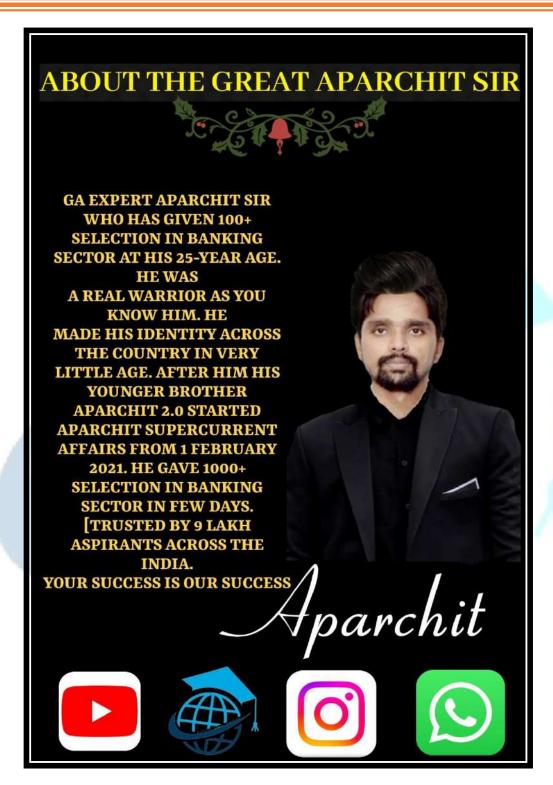


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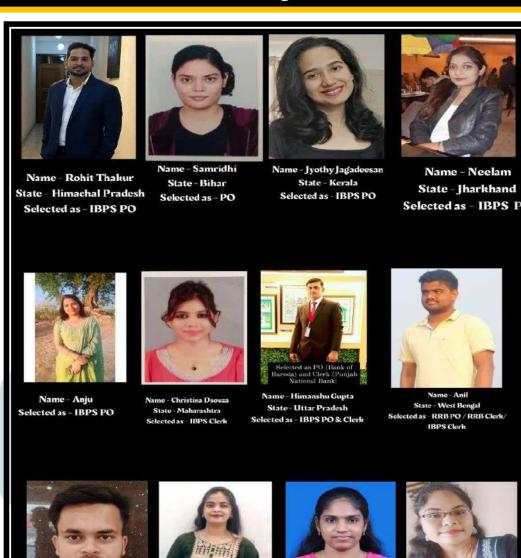




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Q.1. What is the rank of India in World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2024 of WEF?

A) 28

B) 36

C) 45

D) 34

Answer: B

- ✓ India jumps to 39 rank in WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024.
- ✓ India was ranked 36 out of 119 countries in the recently released Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024 by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ✓ The United States of America was ranked no.1, while India was the topmost-ranked country in South Asia.
- ✓ Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024
- ✓ The Travel and Tourism Development Index is a biennial report released by the World Economic Forum(WEF). The first Index was released in 2022.
- ✓ Earlier, the WEF used to publish the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI), biennially since 2007. The Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index was replaced by the Travel and Tourism Development Index.
- ✓ The Travel and Tourism Development Index benchmarks and measures the set of factors and policies that enable the sustainable and resilient development of the Travel and tourism sector, which plays a role in a country's development.
- ✓ The 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index was prepared in collaboration with the University of Surrey, England.
- ✓ This year, 119 countries have been ranked on the Index.
- ✓ The Travel and Tourism Development Index gives scores to a country based on 17 pillars and 102 individual indicators. The maximum score is 7, while the lowest score is 1.
- ✓ The top five ranked countries in the world according to the 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index are as follows:
 - 1. United States of America -score of 5.24
 - 2. Spain -score 5.18

- 3. Japan -score 5.09
- 4. France -score 5.07
- 5. Australia -score 5.00
- ✓ Bottom Ranked countries
 - 119. Mali score 2.78
 - 118. Sierra Leone -Score 2.9
- ✓ World Economic Forum
- ✓ The World Economic Forum is a non-profit international think tank that was set up by German Klaus Schwab of Germany in 1971 to promote Public-Private Cooperation.
- ✓ According to the WEF, it is a platform that brings together the government, non-government, business, academics, and other stakeholders and to find common solutions to global issues.
- ✓ Headquarters of WEF: Cologny, Switzerland
- ✓ Report Released by WEF
- ✓ As a research organisation, it releases several reports. Some of the important reports released by WEF are as follows:
- ✓ Global Gender Gap Report,
- ✓ Global Competitiveness Report,
- ✓ Energy Transition Index,
- ✓ Global Travel and Tourism Report,
- ✓ Global IT Report in collaboration with INSEAD and Cornell University.
- Q.2. Which country has topped the WEF's World Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2024?

