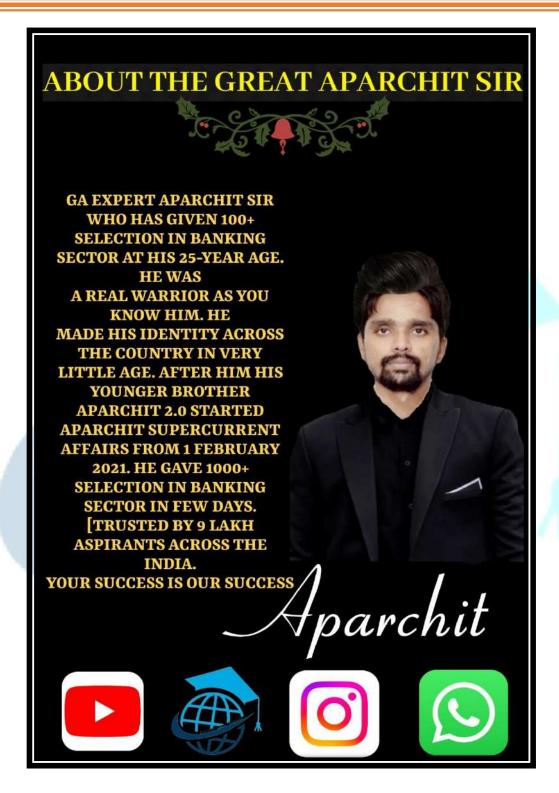


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Q.1. Consider the following statements with reference to PS4 engine:

- 1. It is used in uppermost stage of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- 2. It uses a bipropellant combination of nitrogen oxide as the oxidizer and monomethyl hydrazine as the fuel.

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 Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved yet another milestone in design and manufacturing by successfully conducting a long duration test of the PS4 engine of the PSLV stage.
- ✓ It is the uppermost stage of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), comprising of two Earth storable liquid engines.
- ✓ It uses a bipropellant combination of nitrogen tetroxide as the oxidizer and monomethyl hydrazine as the fuel. It was developed by Isro's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre.
- ✓ The same engine is also used in the Reaction Control System (RCS) of the first stage (PS1) of PSLV.
- ✓ ISRO redesigned the conventionally manufactured PS4 engine to make it compatible with additive manufacturing techniques and this innovative approach, known as Design for Additive Manufacturing, has yielded remarkable advantages.

ISRO IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ ISRO achieved yet another milestone in design and manufacturing by successfully conducting a long duration test of the PS4 engine of the PSLV stage.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath announced on 16 April 2024 that India aims to achieve debris-free space by 2030.
- > Proba-3 Mission of Proba-3 Mission of ESA to Study Sun will be Launched by ISRO
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- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chandrayaan -3 mission team was awarded the 2024

John L "Jack" Swigert, Jr, Award for Space Exploration by the US-based Space Foundation.

- ➤ Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) located at Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram has launched a multi-purpose app 'SAKHI' (Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction-SAKHI) to assist the Gaganyaan crew.
- ➤ Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and ISRO Chairman have already said that by 2040 we should have an Indian astronaut on the moon and also to have our space station by 2035.
- > PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the second spaceport of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ ISRO has successfully launched meteorological satellite INSAT-3DS with the GSLV-F14/INSAT-3DS mission from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota.
- Vyommitra(Woman Robot Astronaut) is going to fly into Space ahead of ISRO's "Gaganyaan" Mission
- > ISRO has completed all key tests on Insat-3DS satellite before the final review which will be followed by its shipping to the spaceport in Srihari Kota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the PSLV-C58 X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) mission.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is planning to send Indian astronauts to the moon for the first time by 2040.
- ➤ ISRO's Next Moon Mission in Collaboration with Japan Gathers Steam. This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25.
- > 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.
- > ISRO has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START).
- ➤ ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

- Founded: 15 August 1969
- > HQ : Bengalore, Karnataka
- > Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- > 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- ➤ GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- > SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India

Q.2. Consider the following statements with reference to the FLiRT Variants:

- 1. They are dominant strains related to the Hepatitis b disease.
- 2. These can spread via respiratory droplets of the person to others.

