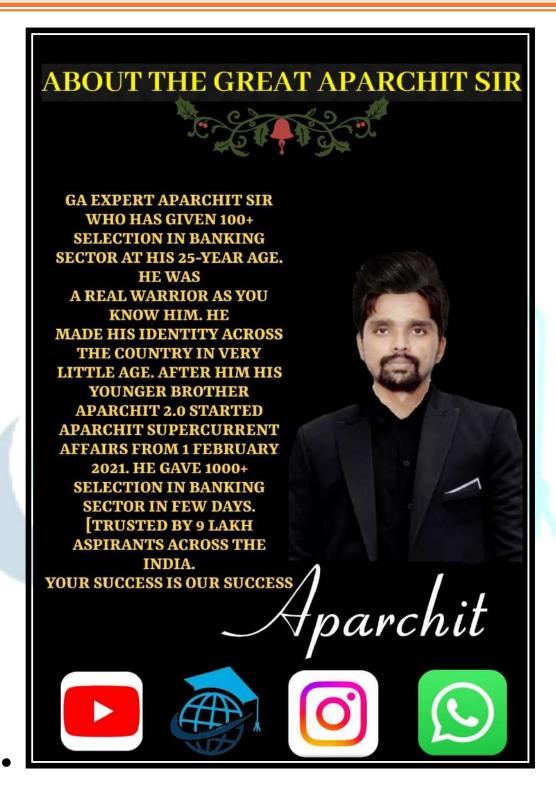


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- Q.1. With reference to the Matsyayaan 6000, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a three-person submersible that will be able to go 6,000 metres under the sea.
 - 2. It is being developed by Chennai's National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).

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

- ✓ India set to be the 6th country to have its own Deep Sea Mission; 1st Stage of harbor trail (40-50m) deep of deep sea mission planned by September 2024; The Mission has the potential to contribute greatly to the overall growth of Indian economy.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ The Matsya 6000 is a three-person submersible that will be able to go 6,000 metres under the sea. The vessel is being developed by Chennai's National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- ✓ Structure: Made of 80mm-thick titanium alloy, it will be able to withstand a pressure 600 times greater than that at sea level. The Matsya 6000 will be able to operate from 12 to 16 hours straight and will have an oxygen supply of 96 hours.
- ✓ National Institute of Ocean Technology:
- ✓ It was established in November 1993 as an autonomous society under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ Objectives: To develop reliable indigenous technologies to solve the various engineering problems associated with harvesting of non-living and living resources in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which is about two-thirds of the land area of India.
- ✓ <u>Deep Sea Mission:</u>
- ✓ The Deep Ocean Mission (DOM) is an ambitious Indian initiative to explore and harness the depths of the ocean.
- ✓ It is a five-year mission, approved by the Union Cabinet in 2021, with a budget of nearly ₹4,077 crore.
- ✓ The mission aims to develop technologies for deep-sea mining, manned submersibles, and underwater robotics, as well as for ocean climate change advisory services, deep-ocean survey and exploration.

Q.2. "Exercise Red Flag 2024", recently seen in the news, is hosted by:

A) U.S. Air Force

B) Republic of Singapore Air Force

C) Indian Air Force

D) Royal Netherlands Air Force

Answer: A

- ✓ An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ This was the second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024, which is an advanced aerial combat training exercise, held four times in a year by the US Air Force.
- ✓ Participation of the Indian Air Force along with Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Royal Air Force (RAF) of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAF), German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force (USAF).

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- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24.
- ➤ The Indian Air Force will host an air exercise, Tarang Shakti-2024 in August.
- The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise(JIMEX-24) has started at Yokosuka, Japan
- Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy are taking part in two mega multinational war games named Exercise Red Flag and RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific).
- > Joint military Exercise Shakti between the Indian and the French forces will be held at the Joint Training Node of the Indian Army in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024
- > The 5th edition of the 'Dustlik' joint military exercise between India and Uzbekistan begins in Uzbekistan
- Recently, a two-day 'Sagar Kavach' exercise was organised in the Lakshadweep Islands.
- A bilateral tri-service exercise Tiger Triump-24 between India and the US will be held on the Eastern Seaboard in the US from March 18 to 31.
- An Indian Army contingent on Monday departed for Seychelles to participate in the 10th edition of joint military exercise "LAMITIYE-2024" with Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). The joint exercise will be conducted in Seychelles from March 18-27, 2024.