A) Japan

B) Germany

C) France

D) United States

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Answer: D

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- Q.3. Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024 was recently released by which organization?
 - A) UNESCO

B) World Economic Forum

C) World Bank

D) UNDP

Answer: B

- Q.4. Consider the following statements with reference to the International Booker Prize:
 - 1. It is awarded annually for the finest single work of fiction from around the world translated into English and published in the United Kingdom.
 - 2. It is awarded only to the authors who belong to the United Kingdom.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

- ✓ Recently, Kairos' by Jenny Erpenbeck, translated by Michael Hofmann, has won the International Booker Prize 2024.
- ✓ It is awarded annually for the finest single work of fiction from around the world which has been translated into English and published in the UK and/or Ireland.
- ✓ This prize began life in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize.
- ✓ It was initially a biennial prize for a body of work, and there was no stipulation that the work should be written in a language other than English.
- ✓ This prize aims to encourage more reading of quality fiction from all over the world, and has already had an impact on those statistics in the UK.
- ✓ Eligibility: Eligible work of long-form fiction, written originally in English by an author of any nationality, and published in the UK and/or Ireland.
- ✓ Prize money
- ✓ The prize celebrates the vital work of translators, with the £50,000 prize money divided equally between the author and the translator.
- ✓ In addition, the shortlisted authors and translators each receive £2,500.

AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Kairos' by Jenny Erpenbeck, translated by Michael Hofmann, has won the International Booker Prize 2024.
- > 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.5. Who among the following has won the men's single title at the 2019 Italian Open?

A) Rafael Nadal

B) Novak Djokovic

C) Alexander Zverev

D) Dominic Thiem

Answer: C

- ✓ Alexander Zverev won the single title of the Italian Open tennis tournament, while the women's singles title was won by the world no.1 player Iga Swiatek.
- ✓ This was the second Italian open title for Alexander Zeverv, while it was the third Italian title for Iga Swiatek.
- ✓ German Alexander Zeverv defeated the first-time Masters finalist Nicolas Jarry of Chile in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 to win the 2024 Italian Open Masters 1000 title. This was also Zeverv's second Italian Open title.
- ✓ The 2024 Italian Open title was the overall eighth Masters title for Tokyo Olympic gold medal winner Alexander Zeverz
- Q.6. Who has won the women's singles title of the 2024 Italian Open tennis tournament?

A) Iga Swiatek

B) Aryna Sabalenka

C) Elena Rybakina

D) Coco Gauff

Answer: A

- ✓ World no.1 Iga Swiatek of Poland defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in straight sets 6-2 6-3 to win her 21st career title.
- ✓ This was the third Italian Open title for Iga Swiatek in the last four years. Last year she failed to qualify for the final.
- ✓ <u>Doubles winner of Italian open</u>

- ✓ In the men's doubles the pair of Marcell Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina) defeated the pair of Mate Pavic(Croatia) and Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) in straight sets 6-2 6-2.
- ✓ In the women's doubles, the Italian pair of Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini defeated the
- ✓ pair of Coco Gauff (America) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand) in the final
- Q.7. Which institute has recently presented a research report on 'Air pollution and health effects in North India'?

A) IIT Mumbai

B) IIT Delhi

C) IIT Jaipur

D) IIT Varanasi

Answer: C

- ✓ Recently, researchers from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur have published a research in the journal Nature Communications, which describes the sources and composition of particulate matter (PM) harmful to human health in North India.
- ✓ In this research, the oxidative capacity of Indian PM has been found to be five times higher than that of Chinese and European cities.