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

- ✓ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have found that there is an unfamiliar set of COVID-19 variants spreading across the US and they are collectively called FLiRT.
- ✓ KP.2 and KP1.1, dubbed 'FLiRT' variants, are descendants of the Omicron JN.1 which spread globally over the winter last year.
- √ Features
- ✓ The variants appear to outstrip their ancestor and other Omicron variants. KP.2 is the more dominant strain of the two and it is believed to leap past immunity built up from vaccines and previous infections.
- ✓ The FLiRT' variants are descendants of the JN.1 variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus with two new added spike mutations.
- ✓ How it spreads? This variant spreads via respiratory droplets of the person to others, or touching infected surfaces such as faucets, furniture, elevator buttons etc.

- ✓ Symptoms of FLiRT
- ✓ The symptoms of the new variant are similar to those of other Omicron subvariants: sore throat, cough, nausea, congestion, fatigue, headache, muscle or body ache, loss of taste or smell.
- ✓ Prevention: Vaccination and preventive measures are advised to curb the spread.
- Q.3. Joint military exercise Shakti is conducted by the Indian Army with which country's Army?

A) France

B) Russia

C) Singapore

D) Malaysia

Answer: A

- ✓ Joint military Exercise Shakti between the Indian and the French forces will be held at the Joint Training Node of the Indian Army in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024
- ✓ The opening ceremony of the 7th edition of Exercise Shakti will be attended by the French Ambassador to India, Thierry Mathou. Brigadier Mayur Shekatkar, Commander of the 24 Mountain Brigade, and other civilian and military dignitaries.
- ✓ The 7th edition will be hosted by India at the Joint Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024.

EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Joint military Exercise Shakti between the Indian and the French forces will be held at the Joint Training Node of the Indian Army in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024
- > The 5th edition of the 'Dustlik' joint military exercise between India and Uzbekistan begins in Uzbekistan
- Recently, a two-day 'Sagar Kavach' exercise was organised in the Lakshadweep Islands.
- A bilateral tri-service exercise Tiger Triump-24 between India and the US will be held on the Eastern Seaboard in the US from March 18 to 31.
- An Indian Army contingent on Monday departed for Seychelles to participate in the 10th edition of joint military exercise "LAMITIYE-2024" with Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). The joint exercise will be conducted in Seychelles from March 18-27, 2024.
- > The naval forces of China, Iran, and Russia recently launched a joint exercise called the "Maritime Security Belt-2024" near the Gulf of Oman.
- The joint exercise 'Bharat-Shakti' of the three armies of India (Army, Navy and Air Force) will be

organized in Asia's largest field firing range located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

- ➤ The United States Coast Guard's (USCG) Bertholf ship reached Port Blair ahead of the 'Sea Defenders-2024' joint exercise.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana kicked off on February 28 and will continue until March 2, taking place at or off the coast of Visakhapatnam
- ➤ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started its largest military exercise in Europe, the Steadfast Defender 2024, recently.
- ➤ The 5th edition of the joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is being organized at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- > Indian and Sri Lankan coast guard ships reached the Maldives recently to take part in the trilateral coast guard exercise Dosti 16
- ➤ Indian Air Force will conduct mega exercise Vayu Shakti 2024 at Pokhran Range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on February 17.
- > The first edition of India-Saudi Arabia joint military exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' is being organized in Mahajan, Rajasthan
- India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) conducted a major air exercise, named 'Desert Knight', over the Arabian Sea.
- ➤ Indian Army contingent is taking part in the 2nd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE. The Exercise is being conducted at Anshas, Egypt.
- > 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR has commenced at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- ➤ The maiden Bilateral Maritime Exercise -Ayutthaya' between the Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) was conducted.
- ➤ The 12th edition of the Multilateral Naval Exercise 2024 (Milan) is set to take place at Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27.
- ➤ Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising 45 personnel reached Hanoi, Vietnam to take part in the Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023.
- This year's exercise will be conducted at Hanoi, Vietnam.
- > Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023" commenced at the Joint
- > Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya.

