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## Aparchit 18 May English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

By **Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir**

**Q.1.** United Arab Emirates has recently launched a new visa program offering long-term residency to individuals who significantly contribute to environmental protection and sustainability efforts. What is the name of this Visa?

- A) Green Visa                                      B) Green Residency Visa  
C) Golden Visa                                      D) Blue Residency Visa

**Answer : D**

- ✓ United Arab Emirates has launched a 10-year Blue Residency visa for individuals who have made 'exceptional efforts and contributions to protecting the environment, whether marine or land'.
- ✓ The 10-year Blue Residency Visa aims to attract and retain global leaders in environmental research, activism, and technological solutions.
- ✓ This visa category extends beyond the UAE's borders, welcoming those who champion sustainability initiatives worldwide.
- ✓ This initiative strengthens the UAE's position as a global leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship.

### UAE IN NEWS 2023-24

- Indian Prime Minister will attend the World Government Summit 2024 as a guest of honour in UAE.
- World Government Summit (WGS) 2024: Theme: "Shaping Future Governments".
- The joint military exercise 'Desert Cyclone' of India and United Arab Emirates is being organized in Mahajan, Rajasthan
- India, UAE ink MoU to strengthen educational cooperation for students, faculty.
- India, UAE sign MoU on linking of India's Unified Payments Interface with Instant Payment Platform of UAE.
- UAE becomes first Arab country to get observer status on Asia-Pacific money laundering.
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) has emerged as the fourth largest investor in India during 2022-23.
- Dubai Emerges as India's Top Choice for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- UAE to Host World's Largest IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025.

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- Etihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, has been named the Environmental Airline of the Year 2023 for the second year in a row at the Airline Rating Awards.
- UAE India's second largest export destination and third largest source of imports.
- The first conference of I2U2 Business Forum, a joint initiative of India, Israel, the US and the United Arab Emirates, was held on 22 February 2023 in Abu Dhabi (UAE).
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 13th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial meeting in February 2024.
- UAE will host the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in November 2023.
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed an agreement to set up its first overseas office in Abu Dhabi Global Market.
- UAE and India launched the UAE India Business Council - UAE Chapter (UIBCUC) to strengthen economic ties and enhance bilateral trade and investment.
- EDGE, UAE's leading defence group signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India's aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).
- India, France, UAE Establish Trilateral Cooperation Initiative, in fields including Energy, Defence & Economy.
- India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in Indonesia, Mauritius, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- RBI, Central Bank of UAE sign MoU to promote innovation in financial products and services.
- Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan appointed President of UAE.
- Emaar, a Dubai-based real estate developer, has become the first foreign company to invest in a mega-mall spread over one million square feet in Srinagar.
- Indian Air Force contingent of 110 Air Warriors reached Al Dahfra airbase of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 25 February for participating in Exercise 'Desert Flag VIII.
- President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, has appointed Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, his brother, as the Vice President of the country.
- The 'Study in India Pavilion' at the Global Education & Training Exhibition (GETEX) in Dubai, UAE.



- HDFC Bank and UAE-based financial services company Lulu Exchange, have partnered to strengthen cross-border payments between India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.
- About UAE
- Official Language : Arabic
- Capital : Abu Dhabi
- Currency : Emirati Dirham
- President of UAE : Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
- Prime Minister: Sheikh Mohammed ibn Rashid Al Maktoum

**Q.2. With reference to National Savings Certificate (NSC), consider the following statements:**

- 1. It aims at encouraging users, who are primarily low- to mid-income investors, to invest as well as save taxes.**
- 2. NSC certificates are accepted as collateral or security for secured loans in banks and NBFCs.**
- 3. Non-resident Indians (NRIs) are not eligible to invest in NSC.**

**How many of the above given statements are correct?**

- A) Only one**                                      **B) Only two**  
**C) All three**                                     **D) None**

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The Prime Minister recently declared Rs 9.12 lakh investment in the National Savings Certificate (NSC) scheme in his nomination filing.
- ✓ About National Savings Certificate (NSC):
- ✓ It is a fixed-income investment scheme launched by the government of India.
- ✓ It aims at encouraging users, who are primarily low- to mid-income investors, to invest as well as save taxes.
- ✓ You can invest in NSC from the nearest post office in your name, for a minor or with another adult as a joint account.
- ✓ Features:
- ✓ Interest Rates: The certificates earn an annual fixed interest, which is revised every quarter by the government, thus guaranteeing a regular income for the investor.