IIT IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) and IIT Guwahati incubation center sign MoU to boost startup ecosystem
- Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs' launched at IIT Madras
- President of India Draupadi Murmu launched India's first domestic gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay.
- ➤ French aerospace and defence firm Starburst Accelerator SARLhas partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) to set up an innovative hub for start-ups with €100 million in funding support.
- > IIT Madras has developed an indigenous electric standing wheelchair called 'NeoStand,' claimed to be India's most customizable wheelchair for the benefit of wheelchair users
- Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) have collaborated to establish a Centre of Excellence and Industry Accelerator in the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.
- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT Guwahati) transferred swine fever vaccine technology

to BioMed Pvt. Ltd.

- > Uttar Pradesh government will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Roorkee for better disaster management in the state.
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility.
- > IREDA has entered into an agreement with IIT Bhubaneswar to promote innovation and research in the renewable energy sector.
- ➤ IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka.
- ArcelorMittal and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India materials and engineering resources being deployed to construct Asia's first Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras, Chennai, India
- ➤ Reliance Jio Infocomm, India's largest telecom service provider, is working with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay to launch 'Bharat GPT', a large language model specifically tailor for India's needs.
- > IIT Guwahati recently developed an indigenous river model, BRAHMA-2D.
- > IIT Kanpur, Indian Navy join forces to drive innovation through research partnership.
- > SAMRIDHI conclave, a deeptech startup acceleration drive launched at IIT Ropar.
- ➤ The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting was held at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- > IIT Kanpur and Airbus to collaborate to boost aerospace talent base in India.
- > IIT Kanpur has signed an MoU with private lender ICICI Bank to support the startup ecosystem in the institute.
- > IIT Guwahati have developed pharmaceutical and food products from tea factory waste.
- ➤ IIT Jodhpur scientists develop 'CODE' device for good air quality.
- ➤ IIT Madras-incubated space tech startup GalaxEye Space on 29 August 2023 launched their drone-based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) system, Ahead of their planned satellite launch in 2024.
- > IIT Bombay has received a donation of \$18.6 million from an alumnus towards the establishment of a Green Energy and Sustainability Research Hub.
- > IIT Guwahati has signed MoU with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.

Q.8. Who has been elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2024-25?

A) Sanjiv Puri

B) Rajiv Memani

C) Sanjay Nayar

D) Anish Shah

Answer: A

- ✓ Sanjiv Puri, ITC MD elected CII President for 2024-25.
- ✓ Chairman and Managing Director of ITC, Sanjiv Puri, has been elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2024-25. Sanjiv Puri replaces R Dinesh, Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions as the President of CII.
- ✓ Rajiv Memani has been appointed as the new President-Designate, and R Mukundan has been elected as the new Vice President of the CII for 2024-25
- ✓ Sanjiv Puri is currently the Chairman & Managing Director of ITC Ltd. Sanjiv Puri is an alumnus of IIT, Kanpur, and Wharton School of Business, United States of America.
- ✓ He was appointed Chairman of the Expert Group on agri-exports set up by the 15th Finance Commission. He has also been a member of the NITI Aayog Group on 'Farm to Table-driving India's agriculture sector digitally'.
- ✓ Sanjiv Puri was given the 'Best CEO Award' by Business Today in 2024. He was also honoured with the 'Transformational Leader Award 2022-23' by the Asian Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability.
- ✓ R Mukundan as Vice President of Cii 2024-25
- ✓ About Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- ✓ The Confederation of Indian Industry is one of the oldest business lobby groups in India. It traces its origin to the setting up of the Engineering and Iron Trades Association in Bengal in 1895. After many changes in its name, it was renamed as Confederation of Engineering Industry (CEI) in 1986.
- ✓ It assumed its present name, Confederation of Indian Industry, in 1992.
- ✓ It is an industry lobby group which represents business groups in India and puts pressure on the government to make business-friendly policies.
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ✓ Apart from the CII, the other important business lobby groups in India are
- ✓ Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)- President Sanjay Nayar

- ✓ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) -Dr. Anish Shah is the President for 2023-2024
- ✓ National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)- Debjani Gosh, President of NASSCOM since 2018

Q.9. Who has been elected as the president of Vietnam?