- > The naval forces of China, Iran, and Russia recently launched a joint exercise called the "Maritime Security Belt-2024" near the Gulf of Oman.
- > The joint exercise 'Bharat-Shakti' of the three armies of India (Army, Navy and Air Force) will be organized in Asia's largest field firing range located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- ➤ The United States Coast Guard's (USCG) Bertholf ship reached Port Blair ahead of the 'Sea Defenders-2024' joint exercise.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana kicked off on February 28 and will continue until March 2, taking place at or off the coast of Visakhapatnam
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started its largest military exercise in Europe, the Steadfast Defender 2024, recently.
- > The 5th edition of the joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is being organized at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.

Q.3. Which Indian has been conferred with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to films?

A) Mrinal Sen

B) Shyam Benegal

C) Girish Kasaravalli

D) Vinod Ganatra

Answer: D

- ✓ Eminent children's film-maker Vinod Ganatra has been conferred with South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to films.
- ✓ Vinod Ganatra becomes the first Indian to be honoured with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ Vinod Gantra was conferred with the award at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival for his outstanding contribution to children's cinema
- ✓ About Vinod Ganatra
- ✓ Globally renowned filmmaker and editor Vinod Ganatra of Gujarat but now based in Mumbai has been active in Film & Television Production from 1982.
- ✓ His first TV programme, BAINGAN RAJA, won the 'Janakinath Gaur Award' from Doordarshan.

- ✓ His Gujarati film Harun Arun made on the India Pakistan border received the "Liv Ullmann Peace Prize" at the 26th Chicago International Children's Film Festival. He is the only Indian to have won the prestigious 'Liv Ullmann Peace Prize".
- ✓ About Nelson Mandela
- ✓ Nelson Mandela is perhaps the most famous personality in South Africa who has the distinction of being the first black President of South Africa.
- ✓ From 1964 to 1982, he was kept at the Robben Island Prison off Cape Town, and later he was shifted to Pollsmoor Prison.
- ✓ The new South Africa was called a 'Rainbow Nation'.
- ✓ Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk were honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.
- ✓ The Indian government conferred him with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, in 1990. He is the second non-Indian after Pakistan's Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan (1987) to receive India's highest civilian award
- ✓ His birthday, 18 July, is observed as Nelson Mandela International Day.
- ✓ 'Long Walk to Freedom' is an autobiography of Nelson Mandela
- Q.4. Which international financial institution has invested \$105 million in the non-convertible debenture of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan?

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- A) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- B) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- C) International Development Agency (IDA)
- D)International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

Answer: A

- ✓ IFC to invest \$105 million in Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project.
- ✓ The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has agreed to invest \$105 million (around Rs 871 crore) in the non-convertible debentures of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan.
- ✓ IFC is a company of the World Bank Group which provides finance to the private sector companies.
- ✓ Brookfield Global Transition Fund (BGTF) is building a 550 MW solar power project in Bikaner in two phases.

- ✓ The Brookfiled commissioned the first phase of the Bikaner solar power project 268 MW in March 2024. In the second phase the capacity of the solar power project is 282 MW taking the combined power generation capacity to 550 MW.
- ✓ The estimated cost of the second phase is estimated to be USD 317 million.
- ✓ The government of India is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2070. To achieve this target, the government has set a target to increase its non-fossil fuel-based power producing capacity to 500 Giga Watt by 2030.
- ✓ India has attracted around USD 10 billion in annual investments between 2017 and 2022. The country is expected to attract annual investments of USD 25 billion through 2030.
- ✓ <u>International Finance Corporation</u>
- ✓ The International Finance Corporation was set up by the World Bank in 1956 to support the private sector of the developing countries who are members of the World Bank.
- ✓ The IFC invests in the private sector by investing in their capital instruments like shares or debt instruments like debentures.
- ✓ IFC is a part of the World Bank group, which also includes the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association.
- ✓ The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) provides loans to the World Bank's member countries for development purposes.
- ✓ The International Development Association provides loans to only the least developed member countries of the World Bank at a concessional rate for development purposes.
- ✓ The headquarters of IFC: Washington D.C. the United States of America
- ✓ Managing Director: Makhtar Diop.
- ✓ Members: 186 countries.
- Q.5. Where was the 2nd meeting of the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) held?

