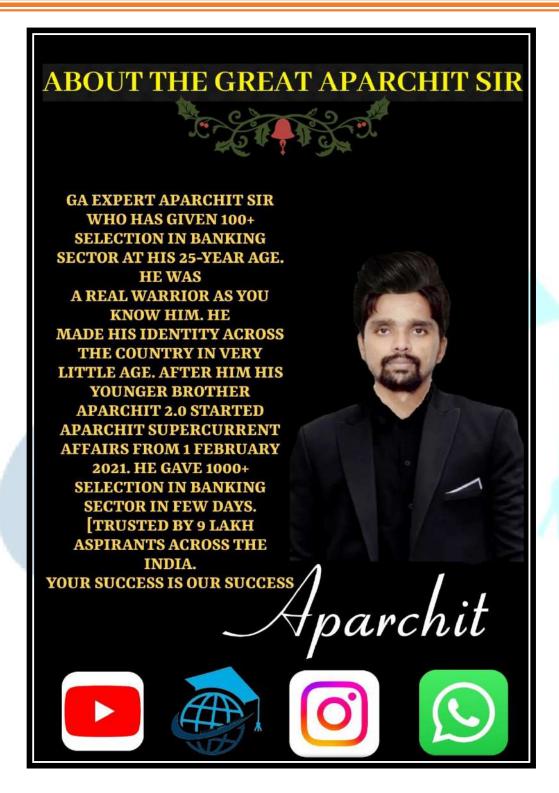


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Q.1. Who has won the 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey Trophy 2024?

- A) Japan
- B) Pakistan
- C) Malaysia
- D) India

Answer: A

- ✓ Japan defeated Pakistan to win the 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy.
- ✓ Japan won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey trophy by defeating Pakistan 4-1 in the penalty shootout in the final. The final was played at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia, on 11 May 2024.
- ✓ First Sultan Azlan Shah Title for Japan
- ✓ The Japanese men's hockey team defeated Pakistan to claim its first Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy. In the final, the match ended at 2-2 after the end of the normal. In the penalty shoot-out, Japan defeated Pakistan by 4-1.
- ✓ The Pakistani team, also popularly called the Green Shirts, was appearing in the final of the Azlan Shah for the 10th time. It last played the final in 2011, which it lost to Australia. Pakistan has won the Sultan Azlan Shah trophy three times
- ✓ Six teams, Japan, Pakistan, Canada, South Korea, New Zealand, and the host team, Malaysia, participated in the 2024 event.
- ✓ India and Azlan Shah Trophy
- ✓ Sultan Azlan Shah is considered a prestigious Hockey tournament in Asia that has attracted the world's top men's national hockey teams.
- ✓ India has been a regular participant in the Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament.
- ✓ India has won the Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy 5 times in 1985, 1991, 1995, 2009, 2010.
- ✓ This time, the Indian team skipped the tournament as they were more focused on preparing for the 2024 Paris Olympics, which start on 26 July 2024
- ✓ Australia is the most successful team, having won it 10 times. India is the second most successful team, with 5 titles, and Pakistan has 3 titles

SPORTS IN NEWS 2024

- ➤ Japan defeated Pakistan to win the 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy.
- > Spanish football club Real Madrid has been crowned the La Liga 2023-24 season title after beating Cadiz 3-0.
- ➤ World no.1 women's tennis players Iga Swiatek and Andrey Rublev won the women's and men's singles titles at the 2024 Madrid Open, respectively
- Mumbai City FC defeat Mohun Bagan Super Giant to win the Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24
- China wins both Thomas and Uber Cup Badminton 2024 titles
- > Japan defeated Uzbekistan in the final to win the Men's AFC U-23 Asian Cup for the second time.
- ➤ Paris Saint-Germain football club was confirmed as the champion of the 2023-24 Ligue-1 Season
- ➤ National men's Squash champion Velavan Senthilkumar defeated Melvil Scianimanico of France to win the Batch Open Challenger Squash
- ➤ Yuvraj Singh becomes ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Ambassador

Q.2. Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy is related to which sport?