- A) Bùi Thanh Sơn
- B) Lê Thành Long
- C) Phạm Thị Thanh Trà
- D) Lo Tam

Answer: D

- ✓ To Lam elected as the New President of Vietnam.
- ✓ General To Lam was elected as the new president of Vietnam by the Vietnamese parliament on 22 May 2024.
- ✓ To Lam, who was the public security minister, was removed from his post as minister by the Vietnamese parliament before being elected president.
- ✓ The appointment comes after Vietnam's former President Vo Van Thuong resigned two months back amid a corruption crackdown
- ✓ General To Lam to be president for 2021-2026 tenure
- ✓ Vietnam is ruled by one party—the Communist Party of Vietnam. General To Lam who is a member of the Communist Party's politburo, was the only candidate for the president post. He was elected by Vietnam's parliament—the National Assembly—for a tenure till 2026.
- ✓ The National Assembly of Vietnam has 500 members who are elected for 5 years and sit two times a year. The National Assembly elects the president and vice president of Vietnam
- ✓ About Vietnam
- ✓ Vietnam is a communist country which lies in Southeast Asia.
- ✓ Capital : Hanoi
- ✓ Currency : Dong
- ✓ Prime Minister: Pham Minh Chinh
- ✓ President : To Lam

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2023-24

William Lai Ching-te: Taiwan

Lo Tam: Vietnam

José Raúl Mulino : Panama

Peter Pellegrini: Slovakia

> Abdel Fatah al-Sisi : Egypt

Prabowo Subianto: Indonesia

Tamás Sulyok : Hungary

Alexander Stubb: Finland

Azali Assoumani: Comoros

Bernardo Arevalo: Guatemala

William Lai: Taiwan

Daniel Noboa: Ecuador

Mohammed Muizzu: Maldives

> Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam : Singapore

> Emmerson Mnangagwa : Zimbabwe

Edgars Rinkevics: Latvian

Tayyip Erdogan : Turkey

> Bola Tinubu : Nigeria

Exam Warriors Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu: Bangladesh

Ram Chandra Paudel: Nepal

Xi Jinping: China (third term)

Q.10. The PM-WANI Scheme, recently seen in the news primarily aims to:

A) establish fiber optic networks across the country

- B) encourage the use of digital payments and e-commerce in rural markets
- C) provide affordable and high-speed internet connectivity to the public in remote areas
- D) develop a centralized digital infrastructure for public services

Answer: C

- ✓ Public wifi hotspots under the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme are nearing the 2-lakh mark in the country.
- ✓ About PM-WANI Scheme:
- ✓ It was launched by the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) in December 2020 to provide affordable and high-speed internet connectivity to the public in rural and remote areas of the country.
- ✓ The scheme aims to establish a public Wi-Fi network across the country through the creation of Wi-Fi Access Points (WAPs) set up by public data offices (PDOs).
- ✓ The WAPs will operate on an open-architecture system, allowing multiple service providers to offer their services to the public through a single platform.
- ✓ PM-WANI ecosystem: It consists of four parts: Public Data Office (PDO), Public Data Office Aggregator (PDOA), App Provider, and Central Registry.
- ✓ PDO establishes Wi-Fi hotspots and provides internet access to users. There shall be no license required by PDOs from the DoT for providing broadband Internet through these public Wi-Fi networks.
- ✓ PDOA provides authorisation and accounting services to PDOs. PDOA provides user interface for the user to buy a plan and keep track of their data consumption. PDOA need not pay any license fees.
- ✓ The small shopkeepers can become PDOs as last-mile access service providers and take services from PDOAs for Internet and backend services
- Q.11. The 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index has been prepared by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with which institution?
 - A) Surrey University, England.
 - B) University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
 - C) University of Oxford, United Kingdom
 - D) Harvard University, United States

Answer: A

✓ The 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index was prepared in collaboration with the University of Surrey, England.

Q.12. Which UN body has signed a MoU with the government of india for India's first animal vaccine supply chain management?