A) Chennai

B) New Delhi

C) Hyderabad

D) Mumbai

Answer: B

✓ NSA of India & US Co-chair 2nd India- US meeting on ICET In New Delhi.

- ✓ The 2nd meeting of the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) was held between the two countries on 17 June 2024 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The meeting was co-chaired by the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India, Ajit Doval and the United States (U.S) NSA Jake Sullivan.
- ✓ Jake Sullivan is the first high-ranking official of the American government to visit India after the Narendra Modi government was sworn in for the third consecutive time.
- ✓ The iCET focuses on deepening and expanding strategic cooperation in space, semiconductors, advanced telecommunications, artificial intelligence, quantum, biotechnology, and clean energy between the two countries.
- ✓ The first iCET meeting was held in Washington, D.C., USA, in January 2023.
- ✓ Both the Indian and the U.S will provide \$ 90 million fund over the next five years to the U.S.-India Global Challenges Institute.
- ✓ Partnership In Space
- ✓ Indian space agency ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and the American space agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) will jointly develop and launch the Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite. The satellite will map the entire Earth twice every 12 days, which will be helpful in combating climate change and other global challenges;
- ✓ NASA will provide training to the ISRO astronauts in space flights and human space missions.
- ✓ India will participate in the U.S. Space Command's Global Sentinel Exercise at Vandenberg Space Force Base, to be held in February 2025
- Q.6. Which country has agreed to train human astronauts of the Indian Space Research Agency (ISRO)?
 - A) Japan
 - B) United States
 - C) United Kingdom
 - D) Russia

Answer: B

✓ NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) of the United States will provide training to the ISRO astronauts in space flights and human space missions.

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- ➤ The 2nd meeting of the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) was held between the two countries on 17 June 2024 in New Delhi.
- > 1st BRICS Ministerial meeting held with expanded membership in Russia.
- ➤ Singapore hosted the first Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum meeting on 5& 6 June 2024.
- ➤ The three-day 3rd Indian Analytical Congress is being held in Uttarkhand's capital, Dehradun, from 5 -7 June 2024.
- ➤ The 21st edition of the Asia Pacific premier defence meet, the Shangri La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit, ended in Singapore on 2 June 2024.
- India has set up its maiden pavilion at the World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024.
- ➤ India will host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP 26) from May 20 to 30, 2024, in Kochi, Kerala.
- ➤ Defense Secretary Giridhar Armane attended the meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Defence Ministers in Astana, Kazakhstan on April 26, 2024.
- Q.7. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, has collaborated with which entity to offer additional digital payment services through the SBIePay payment gateway to users of the eMigrate portal?

A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

B) State Bank of India (SBI)

C) Punjab National Bank (PNB)

D) HDFC Bank

Answer: B

- ✓ MEA and SBI sign MoU to enhance digital payment services for migrant workers via eMigrate portal.
- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, and State Bank of India(SBI) to provide an additional digital payment services of the SBI through payment gateway called SBIePay to Indian migrant workers, Recruiting Agents (RAs) and other users of the eMigrate portal.
- ✓ Through implementation of this MoU, payment of various emigration related fee would be possible with NIL transaction charges for payment through UPI, credit/debit cards and NEFT through net banking of all Indian banks.

- ✓ Signing of this MoU would further facilitate and enhance the ambit of safe and legal migration of Indian migrant workers.
- Q.8. Consider the following statements with reference to the eMigrate Portal:
 - 1. It was launched in 2014 to make the emigration process online and transparent.
 - 2. It has a feature of voluntary registration of emigrants holding ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required) category passports.

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 Ministry of External Affairs and the SBI have signed an MoU to provide an additional digital payment service of the bank through its payment gateway SBIePay to users of the eMigrate portal.
- ✓ It was launched in 2014 and it has been instrumental in making the emigration process online and transparent for Indian workers heading to countries where emigration checks are required.
- ✓ The portal connects foreign employers, registered recruiting agents, and insurance companies issuing the Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojna, facilitating seamless, safe, and legal migration.
- ✓ The portal also has a mechanism for voluntary registration of emigrants holding ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required) category passports proceeding for overseas employment.
- ✓ It is integrated with the external affairs ministry's Passport Seva Project to validate the passport details of ECR category workers. This integration helps detect fake passport cases and check for data entry errors at the registration stage.
- ✓ The Overseas Employment (OE) and Protector General of Emigrants (PGE) division of the external affairs ministry is responsible for overseeing the emigration of Indian workers having Emigration Clearance Required (ECR) category passports.
- ✓ ECR passport holders require Emigration Clearance (EC) when taking up jobs in the 18 designated ECR countries Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