A) Cricket

B) Badminton

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C) Tennis

D) Hockey

Answer: D

- ✓ The Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy is organised by the Malaysia Hockey Confederation and invites six countries to play in it. It started as a biennial tournament in 1983 and, after its popularity, was converted into an annual event in 1999.
- ✓ The trophy is named after the former Sultan of the state of Perak Malaysia, Sultan Azlan Shah. Sultan Azlan Shah was a pioneer of Hockey in Asia. He was the president of the Asian Hockey Federation from 1990 till his death in 2014.
- ✓ The Trophy named after him is played annually at Ipoh the capital of Perak state of Malaysia

Q.3. Who is the first person in the world to climb Mount Everest 29 times?

A) Sangeetha Sindhi Bahi

B) Sherpa Tenzing Norgay

C) Pasang Dawa

D) Kami Rita

Answer: D

- ✓ Kami Rita of Nepal climbs Mount Everest for record 29th times.
- ✓ Kami Rita of Nepal has broken his own world record by climbing Mount Everest 29 times. This is the 29th time in the last 30 years that he has climbed the world's highest mountain.
- ✓ According to the Mingma Sherpa of the Seven Summits Treks, Kami Rita reached the peak on 12 May 2004.
- ✓ Mount Everest is the world's highest peak, with a height of 8,848.86 metres or 29,031.69 feet.
- ✓ <u>Legendary Mountaineer Kami Rita</u>
- ✓ Kami Rita is a citizen of Nepal and was born on 17, 1970. He is currently a senior mountain sherpa (guide) with Seven Summit Treks.
- ✓ Kami Rita started his mountaineering career in 1992 as a supporting crew member.
- ✓ Kami Rita first conquered the Everest peak in 1994 and has been climbing the mountain peak almost every year. In 2023, he climbed the mountain peak twice.
- ✓ He is popularly known as the Everest Man.
- ✓ Another Nepalese Mountaineer, Pasang Dawa, is Kami Rita's closest competitor, who has climbed Mount Everest 27 times.
- ✓ About Mount Everest
- ✓ Mount Everest is the world's highest mountain peak, situated in the Great Himalayas region of the Himalayas. It lies on the boundary of Nepal and Tibet.
- ✓ In Tibet, Mount Everest is known as Chomolungma which means "Goddess Mother of the World" or "Goddess of the Valley". It is known as Sagarmatha in Nepal.
- ✓ The present height of Mount Everest is estimated to be 8,848.86 metres or 29,031.69 feet
- ✓ Indian Climbers on Mount Everest
- ✓ On 29 May 1953, New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary became the first person in the world to climb Mount Everest. He was accompanied by Nepali-Indian Sherpa Tenzing Norgay.
- ✓ The Government of India established the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award in his memory in 1994.
- ✓ The first woman to climb Mount Everest was Junko Tabei of Japan. She climbed the peak on 16 May 1975.
- ✓ The first Indian woman to climb Mount Everest was Bachendri Pal on 23 May 1984.
- ✓ The first woman to climb Mount Everest twice Santosh Yadav in 1992 and 1993.

- ✓ The first amputee in the world to climb Mount Everest Arunima Sinha in 2013
- ✓ The youngest girl in the world to climb Mount Everest -Malvanath Poorna in 2014. She was 13 years and 11 months old.
- ✓ The oldest woman in the world to climb Mount Everest Sangeetha Sindhi Bahi, in 2018 at the age of 53 years.
- Q.4. In which prestigious athletic event did Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra finish in second place to commence his 2024 season?

A) Tokyo Olympics

B) Doha Diamond League

C) World Athletics Championships

D) Commonwealth Games

Answer: B

- ✓ Neeraj Chopra finishes second in Doha Diamond League
- ✓ Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic and world champion, started his 2024 season with a second-place finish at the Doha Diamond League 2024.
- ✓ The 26-year-old Chopra trailed Czech Republic veteran Vadlejch, who won the title with his third round throw of 88.38m all through the competition.
- ✓ Chopra made a last ditch effort but his final round throw fell 2cm short of Vadlejch's mark as the Indian superstar failed to defend the title he had won won last year . Two-time world champion Anderson Peters took the third sport with a best throw of 86.62m

NEERAJ CHOPRA IN NEWS 2023-24

- Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic and world champion, started his 2024 season with a second-place finish at the Doha Diamond League 2024.
- Neeraj Chopra has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland.
- ➤ Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was shortlisted for men's 'World Athlete of the Year' award.
- ➤ Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, won a gold medal in the Asian Games with a massive throw of 88.88m.
- ➤ Neeraj Chopra finishes second in Eugene Diamond League with a throw of 83.80m, failing to defend his title. Jakub Vadlejch becomes champion.