A) UNEP

B) UNDP

C) WEF

D) WHO

Answer: B

- ✓ DAHD & UNDP MoU on Digitalisation of Animal Vaccine Cold Chain Mgmt.
- ✓ Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India on Digitalization of Vaccine Cold Chain Management, Communication Planning and Capacity Building.
- ✓ The agreement was signed by Alka Upadhyay, Secretary of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, and Caitlin Wiesen, UNDP Resident Representative in India in New Delhi
- ✓ India is the most populous country in the world with 142.86 Crore people,53.57 Million farm animals and 85.18 Million poultry. To keep these animals healthy, the government has started a vaccination programme.
- ✓ Also, humans who are in close contact with infected animals can become infected with various Zoonotic diseases, such as bird flu and coronavirus.
- ✓ Zoonotic diseases refer to diseases caused in humans due to viruses, bacteria, etc., being transmitted from an infected animal to a human who is in close contact with the infected animal.
- ✓ The government has adopted a One Health Approach to deal with this problem.
- ✓ The UNDP will support and strengthen India's first animal vaccine supply chain management system to protect communities and animals and prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases.
- ✓ <u>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</u>
- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was set up by the United Nations in 1965 by merging United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance with the United Nations Special Fund.
- ✓ The UNDP focus on three main areas:
- ✓ Sustainable development
- ✓ Democratic governance and peacebuilding
- ✓ Climate and disaster resilience

- ✓ Headquarters: New York, the United States of America.
- ✓ Administrator : Achim Steiner.

Q.13. Who won the first gold medal for India at the 11th World Para Athletics Championship 2024?

A) Deepthi Jeevanji

B) Poonam Agrawal

C) Preethi Pal

D) Ekta Bhyan

Answer: A

- ✓ Deepthi Jeevanji sets a world record in women's 400 m T20 event.
- ✓ Deepthi Jeevanji of Telangana has set a new world record in the 400-meter T 20 event at the World Para Athletics Championship 2024.
- ✓ She clocked a world record timing of 55.07 seconds.
- ✓ India has won five medals so far in the championships: 2 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze.
- ✓ First Gold medal for India at World Para Athletics Championship
- ✓ Tha Hangzhou Asian Games Paralympics champion Deepthi Jeevanji won the first gold for India at the World Para Athletics Championship.
- ✓ She broke the world record of American Breanna Clark's record of 55.12 seconds in 400 meters T 20 events. Deepthi Jeevanji broke the record with a time of 55.07 seconds.
- ✓ With this win, Deepthi Jeevanji also qualified for the 2024 Paris Summer Paralympics.
- ✓ T 20 events are for the 'mentally impaired 'athletes
- ✓ Ekta Bhyan wins second gold for India
- ✓ 38-year-old Ekta Bhyan won India's second gold medal at the World Para Athletics Championship in the women's F51 club throw competition. She threw 20.12 meters to win the gold.
- ✓ Ekta, a Haryana Civil Services (HCS) officer, had won a bronze medal in the 2018 Asian Para Games in China.
- ✓ The first medal for India in the 11th World Para Athletics Championships 2024 was won by Nishad Kumar. He won a silver medal in the men's high jump T47 event. He cleared the height of 1.99m.
- ✓ In the women's 200m T35 event.
- ✓ Preethi Pal won a bronze medal in the 200m T35 event, clocking 30.49, It is India's first-ever para track medal in the tournament.

- ✓ India won a record 10 medals—three gold, four silver, and three bronze—at the 10th World Para Athletics Championships 2023, held in Paris, France.
- ✓ The 11th World Para Athletics Championship is being held in the Japanese city of Kobe from 17 -25 May 2024.

Q.14. EKta Bhyan who was in recently, belongs to which field?

A) Para-athlete

B) Gymnastics

C) Alpine skiing

D) skating

Answer: A

✓ She is a para-athlete and won a gold medal in the World Para Athletics Championship 2024 in the women's F51 club throw event.

Q.15. Who won the first medal for India at the 11th World Para Athletics Championship 2024?

A) Rampal Chahar

B) Nikhil Chittarasu

C) Vijay Singh Chauhan

D) Nishad Kumar

Answer: D

✓ The first medal for India in the 11th World Para Athletics Championships 2024 was won by Nishad Kumar. He won a silver medal in the men's high jump T47 event. He cleared the height of 1.99m

Q.16. William Lai Ching-te, who has become the new president of Taiwan, belongs to which political party?