APP & PORTAL IN NEWS 2024

- INDRA app was launched in an event conducted by School of Naval Oceanology & Meteorology (SNOM) and Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) at Southern Naval Command as part of the World Meteorological Day celebrations.
- Uttar Pradesh Police will now use the state-of-the-art digital platform Trinetra App 2.0, which has been designed to help in crime prevention and investigation.
- > Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) report and "Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)-Suitability Mapping" portal was launched by NITI Aayog.
- > Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal.
- Agriculture minister launches Sarathi portal for insurance products.
- > GHAR GO Home and Re-Unite Portal have been developed and launched by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- ➤ Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs launched a web portal of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO) namely C- CARES.
- About C- CARES Portal:
- ➤ It is developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- Ministry of Communications launched the "Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal" on the sidelines Aparchit of 'Bharat Telecom 2024'.
- ➤ About Bharat 5G Portal:
- > It is a comprehensive platform serving the interests of startups, industry and academia in quantum, 6G, IPR and 5G domains
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application.
- ➤ About e-SAKSHI Application:
- > It was launched for revised fund flow procedure under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) Scheme.

- Q.9. Which organization awarded the "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
 - A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank

C) Central Banking

D) Financial Stability Board

Answer: C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India bags 'risk manager of the year award 2024' by London's Central Banking publication.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been awarded the "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking, a renowned publication headquartered in London.
- ✓ This prestigious accolade highlights the RBI's significant progress in cultivating a robust risk culture and heightened awareness, solidifying its essential role in maintaining the stability of India's financial system.
- ✓ The RBI has been proactive in embracing financial technology (FinTech) innovations while mitigating potential risks. It established a regulatory sandbox, which facilitates controlled experimentation with new FinTech products and services.

RBI IN NEWS 2024

- > RBI unveils ambitious reform agenda for centenary celebrations in 2035, charts out 14-point action plan.
- > RBI to set up digital payments intel platform after cyber frauds spike over 700%.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has unveiled three major initiatives: the Pravaah portal, the Retail Direct Mobile App, and a FinTech Repository.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied a penalty of Rs 36.38 lakh on HSBC Limited for breaching regulations outlined in the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).
- RBI imposed penalties on ICICI Bank and YES Bank.
- ➤ ICICI Bank has been fined Rs 1 crore for its improper loan practices.
- > YES Bank has been penalized Rs 91 lakh for charging customers for not maintaining minimum balances in savings accounts.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval to Quant Mutual Fund (MF) to increase its stake in RBL Bank to 9.98% by May 12, 2025.
- > RBI has lifted restrictions on Bank of Baroda's BoB World app, allowing immediate customer

onboarding.

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) seeking to transition into Universal Banks, providing a pathway for conversion.
- To be eligible for conversion, SFBs must have a minimum net worth of Rs 1,000 crore.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a comprehensive master direction for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), which will come into effect from April 24, 2024.
- ARCs are required to maintain a minimum capital of Rs 300 crore, a significant increase from the previous requirement of Rs 100 crore set on October 11, 2022. Existing ARCs are given a transition period until March 31, 2026, to meet this new minimum requirement.
- ARCs with a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) of Rs 1000 crore are eligible to act as resolution applicants.
- ➤ RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on IDFC First Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- ➤ The central bank has also imposed a penalty of ₹49.7 lakh on LIC Housing Finance for breach of norms.
- ➤ RBI Monetary Policy Rate.
- ➤ Policy Repo Rate: 6.50%
- → Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%

 CRR: 4.50%

 SI P: 10

- > SLR: 18.00%.
- > RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- Founded: 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised: 1 January 1949
- > HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ➤ RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- > 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- 1st Indian Governor: CD Deshmukh

- > 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- ➤ RBI Deputy Governor (4)
 - 1. Tavarna Rabi Sankar
 - 2. Michael D Patra
 - 3. M Rajeshwar Rao
 - 4. Swaminathan Janakiraman
- ➤ FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI:
 - 1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
 - 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
 - 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
 - 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).
 - 5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- ➤ India has four currency note printing presses.
- Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida
- Q.10. Consider the following statements regarding the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH):
 - 1. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
 - 2. It provides resource materials for historians, scientists, and other workers who are interested in studying and documenting the historical aspects of systems of Medicine.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage as WHO-Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine".