- ➤ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary with a throw of 88.17 meters.
- Neeraj Chopra, will lead the country's challenge at the World Athletics Championships from August 19 to 27, 2023 in Budapest.
- ➤ India observes 3rd 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 07, 2023.
- ➤ Neeraj Chopra wins second straight Diamond League title in Lausanne, Switzerland with 87.66m throw.
- ➤ Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra has secured victory with 88.67 m throw at Doha Diamond League 2023.
- ➤ Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw.
- Neeraj Chopra is on top with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- ➤ The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) accepted Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train in Kuortane, Finland.
- ➤ The men's javelin must weigh at least 800g and be 2.6m-2.7m long while the women's javelin must weigh 600g and be 2.2m-2.3m long.
- Neeraj Chopra presently holds the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army.
- Neeraj Chopra is from Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana
- Q.5. The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched a pilot project for the Namo Drone Didi project with which company?
 - A) Ashok Leyland

- B) Mahindra & Mahindra Limited
- C) Larsent & Toubro Limited
- D) Dabur India Limited

Answer: B

- ✓ Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with MSDE for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project
- ✓ To boost rural women's empowerment, the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. to conduct two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana at Noida And Hyderabad.
- ✓ The MoU was signed in New Delhi in the presence of Mahindra Group CEO and MD Dr Anish Shah and Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- ✓ The pilot projects to train women to operate drones for agricultural purposes will be held at the National Skill Training Institute in Noida and Hyderabad.

- ✓ <u>Drone Didi programme</u>
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Namo Drone Didi scheme under the Sashakt Nari-Viksit Bharat programme on 11 March 2024 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi.
- ✓ Under the Drone Didi scheme, the government aims to train and equip 15000 women-led Self Help Groups with agricultural drones to assist in tasks such as crop monitoring, spraying fertilisers and sowing seeds.
- Q.6. Which of the following is not an objective of the Vibrant Village Programme?
 - A) Enhancing the quality of life in border villages
 - B) Reversing the outmigration from border areas
 - C) Improving security of the border areas
 - D) Comprehensive development of villages along coastal states

Answer: D

- ✓ The Home Ministry recently sanctioned 113 roads under the Vibrant Village Programme in Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim to improve connectivity in areas along the border.
- ✓ About Vibrant Village Programme:
- ✓ It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented over the financial years 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- ✓ Objective:
- ✓ Comprehensive development of villages and blocks on the northern border, thus improving the quality of life of people living in identified border villages.
- ✓ This will help in encouraging people to stay in their native locations in border areas and reversing the outmigration from these villages, adding to improved security of the border
- ✓ The programme will provide funds for the development of essential infrastructure and the creation of livelihood opportunities in 2967 villages in 19 Districts and 46 Border blocks of 4 States and 1 UT along the northern land border of the country: Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and the UT of Ladakh.
- ✓ The programme envisages focused areas of intervention in the select villages for the creation of opportunities for livelihood generation through promotion of tourism and cultural heritage, skill development and entrepreneurship, and development of cooperative societies, including agriculture/horticulture, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc.

- ✓ Vibrant Village Action Plans will be created by the district administration with the help of Gram Panchayats, and 100 % saturation of Central and state schemes will be ensured.
- ✓ There will be no overlap with the Border Area Development Programme.
- Q.7. With reference to Credit Information Companies (CICs), consider the following statements:
 - 1. They are licensed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
 - 2. Both banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) can refer to the CIC report to assess the creditworthiness of borrowers.
 - 3. Every Credit Institution (like banks) should be a member of at least one CIC.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Answer: C