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- ✓ Maturity Period: Five years.
- ✓ The amount of NSCs that can be purchased has no upper limit.
- ✓ Tax Saver: As a government-backed tax-saving scheme, the principal invested in NSC qualifies for tax savings under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act up to Rs. 1.5 lakhs annually.
- ✓ Accessible: It can be easily bought from any post office on submission of the required KYC documents. Also, it is easy to transfer the certificate from one PO to another, as well as from one person to another, without impacting the interest accrual/maturity of the original certificate.
- ✓ Loan Collaterals: NSC certificates are accepted as collateral or security for secured loans in Banks and NBFCs.
- ✓ Nomination: The investor can nominate any family member (even a minor) so that they can inherit it in the unfortunate event of the investor's demise.
- ✓ Premature Withdrawal: Generally, one cannot exit the scheme early except on the death of an investor, on a court order, or on forfeiture by a pledgee who is a Gazetted Government Officer for it.
- ✓ Eligibility Criteria for NSC:
  - ✓ Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), Trusts, and Private and public limited companies are not eligible to invest in NSC.
  - ✓ The individual must be a resident Indian citizen. Non-resident Indians (NRIs) are not eligible to invest in NSC.
  - ✓ There is no age limit for individuals to purchase an NSC.

**Q.3. Consider the following statements with reference to the Bond Buyback:**

**1. It is a process in which central and state governments buy back their existing securities from holders by redeeming them prematurely.**

**2. It is aimed to decrease the liquidity in the market.**

**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 Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has responded to tight liquidity conditions in the banking system by announcing a significant reduction in the government's treasury bill sales and introducing a new selection of bonds for the Centre's buyback operations.



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- ✓ Bond Buyback is a process whereby the central government and state governments buy back their existing securities, by redeeming them prematurely, from the holders.
- ✓ Bond buybacks is a liability management tools widely used in government securities markets to manage refinancing and liquidity risks.
- ✓ It enables issuers to retire an outstanding debt before its maturity date against a cash payment.
- ✓ The objectives of buyback can be
  - ✓ Reduction of cost (by buying back high coupon securities),
  - ✓ Reduction in the number of outstanding securities and improving liquidity in the G-Secs market (by buying back illiquid securities) and
  - ✓ Infusion of liquidity in the system.
- ✓ What is a Bond?
- ✓ It is a debt instrument in which an investor loans money to an entity (typically corporate or government) which borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a variable or fixed interest rate.
- ✓ Bonds are used by companies, municipalities, states and sovereign governments to raise money to finance a variety of projects and activities. Owners of bonds are debt holders, or creditors, of the issuer.

**Q.4. Consider the following statements with reference to the Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI) platform:**

- 1. It is launched to monitor the safety of medical devices.**
- 2. The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission functions as National Coordination Centre.**

**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, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) directed all medical device licence holders and manufacturers to report any adverse events related to life-saving medical equipment on the government's Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI) platform.
- ✓ It was launched on July 6, 2015 to monitor the safety of medical devices in the country.
- ✓ It aims to collect data on medical device related adverse events systematically and scientifically analyze them to aid in regulatory decisions and recommendations on safe use of medical devices.



- ✓ Objective: To improve Indian patient safety by monitoring, recording and analysing the root cause of adverse events or risks associated with the use of medical devices including in-vitro diagnostics by healthcare professionals or patients/users and suggesting regulatory bodies for appropriate action with the sole intention of improving patient safety.
- ✓ It is an important program for reporting of adverse events, coordinated analysis etc related to the medical devices including in-vitro diagnostic devices.
- ✓ The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) functions as National Coordination Centre (NCC) since 2018.
- ✓ It is regulated by the Central Drugs Standards Control Organization (CDSCO).
- ✓ Currently, all medical devices in India are regulated by the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Medical Device Rule, 2017.
- ✓ At present, India is 80% dependent on imports for medical devices.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare

**Q.5. How much financing has the International Finance Corporation (IFC) provided to HDFC Bank for extending microloans to underserved women in rural and semi-urban India?**