A) Kuomintang

B) New Power Party

C) Democratic Progressive Party

D) Taiwan People's Party

Answer: C

- ✓ William Lai Ching-te takes oath as the new President of Taiwan
- ✓ William Lai Ching-te was sworn in as the new president of the Republic of China or Taiwan on 20 May 2024. It marks the third consecutive term for the ruling Democratic Progressive Party. The outgoing president, Tsai-Ing Wen, was also from the Democratic Progressive Party. Lai Ching-te was the vice president under the Tsai-Ing Wen administration.
- ✓ Vice President Hsia Bi-khim also took the oath as the country's vice president

- ✓ Taiwan is an island country in the West Pacific Ocean. It lies around 160 km from the southeastern coast of China.
- ✓ China, officially known as the People's Republic of China, views Taiwan as a breakaway province that must become part of It. The Chinese government has not ruled out using force to integrate Taiwan into China.

Q.17. Who among the following has won the men's single title at the 2019 Italian Open?

A) Rafael Nadal

B) Novak Djokovic

C) Alexander Zverev

D) Dominic Thiem

Answer: C

- ✓ Alexander Zverev won the single title of the Italian Open tennis tournament, while the women's singles title was won by the world no.1 player Iga Swiatek.
- ✓ This was the second Italian open title for Alexander Zeverv, while it was the third Italian title for Iga Swiatek.
- ✓ German Alexander Zeverv defeated the first-time Masters finalist Nicolas Jarry of Chile in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 to win the 2024 Italian Open Masters 1000 title. This was also Zeverv's second Italian Open title.
- ✓ The 2024 Italian Open title was the overall eighth Masters title for Tokyo Olympic gold medal winner Alexander Zeverz

Q.18. Who has won the women's singles title of the 2024 Italian Open tennis tournament?

A) Iga Swiatek

B) Aryna Sabalenka

C) Elena Rybakina

D) Coco Gauff

Answer: A

- ✓ World no.1 Iga Swiatek of Poland defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in straight sets 6-2 6-3 to win her 21st career title.
- ✓ This was the third Italian Open title for Iga Swiatek in the last four years. Last year she failed to qualify for the final.
- ✓ <u>Doubles winner of Italian open</u>
- ✓ In the men's doubles the pair of Marcell Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina) defeated the pair of Mate Pavic(Croatia) and Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) in straight sets 6-2 6-2.

- ✓ In the women's doubles, the Italian pair of Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini defeated the pair of Coco Gauff (America) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand) in the final
- Q.19. Where was the 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System conference organised recently?

A) Mumbai, Maharashtra

B) Guwahati, Assam

C) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

D) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer: B

- ✓ Union Ministry of Law and Justice, in association with the Assam Government, has organised a two-day conference, 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System', in Guwahati, Assam, on 18th- 19th May 2024.
- ✓ The aim of the conference was to create awareness about the recent changes made by the government in repealing British-era criminal law and the enactment of new laws related to the criminal justice system in the country
- ✓ The recently enacted three laws which seek to overhaul the criminal justice system of the country are as follows:
- ✓ Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, which will replace the Indian Penal Code 1860,
- ✓ Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, which will replace the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and
- ✓ Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 which will replace the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- ✓ President of India has notified that these three new laws related to the Indian criminal justice system will be implemented on July 1, 2024.
- ✓ Thus to make the legal fraternity and other stakeholders aware of these three laws, the Conference has been organised by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice
- Q.20. Which European country has recently granted country status to Palestine?

A) Norway, Ireland and Spain

B) Norway, Portugal and France

C) Germany, Greece and Italy

D) Norway, Portugal and Spain

Answer: A

✓ Norway, Ireland and Spain recently granted statehood status to Palestine in a historic move. In protest against this decision, Israel has ordered the recall of its ambassadors from Norway and Ireland. Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre said in his decision that it will be officially announced from May 28

Q.21. Which day of the year is celebrated as the International Day for Biological Diversity?

A) 20 May

B) 22 May

C) 21 May

D) 19 May

Answer: B

- ✓ The International Day for Biological Diversity (also known as World Biodiversity Day) is a United Nations—sanctioned international day held on May 22 every year to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.
- ✓ The theme of the 2024 International Day for Biodiversity is 'Be part of the Plan'.
- Q.22. Which Indian public sector company has been awarded third in the world at the ATD BEST Awards 2024?
 - A) NTPC Limited
 - B) SJVN
 - C) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
 - D) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

Answer: A

- ✓ NTPC secures 3rd rank at ATD BEST Awards 2024.
- ✓ The public sector company NTPC was awarded the third rank in the world at the ATD BEST Awards 2024. The award ceremony was held in New Orleans, United States of America, on 21 May 2024
- ✓ ATD BEST Awards
- ✓ The Association of Talent Development (ATD), USA, gives the ATD BEST Awards in the field of Learning and Development. The award was instituted in 2003.
- ✓ The award recognises small and large private, public and not-for-profit organisations that use talent development as a strategic business tool and demonstrate enterprise-wide success through effective employee development practices.