- ✓ The Supreme Court recently issued notice in a plea alleging right to privacy violations by four foreign credit information companies operating in India.
- ✓ About Credit Information Companies (CICs):
- ✓ CICs collect public data, credit transactions, and payment histories of individuals and companies regarding loans and credit cards, among others.
- ✓ Their primary function is to gather data from various sources, such as banks, financial institutions, lenders, and other credit-granting entities, and based on the collected data, CICs form a credit report and generate a score.
- ✓ Banks and non-banking financial institutions refer to the CIC's report and score to decide borrowers' creditworthiness before granting a loan or issuing a credit card.
- ✓ The credit score ranges from 350 to 850, and anything above 750 is considered a good score.
- ✓ CICs in India are licensed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and governed by the Credit Information Companies Regulation Act, 2005 (CICRA) and various other rules and regulations issued by the RBI.
- ✓ As per Section 15 of the CICRA, every Credit Institution (like banks) should be a member of at least one CIC.
- ✓ As per the RBI's notification, each customer/individual should be provided with one base-level Credit line Information Report (CIR) free of cost per year by a Credit Information Company (CIC).

- ✓ The CIC's have their own procedure through which individuals can apply for a credit report at a specified fee
- ✓ At present, there are four well known CICs in India. These companies are Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited (CIBIL), Equifax Credit Information Services Private Limited, Experian Credit Information Company of India Private Limited, and CRIF High Mark Credit Information Services Private Limited.
- Q.8. Rat-Hole Mining is a method of manual drilling most common in which one of the following States in India?

A) Odisha

B) Meghalaya

C) Jharkhand

D) Bihar

Answer: B

- ✓ A one-member panel appointed by the High Court of Meghalaya to handle coal-related issues has flagged the lack of progress in restoring the environment damaged by rat-hole coal mining in the State.
- ✓ About Rat-Hole Mining:
- ✓ It is a method of manual drilling most common in Meghalaya, especially in the West Jaintia Hills, East Jaintia Hills, and West Khasi Hills.
- ✓ The term "rat hole" refers to the narrow pits dug into the ground, typically just large enough for one person to descend and extract coal.
- ✓ The coal is manually extracted using primitive tools such as pickaxes, shovels, and baskets.
- ✓ Rat-hole mining is broadly classified into two categories: Side-cutting procedure and box-cutting.
- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) banned rat-hole mining in 2014 for being unscientific, although the practice remains widespread
- Q.9. Consider the following statements with reference to the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement:
 - 1. It was signed at the 7th ASEAN Economic Ministers-India Consultations in Bangkok in 2009.
 - 2. It only applies to trade in physical goods and does not apply to trade in services.

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 4th Joint Committee meeting for the review of AITIGA (ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement) was held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 7-9 May 2024.
- ✓ It is a trade deal between the ten member states of ASEAN and India.
- ✓ It was signed at the 7th ASEAN Economic Ministers-India Consultations in Bangkok, Thailand in 2009.
- ✓ The agreement, which came into effect in 2010, is sometimes referred to as the ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement.
- ✓ The Agreement covers trade in physical goods and products; it does not apply to trade in services.
- ✓ ASEAN and India signed a separate ASEAN-India Trade in Services Agreement in 2014.
- ✓ What is 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.10. Consider the following statements with reference to Indian Ocean Basin-Wide (IOBW) index:
 - 1. It indicates the average sea-surface temperature variations across the tropical Indian Ocean.
 - 2. It has a stronger association with the Northern Hemisphere than the Southern Hemisphere of Earth.

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

- ✓ According to the study Indian Ocean basin-wide (IOBW) index exhibits a close association with dengue outbreaks in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres.
- ✓ It represents the average sea-surface temperature variations across the tropical Indian Ocean.

- ✓ It has emerged as a key indicator for predicting the magnitude and timing of dengue epidemics in each country.
- ✓ IOBW index's association with the Southern Hemisphere is stronger than that with the Northern Hemisphere.
- ✓ The index has a more pronounced impact on temperatures in tropical regions. Brazil, for example, bears a higher burden of dengue in the Southern Hemisphere.
- ✓ The Northern Hemisphere witnesses a peak dengue epidemic period between July and October and the Southern Hemisphere in February and April, both in the summers.
- Q.11. Which of the following fintech platforms has launched its 'Digital Credit' as a service for banks in India?

A) PhonePe

B) GooglePay

C) Zeta

D) Instamojo

Answer: C

- ✓ Fintech platform Zeta has launched its 'Digital Credit' as a service for bank in India.
- ✓ Zeta's offering is underpinned by the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) credit line on UPI scheme which harnesses the power of the UPI network to turbo-charge credit issuance in India.
- ✓ Zeta estimates that the transaction volume on this scheme will exceed \$1 trillion by 2030 and aims to capture 50% of this market opportunity with its end-to-end solution that can help banks conceive and rapidly launch multi-form credit products
- Q.12. RBI has appointed R Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director (ED). As executive director, Rao will handle which of the following department?