- A joint military exercise, "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" is being conducted from November 16th to 29th, 2023, in Aundh (Pune), Maharashtra.
- ➤ It is a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lankan army.
- This year is the ninth edition of the exercis.
- The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' is set to unfold its strategic manoeuvres along the Kerala and Mahe coasts.
- Coordinated by the Indian Coast Guard.
- > Much-anticipated joint exercise 'Trishakti Prahar' recently began near the western border of Rajasthan in Jaisalmer.
- ➤ Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy were conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 09 Nov 2023.
- Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023 commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.
- > It is a joint bilateral training exercise between Indian & Malaysian Armed Forces.
- > The 19th edition of "EXERCISE YUDH ABHYAS" will be conducted from 25th September to 8th October
- ➤ 2023 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.
- O.4. Which country was the largest export destination for Indian merchandise goods in 2023-24?
 - A) UAE

B) Saudi Arabia

C) United States

D) United Kingdom

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian export to 115 countries shows positive growth in 2023-24.
- ✓ According to the latest data released by the Union Ministry of Commerce, India's exports have recorded positive growth in 115 countries out of the total 238 countries/territories it exported in 2023-24.
- ✓ A positive growth rate in exports was recorded in the major export markets of the United States of America, the United Arab Emirates, the Netherlands, China, The United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Germany and Italy.
- ✓ Out of the 229 countries/territories from which India imports goods and services ,import has declined from 124 countries during 2023-24.

- ✓ Highlights of the 2023-24 Indian Export Data
- ✓ In 2023-24, Indian exports to 10 major export destinations increased by 13 percent compared to 2022-23.
- ✓ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was India's largest export market in 2023-24, registering a growth rate of 12.71 per cent.
- ✓ India's merchandise export to UAE was \$ 35.6 billion.
- ✓ Exports to Singapore increased by 20.19 per cent to \$14.4 billion and to China to \$16.7 billion, a growth of 8.70%.
- ✓ A sharp increase in export growth was registered to Albania (234.97 per cent) ,Romania (138.84 per cent) and Russia (35.41 per cent).
- Q.5. Which company will sponsor Sri Lanka Men's Team in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024?

A) Mother Dairy

B) Rummy

C) Deream11

D) Amul

Answer: D

- ✓ Amul to Sponsor Sri Lanka Men's T20 World Cup Team
- ✓ Sri Lanka has announced Amul, one of India's iconic diary brands with a global footprint, as their sponsor for the ICC T20 World Cup 2024, starting June 2 in the USA and the West Indies.
- ✓ Sri Lanka, former champions of the T20 World Cup, will become the third team after South Africa and USA to be sponsored by Amul at the showpiece T20 tournament.
- ✓ Amul has a history of sponsoring cricket teams during ICC tournaments, having previously collaborated with the New Zealand and the Netherlands national sides for the 2017 Champions Trophy and 2011 Cricket World Cup, respectively
- ✓ Additionally, Amul was one of the sponsors of the Women's Premier League in its inaugural edition.

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2024

- > Sri Lanka has announced Amul, one of India's iconic diary brands with a global footprint, as their sponsor for the ICC T20 World Cup 2024
- Amul will be the lead arm sponsor for USA's cricket team that will participate in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 which commences on June 1
- 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.6. With reference to DigiLocker, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.
 - 2. The issued documents in the DigiLocker system are not deemed to be at par with the original physical documents.
 - 3. It has the feature of 2048 Bit encryption and multi-factor authentication.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ DigiLocker has become a digital placeholder for administrative and government-related documents and now students have the option of viewing their scores and even obtaining their verified marksheets.
- ✓ It is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) under the Digital India Programme in 2015.
- ✓ It is a government approved application and is ideally maintained with strict security protocols framed by officials.
- ✓ It operates as an app to store users' digital records. The app can be used when applying for a passport, reviewing marksheets, or proving one's identity during travel.
- ✓ The app is part of the Indian Government's paper-free initiative aimed at letting users access, verify, and store essential documents in a digital wallet so that they are easy to retrieve and present to officials when required.

- ✓ The issued documents in DigiLocker system are deemed to be at par with original physical documents as per Rule 9A of the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries providing Digital Locker facilities) Rules, 2016.
- ✓ It has standard security measures in place including 2048 Bit RSA SSL encryption, multi-factor authentication (OTP verification), consent systems, timed log outs, and security audits.
- ✓ Hence only statements 1 and 3 are correct.
- Q.7. Consider the following statements with reference to the Hanooman AI platform:
 - 1. It is a largest Generative Artificial Intelligence platform.
 - 2. It can perform complex technical tasks like coding and tutoring.