- A) \$100 million
- B) \$250 million
- C) \$500 million
- D) \$750 million

**Answer : C**

- ✓ International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided \$500 million loan to HDFC Bank for extending microloans to “underserved women” in rural and semi-urban India.
- ✓ HDFC Bank said it would use IFC’s financing for on-lending as microloans to self-help groups (SHGs) and joint liability groups (JLGs) enrolled in the Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (SLI).
- ✓ IFC’s loan will further enable the Bank to grow its microcredit and microlending to women, especially allowing SHG and JLG borrowers to graduate to individual lending schemes

#### **HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2023-24**

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- HDFC Bank launches Pixel Play, India's First Virtual Credit Card with Cashback.
- HDFC Bank, Atal Innovation Mission empower social sector startups with Rs 19.6 crore grants.
- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (MUFG) will to acquire a 20 per cent stake in HDB Financial Services, a non-banking subsidiary of HDFC Bank, at a valuation of \$9-10 billion.
- HDFC becomes first private bank to open branch in Lakshadweep.
- HDFC Bank proposes to sell 100% stake in its subsidiary HDFC Education.
- HDFC Bank has appointed Sumant Rampal as Group Head of Mortgage Business, in the place of Arvind Kapil.
- HDFC Bank Raises \$300 Million via Bond Issue to Fund Green Loans.
- HDFC Bank to acquire up to 9.5% stake in ICICI Bank.
- LIC gets RBI nod for 9.99% stake buy in HDFC Bank.
- HDFC Bank first lender to issue 20 million credit cards.
- HDFC Bank approves re-appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as chairman for 3 years.
- HDFC Bank has recently raised Rs 7,425 crore through infrastructure bond issue.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as HDFC Bank MD & CEO for a period of three years.
- HDFC Bank Launches India's First Co-Branded Hotel Credit Card named 'Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card' in partnership with Marriott International.
- HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is highest paid bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55 crore pay.
- HDFC Bank overtakes SBI in CRISIL's corporate banking ranking for 2023.
- Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- **HDFC BANK**
- Founded : 1994
- Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We understand your world



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**Q.6. Which sports organization did Puma India officially sign up as the official kit sponsor?**

- A) Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- B) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- C) Athletics Federation of India (AFI)
- D) All India Football Federation (AIFF)

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Puma India signs up as official kit partner for Athletics Federation of India , will equip over 400 Indian athletes
- ✓ In a strategic move, Puma India has signed up as the official kit sponsor of sports body, Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- ✓ Under this multi-year deal, the sports brand will exclusively supply performance kits, speed suits and travel gear to all athletes under AFI and who represent India in track & field, jumps, throws, cross country running and marathons at both domestic and international tournaments.

**Q.7. Which company has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India to become its official kit sponsor?**

- A) PUMA India
- B) Adidas
- C) Reebok
- D) Red Tape

**Answer : A**

- ✓ PUMA India has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India to become its official kit sponsor.
- ✓ Puma signed a multi-year deal to exclusively supply performance kits, speed suits and travel gear to every athlete under AFI representing India in track & field, jumps, throws, cross country running and marathons at both domestic and international tournaments.
- ✓ With the partnership, several international stars such as Neeraj Chopra (javelin throw), Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin throw), Parul Chaudhary (steeplechase), Subha Venkatesan (4x 400 m relay), Murali Sreeshankar (long jump), Jyothi Yarraji (hurdle), Priyanka Goswami (race walk) and Jeswin Aldrin (long jump) will benefit from PUMA's gear across sporting events.



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- ✓ Kitting under this partnership does not include Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

## SPONSOR IN NEWS 2024

- Puma signs deal with Athletics Federation of India for official kit sponsor
- 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.8. RoseTTAFold, recently seen in the news, is a:**

- A) dwarf planet                      B) new variant of SARS-CoV-2  
C) newly discovered asteroid                      D) AI-based prediction tool used for drug development

**Answer : D**

- ✓ AI-based prediction tool RoseTTAFold has provided a major scientific breakthrough in the last four years in the area of computational drug development.
- ✓ It is developed by researchers at the University Of Washington, U.S.
- ✓ It uses generative diffusion-based architectures (one kind of AI model) to predict structural complexes.
- ✓ The tools' neural networks use massive amounts of input data to produce the desired output — the three-dimensional structures of proteins.