A) DICGC

B) ReBIT

C) IFTAS

D) BRBNMPL

Answer: A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Lakshmi Kanth Rao as executive director (ED).
- ✓ As executive director, Rao will handle the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), the Right to Information Act (FAA), and the Department of Communication.
- ✓ Rao was previously serving as chief general manager in charge in the Department of Regulation.

- ✓ He also served as a banking ombudsman at RBI Chennai and as regional director of Uttar Pradesh in Lucknow.
- Q.13. Omnichannel forex services company Thomas Cook India launched a new digital service for International Money Transfers. What is the name of this digital service?

A) BCPay

B) TCPay

C) UPay

D) CPay

Answer: B

- ✓ Omnichannel forex services company Thomas Cook India has launched TCPay, a new digital service that brings ease and efficiency to international money transfers.
- ✓ Traditionally, sending money abroad was considered an arduous process, that involved visits to branches, cumbersome paperwork and limited operating hours.
- ✓ Recognising the challenges, Thomas Cook has introduced TCPay that offers multiple benefits to transform the way individuals transfer funds.
- ✓ The simple digital platform coupled with Thomas Cook's recently launched Video KYC process, empowers customers with paperless transfers from the comfort and convenience of their home.
- Q.14. Who among the following individuals will be honored with an honorary doctorate by McGill University as part of the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies?
 - A) Dr. Anthony Fauci
 - B) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
 - archit Exam C) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - D) Dr. Deborah Birx

Answer: B

- ✓ Dr Soumya Swaminathan to be awarded honourary doctorate by Canada's McGill University
- ✓ Dr Soumya Swaminathan, most recently WHO's Chief Scientist, has been named among the 10 exceptional individuals who will receive honorary degrees from Canada's prestigious McGill University as part of the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.
- ✓ In 2017, Swaminathan joined the World Health Organisation (WHO) as Deputy Director General (Programmes), and, in March 2019, was named its first Chief Scientist, a role she filled through the Covid-19 pandemic until late 2022.

AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023-24

- > Chhattisgarh's environmental activist and convenor of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan Alok Shukla has been selected for the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize
- 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
- ➤ Tata Group Chairman Ratan Tata was honoured with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2021.
- > Amitabh Bachchan will receive Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar award
- ➤ Kannada poet, Mamta Ji Sagar was honored with the World Literary Prize for her contribution to literature by the World Organization of Writers (WOW)
- ➤ India's premier national space agency, the 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.
- > SJVN Limited was awarded the 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award 2024 for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Contribution
- ➤ Renowned economist Utsa Patnaik receives the 2023 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award, an honor granted annually by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.
- Nishant, a young poet and critic, is awarded the 29th Devi Shankar Awasthi Award in 2023 for his book 'Kavita Pathak Aalochna'.
- Narendra Modi receives Bhutan's Order of the Druk Gyalpo Award.
- Amitav Ghosh has been awarded the 'Erasmus Prize' 2024 for highlighting the climate change crisis
- ➤ Bharti Enterprises founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal has become the first Indian to be awarded an honorary knighthood by Britain's King Charles III
- > Shashi Tharoor, a prolific author and a diplomat-turned-politician, was conferred France's highest civilian honour 'Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur'.
- ➤ PV Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and MS Swaminathan are set to receive India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.
- ➤ Karpoori Thakur, a renowned socialist leader and former Chief Minister of Bihar, is set to be posthumously conferred with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award.