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, 3AI Holding Limited and SML India, announced the launch of 'Hanooman', India's homegrown multilingual GenAI platform.
- ✓ It is the largest multilingual and most affordable Gen AI platform.
- ✓ Features
- ✓ It is available in 98 global languages, of which, 12 are Indian languages.
- ✓ The 12 Indian languages that the web version and app are currently available in include Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali, Kannada, Odia, Punjabi, Assamese, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Sindhi.
- ✓ It can handle everything from a casual chat to offering professional advice as well as performing complex technical tasks like coding and tutoring.
- ✓ The Gen AI platform will offer its multimodal and multilingual capabilities, including text, voice, image, and code to users.
- ✓ It aims to cater to four sectors: healthcare, governance, financial services, and education. It offers an opensource alternative to commercially accessible Large Language Models (LLMs).
- ✓ What is Generative Artificial Intelligence?
- ✓ It refers to deep-learning models that can take raw data and "learn" to generate statistically probable outputs when prompted.

- ✓ It is powered by foundation models (large AI models) that can multi-task and perform out-of-the-box tasks, including summarization, Q&A, classification, and more.
- Q.8. Where will the 22 Asian Team Squash Championship be held?

A) China

B) Russia

C) Japan

D) Kazakhstan

Answer: A

- ✓ The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has announced the Indian team, which will participate in the 22nd Asian Team Squash Championships, which will be held in Dalian, China, from 12 to 16 June 2024.
- ✓ The Indian men's team is the current Asian Team Champion, having won the 2022 event in Cheongju, South Korea.
- ✓ Velavan Senthilkumar will lead the Indian men's team, and Rathika Seelan will lead the women's team. The Indian team is highly optimistic after its spectacular performance in the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games. India won five medals—two gold, one silver, and two bronze at the Hangzhou Asian games.
- Q.9. Which bank has announced that it will close inoperative accounts of customers on 1 June 2024?

A) State Bank of India

B) Punjab National Bank

C) Kotak Mahindra Bank

D) Bank of Baroda

Answer: B

- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced that it will close all its customers' inactive bank accounts on 1 June 2024.
- ✓ Customers whose accounts have become inactive can activate their accounts by completing their KYC (Know Your Customer) by 31 May 2024.
- ✓ The bank has taken this step to reduce expenses and prevent fraud in such accounts.
- ✓ Which Inactive accounts will be closed and which will not
- ✓ Accroding to the PNB, those customers' accounts will be closed where there has been no transaction(deposit or withdrawal) by the customer for the past three years, and the account balance has been zero.

- ✓ The bank said that if these account holders do not complete their KYC by 31 May 2024, then they will not be given further notice, and their account will be closed permanently on 1 June 2024.
- ✓ Accounts not be closed.
- ✓ However, the bank said that it will not close certain inactive accounts. The exempted accounts are student accounts for customers under the age of 25, Minor accounts, accounts opened for specific schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY), Atal Pension Yojana, and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), and those frozen by statutory authorities like court orders, income tax department orders, etc.
- ✓ The bank will also not close bank accounts linked with Demat accounts, lockers, or active standing instructions accounts.
- ✓ How to activate the inactive account
- ✓ According to the RBI, an inactive customer account can be activated by performing a fresh KYC of the customer. Under the KYC the customer has to submit his/her fresh photograph. One approved Identity proof and one address proof. These could be Voters ID cards, Aadhaar cards, passports, etc.
- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- ✓ Punjab National Bank is the third largest public sector bank after the State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda.
- ✓ The Punjab National Bank was established as a private bank in 1894 and commenced operation in 1895.
- ✓ It is the first bank to set up with Indian capital.
- ✓ Lala Lajpat Rai was the first person to open an account in the bank.
- ✓ It was nationalised in 1969, and presently, the government of India has a majority stake.
- ✓ Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Atul Kumar Goel
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ✓ Tagline of the Bank: A name you can bank upon.

Q.10. Mahamat Idris Deby Itno has been recently elected as the president of which country?

A) Chad

B) Ethiopia

C) Nigeria

D) Kenya

Answer: A

✓ Chad military dictator Idriss Deby win's Presidential election.

