathak as one of eight classical dance forms. The other classical dance forms are Bharatnatyam(Tamil Nadu), Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh), Odissi (Odisha), Manipuri (Manipur), Sattriya (Assam), Kuchipudi, and Mohiniyattam from Kerala.
- ✓ Kathak originated in North India and was later enriched by the Mughals. It is the only classical dance form which has been enriched by Muslim culture. Wajid Ali Shah, the last Nawab of Oudh (Awadh), founded the Lucknow gharana of Kathak. The other gharanas of Kathak are Jaipur and Benaras.
- ✓ The most famous exponent of Katha is Birju Maharaj.

Q.13. How many medals were won by the Indian archers at the 2024 World Cup Stage -1 Shanghai event?

A) 8

B) 9

C) 6

D) 4

Answer: A

- ✓ Historic gold for the Indian Archery team at the Archery World Cup Stage-1.
- ✓ The Indian men's recurve team won a historic gold medal at the Archery World Cup Stage-1 by defeating the world-champion South Korean team for the first time ever. The gold medal ended a 14-year gold medal drought at the men's recurve team event at the Archery World Cup.
- ✓ India finished the Archery World Cup Stage 1 in Shanghai with eight medals five gold, two silvers and one bronze. This is India's highest medal tally at any single edition of an archery World Cup.
- ✓ India sent a 16-member archery team for the Shanghai event. It consisted of eight men and eight women players.
- ✓ <u>Indian men's recurve team historic gold</u>
- ✓ The Indian men's recurve team of Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav defeated the World no.1 ranked South Korean team in the final. The Indian team defeated South Korea's team

consisting of World and Asian Games champions Lee Wooseok and Olympic champions Kim Je Deok and Kim Woojin 5-1 (57-57, 57-55, 55-53) to win a gold medal after 14 years.

- ✓ Jyothi Surekha Vennam wins hat trick of Gold Medal
- ✓ Asian Games champion and World number 3 Jyothi Surekha Vennam of Andhra Pradesh won a hat-trick of gold medals in the compound event. She won gold in the individual, women's team and mixed team events.
- ✓ At the Shanghai event, the Indian team won a total of eight medals: five gold medals, two silver medals, and one bronze medal

Serial Number	Event	Players	Medal
1	Men's Recurve Team	Tarundeep Rai, Mrinal Chauhan, Pravin Jadhav, Dhiraj Bommadevara	Gold
2	Mixed Compound	Jyothi and Abhishek Verma	Gold
3	Women's Individual compound	Jyothi Vennam	Gold
4	Men's Compound Team	Riyansh, Prathamesh Fuge, Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan	Gold
5	Women's Compound Team	Avneet Kaur, Parneet Kaur, Aditi Gopichand Swami, Jyothi Surekha Vennam	Gold
6	Men's Compound Individual	Priyansh	Silver
7	Women's Individual Recurve	Deepika Kumari	Silver
8	Mixed Recurve Team	Ankita Bhakat,Dhiraj Bommadevara	Bronze

- ✓ The Archery World Cup Stage -1 was organised by the World Archery in Shanghai, China, from 23 -28 April 2024.
- ✓ World Archery is the global governing body of men's and women's archery.
- ✓ World Archery is based in the Olympic capital of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Q.14. Consider the following statements with reference to critical minerals:

- 1. It is a metallic or non-metallic element that is essential for the functioning of modern technologies.
- 2. Cobalt, Copper and Gallium are examples of critical minerals.

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 Ministry of Mines will hold a two day "Critical Minerals Summit: Enhancing Beneficiation and Processing Capabilities", at the India Habitat Centre in Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.
- ✓ About Critical Minerals Summit:
- ✓ It is organised by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, in collaboration with the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (Shakti), the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), and the Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD).
- ✓ It is designed to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and drive innovation in the field of critical mineral beneficiation and processing.
- ✓ The summit will bring together a diverse array of Indian and international stakeholders, including industry leaders, startups, government officials, scientists, academics, and policy experts.
- ✓ The Ministry of Mines has identified eight key minerals for focus at the summit, including Glauconite (Potash), Lithium Rare Earth Elements (Laterite), Chromium, Platinum Group, Graphite, Tungsten associated with Graphite, Rare Earths (RE), and Vanadium associated with Graphite.

- Q.15. Consider the following statements with reference to Green Taxonomy:
 - 1. It is a framework that defines which economic activities and assets are environmentally sustainable.
 - 2. It includes the goals of climate mitigation and adaptation and helps prevent greenwashing.

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 RBI and the Finance Ministry could take inspiration from the developing world, especially the ASEAN region, where a layered green taxonomy as a living document keeps getting updated with sectoral views of possible sustainable trajectories.
- ✓ About Green Taxonomy:
- ✓ A green taxonomy is a framework for defining what can be called environmentally sustainable investments.
- ✓ It is a classification system that defines which economic activities and assets are "green" or environmentally sustainable.
- Narrior ✓ It is a useful instrument and has several complementary purposes:
- ✓ help prevent greenwashing;
- ✓ help investors make informed investment decisions; and
- ✓ channel investment toward sustainable or green economic activities and assets.
- ✓ Structurally, all taxonomies are similar. So far, they all include the goals of climate mitigation and adaptation and some also include other environmental objectives such as biodiversity conservation, for example.
- Q.16. Which country has recently introduced a new drone "Kamikaze" resembling Russia's Lancet drone?