- Another recipient of the Bharat Ratna Award for the year 2024 is Lal Krishna Advani.
- > Dr. Bina Modi, the esteemed Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, has been honored with the prestigious 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year' Award.
- > REC Secures Best Green Bond Corporate Award At The Asset Triple A Awards 2024.
- > PT Usha Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by SJFI and DSJA
- Priest Ishwari Prasad Namboodiri Honored with the Shankar Smriti Award
- ➤ The 69th edition of the Filmfare Awards 2024 took place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ➤ Best Film 12th Fail
- ➤ Best Director Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)
- ➤ Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) Ranbir Kapoor (Animal)
- > Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) Alia Bhatt (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)
- Australia skipper Pat Cummins was announced as the winner of the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023.
- > Veteran Indian batter Virat Kohli was crowned the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023.
- > Skyways Air Services wins Best Cargo Services Award at Wings India Awards.
- ➤ REC Limited Wins ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY 2022-23.
- > US Air Force Officer Madison Marsh Becomes First Active-Duty Winner Of Miss America 2024
- Savita Kanswal Posthumously Honored With Tenzing Norgay Award
- ➤ Singapore's Changi Airport Earns The Title Of World's Best Airport For 2023
- ➤ Hero MotoCorp's facility wins CII National Award for water management
- Prof B R Kamboj Honoured With M S Swaminathan Award
- > Poet Sukrita Paul Kumar Wins Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for 'Salt & Pepper'
- > Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport Terminal 2 Recognized Among UNESCO's 'Most Beautiful Airports'
- ➤ IREDA's Pradip Kumar Das Wins 'CMD Of The Year' For The Second Straight Year.
- ➤ Poonam Khetrapal Singh Honored with Bhutan's National Order of Merit.
- > Indira Gandhi Peace Prize Awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad"
- Noted Hindi Writer Pushpa Bharati to Receive 33rd Vyas Samman for her 2016 memoir, "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein."
- Federal Bank Titled "Bank of the Year 2023" in India: The Banker

- ➤ Argentina's football icon, Lionel Messi, has been named Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023
- ➤ Abdullahi Mire, a Somali refugee, has been named the 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award
- ➤ Paul Lynch who is an Irish author won the 2023 Booker prize for his fifth novel 'Prophet Song'
- Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's 'Fire Bird' Wins 2023 JCB Prize for Literature
- Q.15. Which space-tech start-up recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to utilize co-working and testing facilities in Ahmedabad?

A) GalaxEye

B) AstroTech Solutions

C) Stellar Horizon

D) CosmoLaunch Technologies

Answer: A

- ✓ GalaxEye signs MoU with IN-SPACe for co-working and testing facilities
- ✓ Space-tech start-up GalaxEye has gained access to the co-working and testing facilities of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ The start-up signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IN-SPACe, an autonomous agency under the Department of Space, on May 01, 2024 to formalise the collaboration. The partnership facilitates the utilisation of ISRO's laboratories and testing facilities
- ✓ GalaxEye is planning to build multi-sensor earth observation (EO) satellites and is set to launch their first satellite, Drishti Mission, within a year from now. In 2023, GalaxEye developed a UAV SAR system for defence markets and completed over 200 successful flights with UAV SAR Payload.
- ✓ Further, GalaxEye has introduced the "Drishti Sensor", a sensor technology which helps with cloud cover and provides high quality images with detailed and timely data that is required for mission preparation, border patrols, and disaster management.
- Q.16. Who were named the Player of the Year for 2023 in men's and women's categories, respectively, at the sixth annual Hockey India awards?
 - A) Manpreet Singh and Rani Rampal
- B) Hardik Singh and Salima Tete
- C) Harmanpreet Singh and Savita Punia D) Akashdeep Singh and Vandana Katariya

Answer: B

- ✓ Hardik Singh and Salima Tete named the Player of the Year for 2023.
- ✓ Hardik Singh and Salima Tete were named the Player of the Year for 2023 among men and women respectively at the sixth annual Hockey India awards even as the federation announced the revival of Hockey India League (HIL) in January 2025.
- ✓ With a total prize pool of ₹7.56 crores, the awards saw teams and individuals felicitated for their achievements in the past year. Interestingly, even the 2016 Junior World Cup winning men's team was honoured at the event, eight years since the triumph.
- ✓ Hockey India Awards 2023 winners
- ✓ Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award: Ashok Kumar
- ✓ Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award: Ashok Kumar
- ✓ Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Men): Hardik Singh
- ✓ Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Women): Salima Tete
- ✓ Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year: PR Sreejesh
- ✓ Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year: Harmanpreet Singh
- ✓ Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year: Hardik Singh
- ✓ Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year: Abhishek
- ✓ Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women Under 21): Deepika Soreng
- ✓ Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men Under 21): Araijeet Singh Hundal
- Q.17. What significant approval did Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) recently receive from the IRDAI?
 - A) Approval to launch a new insurance product
 - B) Approval to expand its insurance operations internationally
 - C) Approval to merge with a leading insurance company
 - D) Approval for the acquisition of Reliance Capital

Answer: D

✓ Hinduja Group gets IRDAI approval for Reliance Capital acquisition.