- ✓ The Military dictator and interim president of the Central African Country of Chad, Mahamat Idris Deby Itno has won the presidential election held on 6 May 2024.
- ✓ The provisional result was declared by the country's National Election Management Agency on 10 May 2024
- ✓ The election will legitimise the rule of Mahamat Idris Deby Itno for another six years.
- ✓ Republic of Chad
- ✓ Chad is a landlocked country situated in north-central Africa. It is the fifth largest country in Africa in area.
- ✓ President is the head of the state and the head of the government in Chad.
- ✓ The president has a six-year term, and a person can be president for only two terms.
- ✓ Capital: N'Djamena
- ✓ Currency: CFA franc
- ✓ President: Mahamat Idris Deby Itno

Q.11. Who is Moosa Zameer, who visited India recently?

A) Foreign Minister of Maldives

B) Foreign Minister of Malaysia

C) Foreign Minister of Singapore

D) Foreign Minister of UAE

Answer: A

- ✓ The foreign minister of Maldives Moosa Zameer visited India on 9 May 2024.
- ✓ It was the first high ranking official visit from Maldives to India after coming into power of Maldives' pro-China president Mohamed Muizzu six months ago.
- ✓ The Maldivian foreign minister met the Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during his visit.
- ✓ The visit comes in the background of strained India-Maldives ties due to President Muizzu's pro-China policies and being associated with the India Out campaign in Maldives.
- ✓ Purpose of Moosa Zameer's Visit to India
- ✓ The main purpose of Moosa Zameer's visit to India was to seek debt relief from India.
- ✓ India has provided over \$ 2 billion in loans to Maldives, which involves loans given for the development of various infrastructure and connectivity projects in the island nation.
- ✓ Maldives has to repay \$ 500 million of the loan amount to India in the near future. Maldives wants the Indian government to convert a part of loans into grants as it is in no position to repay the loans.

- ✓ President Muizzu has accused the previous Solih government of taking massive loans from India which has pushed Maldives into debt trap
- ✓ Maldives
- ✓ Maldives is a group of islands located in the north-central Indian Ocean. It is part of the South Asian region.
- ✓ Maldives is an archipelago of coral atolls built up from the crowns of a submerged ancient volcanic mountain range.
- ✓ Eight-degree channels separate Maldives from Minicoy island of Lakshadweep.
- ✓ Due to rising sea levels, Maldives faces a danger of being submerged in the Indian Ocean.
- ✓ Capital: Male
- ✓ Currency: Rufiyaa
- ✓ President: Mohamed Muizzu
- Q.12. Which organization adopted the first law to tackle violence against women?
 - A) European Union (EU)
- B) United Nations (UN)
- C) African Union (AU)
- D) ASEAN

Answer: A

- ✓ The European Union (EU) adopted its first law to combat violence against women.
- ✓ The law requires EU countries to criminalize female genital mutilation, forced marriage, and online harassment.
- ✓ However, the law does not include a common definition of rape.
- ✓ The EU Commission proposed the law in 2022.
- Q.13. Which organization recently released a report titled 'Amplifying the Global Value of Earth Observation'?
 - A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) World Meteorological Organization

Answer: C

✓ The World Economic Forum's report titled 'Amplifying the Global Value of Earth Observation' highlights Earth Observation (EO) technologies' economic potential, estimating a \$3.8 trillion contribution to global GDP from 2023-2030.

- ✓ EO encompasses remotely-sensed and in-situ data collection, offering insights across sectors.
- ✓ Agriculture benefits from precision techniques, while energy sectors utilize EO for forecasting and operations management. Mining gains insights for mineral exploration.
- ✓ EO also aids climate efforts, with applications like early wildfire detection and greenhouse gas monitoring, potentially reducing over 2 billion tonnes of CO2 annually by 2030.
- Q.14. Which company has launched India's first crowd-supported weather network with over 650 weather stations, the largest private setup in India, for real-time local weather data?

A) Domino's

B) Food Panda

C) Swiggy

D) Zomato

Answer: D

- ✓ Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal has launched India's first crowd-supported weather network with over 650 weather stations, the largest private setup in India, for real-time local weather data.
- ✓ These weather stations, developed by Zomato, provide localised, real-time information on key weather parameters such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, rainfall, among others can be seen at http://weatherunion.com.
- Initially available in 45 major cities, plans are underway for expansion.
- Q.15. Indian Coast Guard has signed MoU with which company for manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium for construction of ships? C) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

 B) Reliance Industries Limited

Answer: D

- ✓ Indian Coast Guard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindalco Industries for manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium for construction of ships.
- The Indian Coast Guard fleet is presently operating 67 ships with aluminium hull with capability of operating in shallow waters.
- Indian Coast Guard has planned to induct more such vessels where the indigenously manufactured marine-grade aluminium will be utilized.