- ✓ It uses deep learning to quickly and accurately predict protein structures based on limited information. Without the aid of such software, it can take years of laboratory work to determine the structure of just one protein

**Q.9. Who handed over the first set of citizenship certificates under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, in New Delhi?**

- A) Narendra Modi                      B) Ajay Kumar Bhalla  
C) S. Jaishankar                      D) Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Centre Issues First Set Of Citizenship Certificates Under CAA.
- ✓ Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla handed over certificates under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 to the first 14 people in New Delhi. Digitally signed certificates are also being issued to other applicants through email.
- ✓ The process involves granting Indian nationality to undocumented non-Muslims migrants, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh
- ✓ The CAA was enacted in December 2019 but the rules under which the citizenship was granted were issued only on March 11 this year, marking nearly four years of delay

**Q.10. Which UK-based institution has AIIMS New Delhi partnered with to enhance medical research, innovation, and education?**

- A) University of Oxford  
B) University of Cambridge  
C) University of Bolton Institute of Medicine  
D) Imperial College London

**Answer : C**

- ✓ AIIMS New Delhi Signed MoU With University Of Bolton Institute Of Medicine
- ✓ AIIMS New Delhi has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UK based University of Bolton Institute of Medicine to collaborate in the field of medical research, innovation and education.
- ✓ This strategic collaboration brings together two esteemed institutions renowned for their commitment to excellence in medical training, research, and patient care.



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- ✓ These partnerships will encompass various initiatives such as staff/student exchanges, educational conferences and collaborative degree programmes, aiming to enrich the medical education landscape in both countries.

**Q.11. How long has the Indian government extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)?**

- A) Two years**
- B) Three years**
- C) Four years**
- D) Five years**

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Centre Extends Ban Imposed On LTTE For Five More Years.
- ✓ The Centre has extended the ban on Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for further five years.
- ✓ The central government has taken the decision in view of the activities of the LTTE that continues to pose a threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, particularly in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The union home ministry imposed the ban invoking the sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In a notification, the home ministry said the central government is of the opinion that the LTTE is still indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country.

**Q.12. Who recently became the first Indian woman to break into the top 25 of the world Women's singles rankings in table tennis?**

- A) Pooja Sahasrabudhe**
- B) Mouma Das**
- C) Manika Batra**
- D) Madhurika Patkar**

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Table Tennis, Manika Batra Becomes First Indian Woman To Break Into Top 25 Of World Women's Singles Rankings
- ✓ India's ace women's table tennis player Manika Batra became the first Indian woman paddler to break into the top 25 of the world Women's singles rankings. She rose to her career-best ranking of 24, following her success in the Saudi Smash, last week.
- ✓ She also equalled G. Sathyan's five year old record for the highest rank achieved by an Indian in singles table tennis. G Sathyan, Manika's longtime mixed doubles partner, achieved world No. 24 in men's singles in 2019.



- ✓ The 28-year-old Khel Ratna awardee, who was in 39th spot before the tournament, jumped 15 spots following her run in Jeddah, where she reached the quarterfinals.

**Q.13. Who recently assumed the role of Director General of Akashvani?**

- A) Ramesh Kumar                      B) Maushumi Chakravarty  
C) Sunil Sharma                        D) Priya Singh

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Senior Indian Information Service officer, Maushumi Chakravarty assumed the charge as Director General of Akashvani.
- ✓ A 1991 batch IIS officer, Ms Chakravarty has a vast experience of working in several media organisations of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, including Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication

**Q.14. What was the total value of India's exports in the financial year 2023-24?**

- A) USD 776.3 billion                      B) USD 800 billion  
C) USD 778 billion                        D) USD 755 billion

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India Registers Record Export At USD 778 Billion In 2023-24
- ✓ India registered record exports in the just concluded financial year 2023-24 at USD 778 billion, commerce ministry said. In the financial year 2022-23, the combined value of exported goods and services stood at USD 776.3 billion.
- ✓ In 2023-24, services exports increased from USD 325.3 billion to USD 341.1 billion, while merchandise exports marginally declined from USD 451.1 billion to USD 437.1 billion
- ✓ China, Russia, Iraq, UAE, and Singapore are among the countries where India's exports in the just-concluded financial year have risen substantially, though with a low base. The other countries in the Top 10 list are the UK, Australia, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, and South Africa.
- ✓ Meanwhile, there was a decline in overall imports from USD 898.0 billion in 2022-23 to USD 853.8 billion in 2023-24.