NTPC IN NEWS 2023-24

- > NTPC was awarded the third rank in the world at the ATD BEST Awards 2024.
- NTPC inks pact with RINL for supply of limestone.
- NTPC Limited, India's largest power company, launches the latest edition of Girl Empowerment

Mission (GEM), aligned with the Government's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative.

- ➤ NTPC group has inked foreign currency loan agreements worth JPY 30 billion, or roughly \$200 million, with the Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC).
- ➤ NTPC Green Energy (NGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, has signed a joint venture agreement with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (MAHAGENCO) for development of renewable energy parks in Maharashtra
- > NTPC Green Energy has entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation to set up India's largest green hydrogen production plant.
- NTPC Limited gets certified as a Top Employer 2024 in India.
- ➤ NTPC Kanti has received the 11th edition of the FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category.
- ➤ NTPC shines as the only Indian PSU to feature in Forbes "World's Best Employers 2023" List.
- The central government has received about Rs 1,487 crore from NTPC as a dividend tranche.
- ➤ NTPC has been honoured with the prestigious Economic Times (ET) HR World Future Skills Awards 2023.
- NTPC climbs up 52 positions to 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List.
- NTPC Kanti launches Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GeM)-2023.
- > NTPC Group's total installed capacity reaches 72,304 MW with first overseas capacity addition in Bangladesh.
- ➤ Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- ➤ NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- > India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.
- ➤ About NTPC
- ➤ The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.
- ➤ The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- > Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 22 May 2024

- Q.1. Which committee recommended the introduction of Liquidity adjustment facility in India?
 - A) R. Gandhi Committee
- B) Rangarajan Committee
- C) Narasimham Committee
- D) SS Tarapore Committee

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Answer : C

- Q.2. Treasury Bills have a maximum maturity of:
 - A) 1 year

B) 90 days

C) 120 days

D) 30 days

Answer: A

- ✓ Debt obligations of the Government that have maturities of one year or less are normally called Treasury Bills or T-Bills.
- Q.3. Which of these derivatives types are traded between financial institutions and not retail investors?
 - A) Futures

B) Forward

C) Options

D) Swaps

Answer: D

- Q.4. In which year did second phase of nationalization of banks took place?
 - A) 1969

B) 1980

C) 1984

D) None of these

Answer: B

- Q.5. What is the total amount that can be loaded in the new type of semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) introduced by RBI during the financial year?
 - A) Rs 10,000

B) Rs 1,00,000

C) Rs 1,20,000

D) Rs 1,50,000

Answer: C



- ✓ The amount loaded in such PPIs during any month shall not exceed ₹ 10,000 and the total amount loaded during the financial year shall not exceed ₹ 1,20,000
- Q.6. RRBs are required to maintain a minimum Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of _ on an ongoing basis.
 - A) 8 per cent

B) 9 per cent

C) 10 per cent

D) 11 per cent

Answer: B

- Q.7. What is the limit for On-lending by NBFC for Micro & Small enterprises?
 - A) Rs 10 lakh

B) Rs 20 lakh

C) Rs 50 lakh

D) Rs 60 lakh

Answer: B

- Q.8. Which section of Banking Regulation Act 1949 give Power to the Reserve Bank to give directions?
 - A) Section 42

B) Section 42A

C) Section 47

D) Section 35A

Answer: D

Q.9. Currency Chest is the property of:

A) State Bank of India

B) Government of India

C) Reserve Bank of India

D) None of these

Answer: C

- ✓ A currency chest is a depositary of RBI which it maintains at treasuries and branches of the banks at all important centres.
- Q.10. The right of set-off customers account can be exercised only by a_?

A) Creditors

B) Debtors

C) Banker

D) Customer

Answer: C



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