Q.16. Who has been appointed as the President of Larsen and Toubro (L&T)?

A) R Shankar Raman

B) Rakesh Sharma

C) Rajesh Singh

D) Umesh Nath Singh

Answer: A

- ✓ R Shankar Raman elevated as President of L&T
- ✓ Larsen and Toubro was elevated R Shankar Raman as the Preaident of the engineering and construction conglomerate.
- ✓ Post the promotion, Raman will continue to hold the position of the whole-time Director and CFO of the company as well.
- ✓ Raman joined the L&T Group in November 1994 to set up L&T Finance Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary. He later assumed the role of CFO at L&T and was appointed to the board in October 2011.
- Q.17. Who has been bestowed with the prestigious Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 for Outstanding Social Work?

A) Pawan Sindhi

B) Tilak Mehta

C) Advait Thakur

D) Kunal Shah

Answer: A

- ✓ Pawan Sindhi honored with Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024
- ✓ Social worker Pawan Sindhi was bestowed with the prestigious Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 for Outstanding Social Work.
- ✓ The award night witnessed a gathering of like-minded individuals who came together to promote the values of humanity, peace, and prosperity.
- Q.18. Which platform has secured Gold in the 'Best Product Iteration' category at the INMA Awards 2024?

A) Netflix

B) OTTplay

C) Amazon Prime

D) Disney

Answer: B

✓ OTTplay has bagged the Gold for Best Product Iteration and Silver in Best Use of an Event at INMA 2024.

- ✓ OTTplay has won Gold (first place) in the Best Product Iteration category and Silver (second place) in the category for Best Use of an Event to Build a News Brand.
- ✓ The platform's transition to an OTT aggregator, addressing the challenge of multiple subscriptions, was celebrated for its innovation.
- ✓ About OTTplay
- ✓ OTTplay is India's pioneering OTT aggregator that uses AI-based recommendations to revolutionise content discovery and consumption.
- ✓ With the introduction of OTTplay Premium, the platform now offers a curated selection of content from 37 premier OTT platforms which are personalized based on each user's unique preferences.
- Q.19. Which company has been recognized and honored by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for its outstanding commitment to quality and branding excellence?

A) Juplay

B) Genius Box

C) Giggles

D) CreativeKidz

Answer: B

- ✓ Genius Box honored by BIS for quality and branding excellence
- ✓ Genius Box, a leading brand specializing in innovative DIY educational kits for children, has been recognized and honored by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for its outstanding commitment to quality and branding excellence.
- ✓ The prestigious recognition comes alongside Genius Box's distinguished feat of maintaining a flawless record of nil sample failures over the past three years.
- ✓ Genius Box stands as a pioneer in revolutionizing children's education through its "Play-full-learning" approach. With a mission to engage children in immersive learning experiences, the brand offers thoughtfully curated kits and games designed to foster curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills.
- Q.20. India clinched how many gold medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

Answer: A

✓ India clinched three gold and two bronze medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam.

- ✓ Sachin Pahwa and Priyanka Chabbra led India to its first gold medal, defeating Ruben Hellberg and Chitlada Hemasee 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, in the mixed doubles intermediate 35+ category final.
- ✓ While in the women's doubles open category, the pair of Isha Lakhani and Pei Chuan Kao bagged the gold medal with a dominating 15-7, 15-3 win against Dang Kim Ngan and Tyak K.
- ✓ In the men's doubles, India's Aniket Patel and Rohit Patil claimed the yellow metal despite losing the opening game. The duo defeated Nik Alessandro Isagan and Lester Ga 5-11, 11-6, and 11-8 in the final
- ✓ In the men's singles advance 35+ category, Vijay Menon defeated Yu Hsuan Cher to secure the bronze, while in the women's singles intermediate 35+ event, Priyanka Chhabra defeated Marissa Phongsirikul, earning India another bronze medal
- Q.21. Nine projects sanctioned from the electronics and communication systems (ECS) cluster of DRDO were handed over to which IIT?