- ✓ About National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH):
- ✓ The NIIMH, formerly known as the National Center of Indian Medical Heritage (NCIMH), provides resource materials for historians, scientists and other workers who are interested in studying and documenting the historical aspects of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, and Sowa Rigpa (AYUSH), along with Modern Medicine.
- ✓ The institute is functioning under the administrative control of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.
- ✓ This Institute, which is only of its kind in South East / Asia is located in Dilsuknagar, Hyderabad.

Q.11. Consider the following statements with reference to the GREAT Scheme:

- 1. It supports individual entrepreneurs for functional prototypes of their technologies for Technical Textile.
- 2. Under this initiative grant-in-aid will be provided to young innovators.

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 Empowered Programme Committee (EPC) of National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) has approved 7 startup proposals under the GREAT scheme.
- ✓ Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT) encourages young innovators, scientists/technologists, and startup ventures in the field of Technical Textiles to translate their ideas into commercial technologies/products and make India self-reliant.
- ✓ It supports individual entrepreneurs or start-ups for functional prototypes or commercialization of their technologies for Technical Textile.
- ✓ Funding:
- ✓ A grant-in-aid of up to Rs 50 lakh for up to a period of 18 months will be provided.
- ✓ Key facts about National Technical Textiles Mission
- ✓ It was launched to increase the penetration level of technical textiles in India while leveraging the extraordinary growth rate of the sector.
- ✓ The mission aims to position India as a global leader in Technical Textiles.

- ✓ Components:
- ✓ Research, Innovation and Development
- ✓ Promotion and Market Development
- ✓ Export Promotion
- ✓ Education, Training, Skill Development
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Textiles
- ✓ Time period: It has been approved with an implementation period of four years, starting from FY 2020-21 till FY 2023-24.
- Q.12. Consider the following statements with reference to the Exercise Tarang Shakti:
 - 1. It is a multinational military exercise to be hosted by India.
 - 2. It aims to foster professional interactions and enrich the employment philosophy of the participating forces.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian Air Force will host air exercise, Tarang Shakti-2024 in August.
- ✓ It is a first multinational air exercise to be hosted by the Indian Air force.
- ✓ Objective: The plan is to invite friendly foreign countries with whom the IAF interacts regularly and has a certain degree of interoperability.
- ✓ The exercise is now scheduled to be held in two phases.
- ✓ The first will be held in southern India in the first two weeks of August and the second will be in the western sector from the end of August to mid-September.
- ✓ Participating countries: Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Germany will deploy fighter jets and also an A-400M transport aircraft.

Q.13. Consider the following:

1. Minamata Convention

2. Stockholm Convention

3. Geneva convention

How many of the above are financed under the Global Environment Facility?

A) One only

B) Two only

C) All three

D) None

Answer: B

- ✓ An amount of \$736.4 million will be allocated towards environment protection at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) council meeting being convened in Washington, DC, starting June 17, 2024.
- ✓ It was established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit of UNFCC to help tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems.
- ✓ It is a family of funds dedicated to confronting biodiversity loss, climate change, pollution, and strains on land and ocean health.
- ✓ It provides financial assistance for five major international environmental conventions:
- ✓ Minamata Convention on Mercury.
- ✓ Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).
- ✓ United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)
- ✓ United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
- ✓ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✓ It has 184 member countries, including India.
- ✓ The governing council is the main governing body of GEF which comprises 32 members appointed by constituencies of GEF member countries (14 from developed countries, 16 from developing countries, and two from economies in transition).
- ✓ Secretariat: Its secretariat is based in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ The GEF Trust Fund was established to help tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems.
- Q.14. Consider the following statements regarding SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024:
 - 1. It is an annual report produced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
 - 2. The 2024 report confirms that the number of people without access to electricity increased for the first time in over a decade.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