**Q.15. In which year did FIFA officially announce the scheduled dates for the inaugural Women's Club World Cup tournament?**

- A) 2026                                      B) 2028  
C) 2027                                      D) 2030

**Answer : A**

- ✓ FIFA Confirm First Ever Women's Club World Cup Will Kick Off In 2026
- ✓ FIFA has officially announced the scheduled dates for the inaugural Women's Club World Cup tournament, slated to take place in January and February of 2026. The tournament's first edition is expected to feature 16 teams.
- ✓ The Women's Club World Cup would likely allow top European teams from the UEFA Women's Champions League to face clubs from the United States' National Women's Soccer League, as well as sides from countries where the women's game is less developed.

**Q.16. Who has been approved as the Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

- A) Ravi Venkatesan                                      B) Pradeep Natarajan  
C) Deepak Parekh                                      D) Vishwavir Ahuja

**Answer : B**

- ✓ RBI approves appointment of Pradeep Natarajan as IDFC FIRST Bank's Whole Time Director.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Pradeep Natarajan as Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank for a period of three years.
- ✓ The bank further said it will take the necessary steps to complete the formalities for the appointment of Natarajan as Executive Director.

**Q.17. Which organization received the Geospatial World Forum (GWF) Leadership Award for "Public Policy: Enabling Industry Development" at the 2024 event in Rotterdam, Netherlands?**

- A) ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)  
B) IN-SPACE (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre)  
C) DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation)  
D) BARC (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre)



**Answer : B**

- ✓ IN-SPACe honoured with Geospatial World Forum Leadership Award.
- ✓ The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) has been honoured with the Geospatial World Forum (GWF) Leadership Award for “Public Policy: Enabling Industry Development” at the 2024 event in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- ✓ The award recognizes their groundbreaking efforts in advancing India’s space sector and supporting non-government entities.
- ✓ GWF Leadership Awards commend innovation and contributions to the global geospatial field since 2007

**Q.18. Which companies have collaborated to accelerate the adoption of generative AI (GenAI)?**

- A) Tech Mahindra and Google                      B) IBM and Infosys  
C) Tech Mahindra and IBM                         D) IBM and TCS

**Answer : C**

- ✓ Tech Mahindra, IBM collaborate to accelerate adoption of GenAI
- ✓ IT company Tech Mahindra said it has collaborated with IBM to assist businesses worldwide in responsibly accelerating the adoption of generative AI (GenAI).
- ✓ Under the partnership, Tech Mahindra’s amplifAI and IBM watsonx will integrate to bring new GenAI and governance capabilities to enterprises, according to a company statement.

**Q.19. Which country will host the 2027 Women’s World Cup, as declared at the FIFA Congress?**

- A) Brazil    B) Belgium  
C) Netherlands                                         D) Germany

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Brazil to host 2027 Women’s World Cup
- ✓ Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women’s World Cup at the FIFA Congress, beating the joint bid of Belgium, Netherlands and Germany to become the first South American country to hold the tournament.
- ✓ The Brazil bid received the backing of 119 member associations of the FIFA Congress to host the 10th edition of the competition, compared to 78 votes for the European bid.



- ✓ The race was whittled down to two last month after the United States and Mexico withdrew their joint bid to pursue the 2031 tournament instead

**Q.20. Which company has signed an initial pact with European bank Societe Generale for up to \$1 billion financing as debt and advisory solutions over the next three years?**

- A) Torrent Power                      B) NTPC Limited  
C) JSW Energy                         D) ReNew

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Energy firm ReNew has signed an initial pact with European bank Societe Generale for up to \$1 billion financing as debt and advisory solutions over the next three years.
- ✓ The MoU aims to support the financing and development of the company's various strategic energy transition projects both in India and globally.
- ✓ Both parties will leverage their respective expertise to strengthen the collaboration on utility-scale energy projects including solar, wind, complex renewables, green hydrogen, energy storage and solar modules manufacturing.