- ✓ Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) received the long-awaited Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) approval for the acquisition of Reliance Capital.
- ✓ The acquisition will include the takeover of Reliance Capital's insurance arms wholly-owned subsidiary Reliance General Insurance and 51:49 JV with Nippon Life, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.
- ✓ The insurance regulator has cleared the transfer of Reliance Capital's 26 per cent stake in Reliance Nippon Life to Aasia Enterprises. Post the transaction, Reliance Capital, Nippon Life Insurance and Aasia Enterprises LLP will be the promoters of the company.
- Q.18. Colin Munro, who recently retired from international cricket after representing his national team in 123 matches, played for which country?

A) Australia

B) England

C) South Africa

D) New Zealand

Answer: D

- ✓ New Zealander Colin Munro retires from international Cricket
- ✓ Veteran New Zealand cricket player Colin Munro has announced his retirement from international cricket, ending his 123-match career with the Black Caps. The New Zealand cricket team is also called the Black Caps.
- ✓ Munro announced his retirement after he was not chosen in the New Zealand squad for the 9th ICC Men's T 20 World Cup, which will be held in the West Indies and the United States of America from June 1 to 29, 2024.
- Q.19. Which innovative initiative was unveiled by Zomato co-founder Deepinder Goyal to offer localized, real-time weather information in India?

A) Weather Nexus

B) Weather Union

C) WeatherConnect

D) WeatherSphere

Answer: B

- ✓ Zomato unveils 'India's first' crowd-supported weather infrastructure
- ✓ Zomato co-founder Deepinder Goyal unveiled India's first crowd-supported weather infrastructure 'Weather Union' to provide localised, real-time information on key weather parameters.
- ✓ He also informed that the online food-delivery giant is opening up access to the data of this weather infrastructure to everyone for the public good as a part of 'Zomato Giveback'.

- These weather stations, developed by Zomato, provide localised, real-time information on key weather parameters such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, rainfall etc.
- Q.20. Which prestigious awards did OTTplay win in 2024, solidifying its standing in the digital media industry?
 - A) Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity
 - B) INMA Global Media Awards
 - C) Webby Awards
 - D) Golden Globe Awards

Answer: B

- ✓ OTTplay shines on the global stage, wins big at INMA Global Media Awards 2024
- ✓ HT Labs-backed OTTplay has scored big at the esteemed INMA Global Media Awards 2024, reaffirming its position in the digital media landscape. 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.
- ✓ OTTplay's pioneering effort in product iteration was duly recognised as it managed to beat Germany's WeltN24 ("Revitalizing the Welt Community") and Chile's La Tercera ("The Match Project") for the top spot.
- Q.21. India signed an MoU with which country for the conservation of sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea? Aparch
 - A) Oman
 - B) Kuwait
 - C) Qatar
 - D) Saudi Arabia

Answer: A

- ✓ India and Oman to jointly undertake research on sharks and rays in Arabian Sea
- ✓ A joint initiative between India and Oman to boost research and conservation of sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea will be launched at an upcoming workshop at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

Q.22. India signed an agreement with which country for Visa Waiver on Diplomatic and Official Passports?

A) Moldova

B) Maldives

C) Mauritius

D) Singapore

Answer: A

- ✓ India, and Moldova sign agreement for Visa Waiver on Diplomatic Passports
- ✓ India and Moldova signed an agreement allowing holders of diplomatic and official passports from either country to travel to the other without requiring a visa.
- ✓ This Agreement will add further momentum to the friendly and cordial relations between the two countries.
- ✓ Diplomatic relations between India and Moldova were established on March 20, 1992.
- Q.23. India has contributed __ to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund, underscoring its unwavering commitment to support multilateral efforts in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism.