- ✓ SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024, released recently, finds that the world remains off course to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 for energy by 2030.
- ✓ About SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024:
- ✓ Since its inception in 2018, it has become the global reference for information on progress toward the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- ✓ The aim of SDG 7 is to "ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all."
- ✓ The report is produced annually by the five custodian agencies responsible for tracking progress toward the goal.
- ✓ The custodian agencies are the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the World Bank, and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ This report summarizes global progress on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean cooking, and international cooperation to advance SDG 7.
- ✓ Highlights of 2024 Report:
- ✓ The latest report confirms that the number of people without access to electricity increased for the first time in over a decade, as population grew—mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa—at a higher rate than that of new electricity connections, leaving 685 million people without electricity in 2022, 10 million more than in 2021.
- ✓ The world remains off track to achieve universal access to clean cooking by 2030. 2.1 billion people still live without access to clean cooking fuels and technologies, largely in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.
- ✓ A significant portion of this funding came from Germany and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

- Q.15. Which of the following changes will Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) implement starting from the 2024-25 academic session according to UGC?
 - A) Offering admissions only in the July-August cycle.
 - B) Offering admissions only in the January-February cycle.
 - C) Offering admissions twice a year in July-August and January-February cycles.
 - D) Ending the practice of annual admissions entirely.

Answer: C

- ✓ Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) will now be allowed to offer admissions twice a year on lines of foreign universities.
- ✓ The two admission cycles followed globally also will be July-August and January-February from the 2024-25 academic session.
- ✓ Biannual admissions will also enable the higher education institutes (HEIs) to plan their resource distribution, such as faculty, labs, classrooms and support services, more efficiently, resulting in a better functional flow within the university.
- ✓ At present, universities and colleges admit students annually in July-August every year. All HEIs follow the academic session that begins in July-August and ends in May-June.
- Q.16. Who inaugurated the 'Prerna Sthal' in the Parliament complex, which now houses statues of national icons and freedom fighters?
 - A) Rajya Sabha Chairperson and Vice President Hamid Ansari
 - B) President Droupadi Murmu
 - C) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
 - D) Rajya Sabha Chairperson and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: D

- ✓ Vice President Dhankhar inaugurates 'Prerna Sthal' in Parliament complex.
- ✓ Rajya Sabha chairperson and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 'Prerna Sthal' in the Parliament complex which now houses statues of national icons and freedom fighters that were earlier at different places on the premises.
- ✓ The 'Prerna Sthal' will inspire and motivate people, Dhankhar said, amid criticism by the Congress over the removal of the statues from their original places.

- ✓ The Congress claimed the decision to relocate the statues within the Parliament premises was taken by the ruling regime "unilaterally". Its sole objective was to not have the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and B R Ambedkar, which have been traditional sites of democratic protests, right next to where the Parliament actually meets.
- Q.17. Which company announced its partnership with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to equip the state's youth with IT skills and enhance employment opportunities?

A) Microsoft

B) Google

C) IBM

D) Oracle

Answer: D

- ✓ Oracle partners with Tamil Nadu to empower youth with IT skills.
- ✓ Oracle said that it has partnered with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to equip the state's youth with IT skills and capabilities to enhance employment opportunities.
- ✓ Oracle's specialized skills development program will be part of Naan Mudhalvan and will provide employment-linked skills development training to more than 200,000 students in the state.
- ✓ The students will be trained and certified on modern technologies from Oracle, including cloud, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and blockchain
- Q.18. What is the name of the one-week drive against drugs to be carried out by Punjab Police in association with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Village Defence Committees (VDCs) in Fazilka district?

A) Mission Suraksha

B) Mission Nishchay

C) Mission Shakti

D) Mission Parivartan

Answer: B

- ✓ Punjab police launch 'Mission Nishchay' in border villages to gather intelligence about demand and supply of drugs.
- ✓ Punjab Police in association with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Village Defence Committees (VDCs) will carry out a one-week drive against drugs named Mission Nishchay' in Fazilka district.
- ✓ They will reach out to residents of as many as 42 villages along the India-Pakistan border to gather actionable intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs.