**Q.21. Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) has acquired how much per cent stake in Essar Transco Limited for an Enterprise Value of INR 1,900 crore after obtaining necessary clearances?**

- A) 40%                                      B) 60%  
C) 80%                                      D) 100%

**Answer : D**

- ✓ Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) has acquired 100 per cent stake in Essar Transco Limited for an Enterprise Value of INR 1,900 crore after obtaining necessary clearances.
- ✓ This share acquisition follows agreements signed in June 2022.
- ✓ The acquisition covers the fully operational 400 kV, 673 circuit kilometres inter-state transmission line linking Mahan in Madhya Pradesh to Sipat pooling substation in Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ The project, which operates under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission-regulated return framework, was commissioned in 2018.
- ✓ Adani Energy Solutions completed the acquisition through its wholly owned subsidiary Adani Transmission Step-Two Limited (ATSTL).



**Q.22. Name the operation launched Uttarakhand police for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand?**

- A) Operation Sadbhavana
- B) Operation Maryada
- C) Operation Shraddha
- D) Operation Darshan

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Police launched Operation 'Maryada' for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Under Operation Maryada, the police request pilgrims and tourists who consume drugs to maintain decorum in this area. Along with challan, the police is also registering a case against the rioters and drug users.
- ✓ Guptkashi DSP Harshvardhini Suman said, "Under Operation Maryada, we are taking strict action against those who are using any kind of intoxicants, it is not good for the temple and the Dham.

**Q.23. Homegrown logistics services platform Porter has become \_\_\_ unicorn in India of 2024.**

- A) second
- B) third
- C) fourth
- D) fifth

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Porter becomes India's 3rd Unicorn of 2024
- ✓ Homegrown logistics services platform Porter has become the third unicorn (with a valuation of \$1 billion and above) in India this year.
- ✓ Earlier this year, fintech firm Perfios and Ola's AI venture Krutrim had turned unicorns.
- ✓ As per Tracxn, there were 113 unicorns in India as of earlier this month.
- ✓ PeakXV-backed Porter's earlier valuation was \$514 million, after it raised \$101 million in a Series E round from investors such as Tiger Global, Vitruvian Partners, Lightrock India and more. Till date, it has raised \$150 million over nine rounds, according to Tracxn data.



**STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 18 May 2024**

**Q.1. The Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution system is known by which name?**

- A) E-Lakshmi
- B) E-Kuber
- C) E-Dhan
- D) E-Maal

**Answer : B**

**Q.2. The Cheque Transaction System is in use in India from which year?**

- A) 2010
- B) 1014
- C) 2020
- D) 2012

**Answer : A**

**Q.3. The Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) is released by which organisation?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Indian Banks' Association
- D) Banking Codes and Standards Board of India

**Answer : A**

**Q.4. Which among the following measures can lead to more foreign direct investment (FDI) in India?**

- A) production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme
- B) improved ease of doing business
- C) opening up of the insurance sector
- D) all of the above

**Answer : D**

**Q.5. What is the maximum amount of insurance cover provided by DICGC to the bank customers, upon the liquidation of the bank?**

- A) Rs 5 lakh
- B) Rs 1 lakh
- C) Rs 3 lakh
- D) Rs 2 lakh

**Answer : A**





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**Q.6. The Financial Stability Report is released by which organisation?**

- A) MoF  
B) IBA  
C) FICCI  
D) RBI

**Answer : D**

**Q.7. Which of the following organization is the nodal agency for the implementation of the 'Interest Subvention Scheme for MSMEs 2018' launched by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)?**

- A) RBI  
B) SIDBI  
C) SBI  
D) NPCI

**Answer : B**

**Q.8. Which of the following is the term used for storehouses where banknotes and rupee coins are stocked on behalf of the Reserve Bank for distribution to bank branches?**

- A) currency depot  
B) coin depot  
C) currency bank  
D) currency chest

**Answer : D**

**Q.9. What is the maximum value of transaction allowed in a CP transaction (except ATM transactions) using NFC contactless technology undertaken without AFA requirement?**

- A) Rs. 1,000 per transaction  
B) Rs. 2,000 per transaction  
C) Rs. 5,000 per transaction  
D) Rs. 10,000 per transaction

**Answer : B**

**Q.10. The rate at which the Reserve Bank is ready to buy or rediscount bills of exchange or other commercial papers is known as?**

- A) Repo Rate  
B) MSF  
C) Reverse Repo Rate  
D) Bank Rate

**Answer : D**



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