A) China

B) Iran

C) Israel

D) Japan

Answer: B

- ✓ The Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has introduced a new "Kamikaze drone" resembling Russia's Lancet drone.
- ✓ According to the state Tasnim news agency, the new Iranian drone which has not yet been publicly named is similar to the Russian Zala Lancet drone, which was first produced in 2020.
- ✓ The Iranian drone, akin to the Lancet, boasts flight durations of 30 to 60 minutes and can carry payloads ranging from 3 to 6 kg, covering distances of up to 40 km.
- ✓ Equipped with electro-optical systems and a built-in warhead, it's optimized for combating ambushes.

Q.17. Ishaq Dar has been appointed as Deputy Prime Minister of which country

A) Saudi Arabia

B) Malaysia

C) Singapore

D) Pakistan

Answer: D

- ✓ Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has appointed Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar as Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister.
- ✓ Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Ishaq Dar is currently serving as Pakistan's Foreign Minister. He has been also included in the Council of Common Interests (CCI).
- ✓ Earlier in March, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif approved the reconstitution of the Council of Common Interests (CCI), replacing the finance minister with the foreign minister.

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- ✓ PAKISTAN STATIC GK
- ✓ Independence day- 14 August
- ✓ National animal-Markhor
- ✓ National bird-Chukar partridge
- ✓ National fruit- Mango(Summer), Guava (Winter)
- ✓ National tree-Deodar
- ✓ Famous festivals-Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Azha, Shab-e-Barat
- ✓ 24th Prime minister-Shehbaz Sharif
- ✓ 14th President-Asif Ali Zardari
- ✓ Name of parliament-National Assembly
- ✓ Member of parliament-342
- ✓ National Language-Urdu, English

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- ✓ No of province- 4
- ✓ Currency-Pakistani Rupee
- ✓ National Anthem- Quami Taranah
- ✓ National Game- Field Hockey
- ✓ Boundaries- Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab.
- ✓ Border- Radcliffe Line
- ✓ Highest mountain- K2
- ✓ Longest River- Indus River
- Q.18. The International Jazz Day is celebrated every year on which day?

A) 29 April

B) 28 April

C) 30 April

D) 27 April

Answer: C

- ✓ The International Jazz Day is celebrated on 30 April every year to highlight the importance of jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.
- ✓ This Day was declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 2011.
- ✓ The day was created on the idea of jazz pianist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock.

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- Q.1. Which of the following card type cannot be used for cash withdrawal at PoS terminals?
 - A) VISA Debit Cards

B) MasterCard

C) Credit Card

D) Rupay Card

Answer: C

Q.2. Where is the headquarters of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDBRT) located?

A) Mumbai

B) Chennai

C) Hyderabad

D) Delhi

Answer: C

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A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

D) NHB

Answer: A

Q.4. Who regulates a trust based Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

D) NHB

Answer: B

Q.5. In 1969, those banks were nationalized whose deposits were more than _.

A) Rs 100 crore

B) Rs 200 crore

C) Rs 50 crore

D) Rs 10 crore

Answer: C

✓ The Government nationalised 14 banks (with effect from the midnight of 19 July 1969) with deposits
of over Rs.50 crore by promulgating the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of
Undertakings) Ordinance, 1969.

Q.6. In 1980, those banks were nationalized whose deposits were more than .

A) Rs 500 crore

B) Rs 100 crore

C) Rs 200 crore

D) Rs 50 crore

Answer: C

- ✓ Six banks, viz, Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank, New Bank of India, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Punjab and Sind Bank, and Vijaya Bank with deposit liabilities of Rs.200 crore and above were nationalised in April 1980
- Q.7. What is the minimum paid up capital requirement for a bank to be eligible for inclusion in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

A) Rs 50 lakh

B) Rs 10 lakh

C) Rs 15 lakh

D) Rs 5 lakh

Answer: D



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- ✓ A scheduled bank is one that is listed in the second schedule of RBI Act, 1934. Banks having paid up capital of at least Rs 5 lakh are eligible for inclusion in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- Q.8. How many types of Priority Sector Lending Certificates are there in India?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

Answer: B

- ✓ Four type- PSLC Agriculture, PSLC SF/MF, PSLC Micro Enterprises and PSLC General

A) 20

B) 30

C) 40

D) 50

Answer: C

Q.10. What is the maximum compensation under the Banking Ombudsman Scheme of RBI?

A) Rs 10 lakh

B) Rs 5 lakh

C) Rs 20 lakh

D) Rs 1 lakh

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Answer: C



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