A) IIT Bhubaneswar

B) IIT Patna

C) IIT Kanpur

D) IIT Roorkee

Answer: A

- ✓ DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar
- ✓ Nine projects sanctioned from the electronics and communication systems (ECS) cluster of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) were handed over to IIT-Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ Seven more projects are in the process of being sanctioned from ECS with a funding of Rs 18 crore.
- ✓ The IIT-Bhubaneswar will work on these sanctioned projects, which would be beneficial in electronics warfare, AI-driven surveillance, power systems and radar systems.
- ✓ This form of collaboration will enhance the sustainability of defence research programmes and will be part of the ecosystem for nation building

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- ▶ DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar
- > DRDO successfully tested the next-generation Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system on 1 May 2024 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- ➤ 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.22. Which day is celebrated as 'National Technology Day' every year?

A) 10 May

B) 11 May

C) 12 May

D) 13 May

Answer: B

- ✓ Every year, India observes 11th May as the National Technological Day to celebrate its technological and scientific prowess. The day aims to inspire youngsters and to create awareness about the country's scientific and technological achievements.
- ✓ It commemorates India's success in using science and technology to address the challenges facing the country.
- ✓ On this day, the government of India announces the names of the winners of the Rashtriya Vigyan Purashkar, or the National Science Awards
- ✓ The first National Technological Day was observed on 11 May 1999, commemorating the anniversary of the Pokhran nuclear test conducted on 11 May 1998.
- ✓ The decision to observe 11 May as National Technological Day was announced by the National Council for Technology Development during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's prime ministership.
- ✓ Significance of the 1998 Pokhran Nuclear Test
- ✓ India conducted five nuclear tests in Pokhran, Rajasthan, on 11 and 13 May 1998. The test was codenamed Operation Shakti.
- ✓ It was conducted jointly by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defence and Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under the leadership of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- ✓ Four nuclear weapons and one thermonuclear (Hydrogen) weapon were successfully tested by India.
- ✓ India became the sixth country after the United States of America, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, France and China to possess nuclear weapons.
- ✓ Pakistan tested its nuclear weapon in 1998, and North Korea in 2006. Israel has not tested any nuclear weapon but it is believed to have a nuclear weapon. Thus, at present, nine countries are believed to have nuclear weapons.
- ✓ India had earlier conducted a Nuclear test code-named Smiling Budha on 18 May 1974 at Pokhran. India claimed that the test was a Peaceful Nuclear Explosion (PNE), a scientific experiment for the peaceful use of nuclear energy, and was not meant for making nuclear weapons.

✓ The theme for National Technology Day 2024 is "From Schools to Startups: Igniting Young Minds to Innovate.

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 11 May 2024

Q.1. The first Public Credit Registry (PCR) was established in which country	0.1.	The first Public	Credit Registry	(PCR) was	established in which	h country?
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A) USA

B) Japan

C) China

D) Germany

Answer: D

Q.2. What is the full form of ARC?

A) Amortized Reconstruction Company B) Asset Reconstruction Company

C) Amortized Revalued Company

D) Asset Revaluation Company

Answer: B

Q.3. In which year was National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) set up?

A) 2012

B) 2013

C) 2014

D) 2015

Answer: B

Q.4. Which of the following is not a promoter of National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) IRDAI

Aparch D) SIDBI

Answer: D

✓ National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

Q.5. _ are networks of issuing and acquiring banks through which payment cards of certain brand are processed.

A) Card Network

B) Payment Network

C) NACH

D) SWIFT

Answer: A



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Q.6.	is the rate charged to a merchantransactions.	nt for payment processing services on debit / credit can
	A) ADR	B) MDR
	C) NDR	D) FDR
Ansv	wer: B	
Q.7.	Government Departments have to make	e of their procurement from MSEs.
	A) 25%	B) 10%
	C) 50%	D) 75%
Ansv	wer: A	
Q.8.	_ is the apex body responsible for the d	levelopment of the MSME sector.
	A) SEBI	B) RBI
	C) SIDBI	D) NABARD
Ansv	wer: C	
Q.9.	Which of the following is the settlemen	t entity for TReDS?
	A) SEBI	B) SIDBI
	C) RBI	D) NPCI
Ansv	wer: D	D) NPCI Warriors
Q.10.	In India, MSMEs are defined based on	in Plant and Machinery / equipment.
	A) investment	B) division
	C) limitations	D) diversification
Ansv	wer: A	



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