- ✓ The idea is to instil a sense of community participation among inhabitants of border villages as we make efforts to curb the menace of drugs.
- ✓ The focus on youth and women to gather actionable intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs.
- ✓ Of the 553-km-long Punjab border with Pakistan, 108 km is in Fazilka district
- Q.19. What event will Kerala's Kozhikode host from July 25 to 28, 2024, featuring the prestigious International White Water Kayaking Championship?
 - A) Kerala Adventure Fest
- B) Malabar Water Sports Carnival
- C) Malabar River Festival
- D) Kozhikode Kayaking Extravaganza

Answer: C

- ✓ Kerala's Kozhikode is all set to host the Malabar River Festival 2024, featuring the prestigious International White Water Kayaking Championship from July 25 to 28.
- ✓ This highly anticipated event aims to showcase and promote white-water kayaking in the region, drawing attention from both local and international adventurers.
- ✓ Organized by the Kerala Adventure Tourism Promotion Society, it features the International White Water Kayaking Championship, including events like Extreme Race, Boater Cross, and Giant Slalom.
- Q.20. Which country hosted the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, attended by about 100 delegations from countries and international organizations?
 - A) France

B) Germany

- C) Switzerland
- D) Sweden

Answer: C

- ✓ International peace conference for Ukraine took place in Switzerland.
- ✓ About 100 delegations from countries and international organisations attended the Switzerland-hosted Summit on Peace in Ukraine, aimed at crafting a path that many participants said could pave the way to ending Russia's war on its smaller neighbour.
- ✓ India is the only South Asian country that will attend the peace summit, according to a list of participating states released by the organisers. India will be represented by Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

- Q.21. Adami Defence & Aerospace has signed a cooperation agreement with which group from the UAE to establish a global platform leveraging defence and aerospace capabilities?
 - A) Emirates Defence Industries Company
 - B) Tawazun Economic Council
 - C) EDGE Group
 - D) Mubadala Development Company

Answer : C

- ✓ Adani Defence and EDGE Group forge global partnership.
- ✓ Adani Defence & Aerospace has signed a cooperation agreement with EDGE Group, one of the leading advanced technology and defence groups in the UAE, to establish a global platform leveraging the defence and aerospace capabilities.
- ✓ The agreement will also explore the establishment of R&D facilities in India and the UAE; setting up of development, production, and maintenance facilities of defence and aerospace solutions
- Q.22. Who among the following has been sworn in as Slovakia's 6th President?

A) Petr Pellegrini

B) Zuzana Čaputová

C) Robert Fico

D) Ivan Gašparovič

Answer: A

- ✓ Petr Pellegrini sworn in as Slovak president.
- ✓ Petr Pellegrini, Slovakia's former speaker of the National Council, is sworn in as Slovakia's 6th President.

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Q.1. RBI has extended the facility of processing of e-mandate for recurring transactions to cover Unified Payment Interface (UPI). What is the maximum permissible limit for a transaction under this arrangement?

A) Rs 1000

B) Rs 2000

C) Rs 3000

D) Rs 5000

Answer: B



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Q.2. What is the investment cap on Voluntary Retention Route' (VRR) for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investment in debt?

A) Rs. 75,000 crores

B) Rs. 1.5 lakh crores

C) Rs. 1 lakh crores

D) Rs 50,000 crores

Answer: B

Q.3. Name the mobile app launched by RBI for aiding persons with visual impairment to identify the denomination of Indian Banknotes?

A) VANI

B) MONEY

C) MANI

D) MAVI

Answer : C

Q.4. RBI has released the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for which period?

A) 2020-2024

B) 2019-2023

C) 2019-2024

D) 2020-2023

Answer : C

Q.5. The term of the Chairman of National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD)

A) 3 years

B) 5 years

C) 7 years

D) 2 years

Answer: A

Q.6. The chairman of the Securities And Exchange Board Of India(SEBI) is appointed by

A) Government of India

B) RBI

C) President of India

D) None is Correct

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Answer: A

Q.7. When one bank borrow money from another bank(for one day only), then it is called

A) Call Money

B) Recall Money

C) Aerial Money

D) Easy Money

Answer: A



- Q.8. Who decide on the value and volume of bank notes to be printed and on what basis:
 - A) Finance Ministry

B) Planning Commission

C) RBI

D) Stock exchange

Answer : C

- Q.9. The Financial Literacy Week (FLW) is organised annually by which organisation?
 - A) Ministry of Finance

B) NPCI

C) RBI

D) SBI

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been conducting Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016 to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme across the country
- Q.10. LAF is a monetary policy tool which allows banks borrow money through repurchase agreements. Expand LAF
 - A) Lending adjustment facility
- B) Loan adjustment facility

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- C) Liability adjustment facility
- D) Liquidity adjustment facility

Answer: D



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