A) \$1,00,000

B) \$50,000

C) \$5,00,000

D) \$5000

Answer: C

- ✓ India contributes \$5,00,000 to U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund
- ✓ India has contributed \$500,000 to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund, underscoring its unwavering commitment to support multilateral efforts in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism.
- ✓ India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj handed over to Under Secretary General, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Vladimir Voronkov the country's voluntary financial contribution of half a million dollars towards the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF).
- ✓ UNITED NATIONS (UN)
- ✓ Founded: 24 October 1945
- ✓ Headquarteres: New York, US
- ✓ Official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- ✓ Membership : 193 member states & 2 observer states
- ✓ 1st Secretary General : Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)

- ✓ 7th Secretary General : Kofi Annan (Ghana)
- ✓ 8th Secretary General : Ban Ki-moon (South Korea)
- ✓ 9th Secretary-General : António Guterres (Portugal)
- ✓ Deputy Secretary-General : Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)
- ✓ United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year.
- Q.24. World Migratory Bird Day is observed every year on the second Saturday of May. This year was celebrated on 11 May. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2024?

A) Insects

B) Fishes

C) Dolphin

D) Animals

Answer: A

- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day is observed every year on second Saturday of May. This year was celebrated on 11 May.
- ✓ Objective To raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
- ✓ Theme 2024 Insects
- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day was first established in 1993 by visionaries from the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.
- ✓ The initial celebrations were organized by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation along with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2007, the responsibility for the day was transferred to the non-profit organization 'Environment for the Americas'.
- ✓ WMBD is celebrated annually on the second Saturday in May and October to accommodate the varying migration patterns in different regions.

Q.25. When is the International Nurses Day celebrated?

A) May 10

B) May 11

C) May 12

D) May 09

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Nurses Day is celebrated on May 12, every year to mark the contributions and hard work of nursing staff around the world.
- ✓ The theme for International Nurses Day 2024 is Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care

- ✓ The day was created by the International Council of Nurses, and is celebrated globally since January 1974.
- ✓ This day also marks the birth anniversary of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who was born on May 12, 1820.
- Q.26. The International Nurses Day marks the birth anniversary of which social reformer?

A) Clara Barton

B) Florence Nightingale

C) Marie Curie

D) Mother Teresa

Answer: B

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Q.1. What is the other name for "Rupee denominated bonds overseas"?

A) IPO Bond

B) Overseas Bond

C) Indian Rated Bond

D) Masala Bond

Answer: D

Q.2. Which of the following bank cannot issue Kisan Credit Card?

A) Regional Rural Bank

B) Small Finance Bank

C) Cooperative Bank

D) Payments Bank

Answer: D

Q.3. Which of the following bank is also known as BRICS Bank?

A) New Development Bank

B) ADB

C) AIIB

D) IMF

Answer: A

- Q.4. Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), what is the maximum amount (total) that can be remitted in a Financial Year?
 - A) USD 2,50,000
 - B) USD 25,000
 - C) USD 1,25,000
 - D) USD 1,00,000

Answer: A

Q.5. Which of the following is the authorized Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) in In	Q.5.	Which of the following	s the authorized	Central KYC Records	Registry (CKYCR) in India
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A) CARE

B) CERSAI

C) CIBIL

D) UIDAI

Answer: B

Q.6. A bank which is incorporated in a country where it has no physical presence and is unaffiliated to any regulated financial group is known as?

A) common bank

B) incorporated bank

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C) small bank

D) shell bank

Answer: D

- ✓ "Shell bank" means a bank which is incorporated in a country where it has no physical presence and
 is unaffiliated to any regulated financial group.
- Q.7. ___ refers to replacement of actual card details with an alternate code called the "token".
 - A) Reorganisation
 - B) Altering
 - C) Tokenisation
 - D) Codenisation

Answer: C

- Q.8. What is the tenor range of dated Government securities?
 - A) 5 years to 40 years
 - B) 5 years to 30 years
 - C) 5 years to 20 years
 - D) 10 years to 30 years

Answer: A

Q.9. What is the minimum net owned fund required by non-banking financial institution to register with RBI?

A) Rs. 100 lakh

B) Rs. 300 lakh

C) Rs. 200 lakh

D) Rs. 500 lakh

Answer: C



Q.10. Bank credit to registered NBFCs for on-lending to micro and small enterprises up to ___ per borrower are eligible for classification as priority sector lending

A) Rs. 20 lakh

B) Rs. 10 lakh

C) Rs. 50 lakh

D) Rs. 25 lakh

Answer: A





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