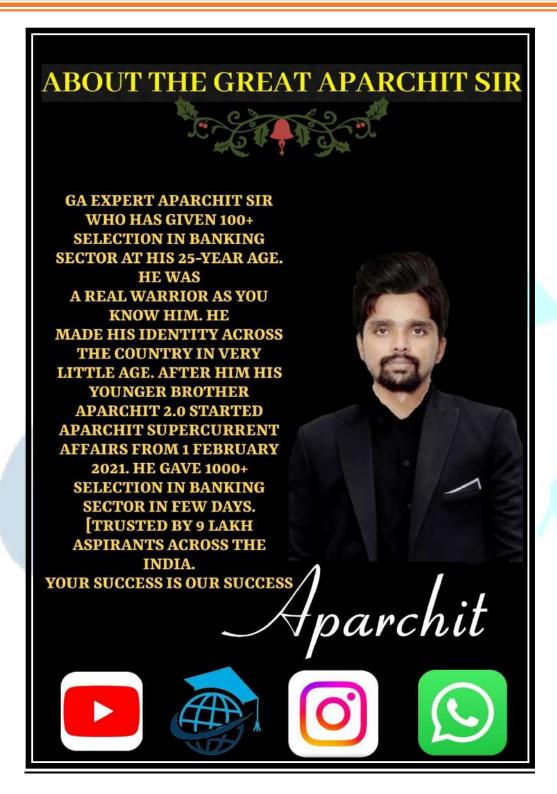


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Q.1. Pench Tiger Reserve lies in which one of the following states?

A) Odisha

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Jharkhand

Answer: C

- ✓ The Pench Tiger Reserve recently launched an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for the early detection of forest fires.
- ✓ About Pench Tiger Reserve:
- ✓ Location: The reserve is located in the southern reaches of the Satpura hills in the Seoni and Chhindwara districts in Madhya Pradesh and continues in Nagpur district in Maharashtra as a separate Sanctuary.
- ✓ It is named after the Pench River, which flows from north to south through the Reserve.
- ✓ It comprises of the Indira Priyadarshini Pench National Park, the Pench Mowgli Sanctuary, and a buffer.
- ✓ The area of the Pench Tiger Reserve and the surrounding area is the real-story area of Rudyard Kipling's famous "The Jungle Book".

TIGER RESERVE IN NEWS 2024

- ➤ Pench Tiger Reserve recently launched an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for the early detection of forest fires.
- ➤ Pench Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra has become India's first and Asia's fifth tiger reserve with 'Dark Sky Park'.
- Arunachal Pradesh approves constitution of Special Tiger Protection Force for three Tiger Reserves.
- ➤ Bihar's second tiger reserve to come up in Kaimur sanctuary
- After the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district, Bihar is set to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary) by the end of the year.
- > Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh and 55th in India.
- India got its 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approving a proposal.

- ➤ India's Tiger Population Reaches 3,925 with 6.1% Annual Growth Rate, Holds 75% of Global Wild Tiger Population.
- ➤ Bihar government has started considering the constitution of the Rhino Task Force to Conserve the Rhino species in Valmiki Tiger Reserve.
- > Government of Odisha has recently announced the establishment of the world's first melanistic tiger safari

Q.2. Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, recently in news, is a:

A) maritime exercise

B) military exercise

C) airforce exercise

D) rescue operation

Answer: A

- ✓ Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Shivalik, mission deployed in South China Sea and North Pacific Ocean, has reached Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to take part in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.
- ✓ It is the world's largest international maritime exercise, being held in Hawaii.
- ✓ It is aimed at enhancing interoperability and building trust among the navies of friendly foreign countries.
- ✓ It is being held under the theme of Partners: Integrated and Prepared, which runs until August 1.
- ✓ It is led by the US Navy, approx 29 countries are participating in the current edition of the multidimensional exercise.
- ✓ The harbour phase of the exercise from 27 Jun to 07 Jul 2024 will see participation in multiple symposiums, exercise planning discussions, sports competitions and reciprocal deck visits.
- ✓ The sea phase of RIMPAC 24, divided into three sub-phases will witness ships undertaking basic and advanced level integration exercises during the first two sub-phases.

EXERCISE IN NEWS 2024

- Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Shivalik, that was deployed on mission in south China Sea and north Pacific Ocean, has reached Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to take part in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, world's largest naval exercise.
- ➤ Indian Air Force and Egyptian Air Force participated in the Exercise HOPEX 2024.
- ➤ 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. Consider the following statements with reference to the Interest Equalisation Scheme:
 - 1. It provides pre- and post-shipment export credit to exporters in rupees.
 - 2. It is jointly monitored by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and the Reserve Bank of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

C) Both 1 and 2

B) 2 only

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

- ✓ The Department of Commerce has extended the Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit for Micro, Small and Medium-scale (MSME) exporters till August 31.
- ✓ It was first implemented on 1st April, 2015, to provide pre- and post-shipment export credit to exporters in rupees.
- ✓ It was initially valid for 5 years, up to 31.3.2020. The scheme has been continued thereafter, including a one-year extension during COVID and further extensions and fund allocations
- ✓ Implementing agency: It is being implemented by the RBI through various Public and non-Public Sector banks who provide pre- and post-shipment credit to the exporters.
- ✓ The Scheme is jointly monitored by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and the RBI through a consultative mechanism.
- ✓ Currently, the Scheme provides an interest equalisation benefit at the rate of 2% on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit to merchant and manufacturer exporters of 410 identified tariff lines at 4-digit level and 3% to all MSME manufacturer exporters.
- ✓ The Scheme has now been made fund-limited, and the benefit to individual exporters has been capped at Rs 10 Crore per annum per IEC (Import Export Code).
- ✓ In addition, the banks that lend to exporters at an average rate of more than Repo + 4% would be debarred under the Scheme
- Q.4. Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI), recently seen in news, is launched by:
 - A) World Bank
 - B) World Economic Forum
 - C) G20
 - D) International Monetary Fund

Answer: D

- ✓ Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released an Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI) Dashboard.
- ✓ It assesses the level of AI preparedness across 174 countries.

- ✓ The rating for each country is given based on the assessment of readiness in four key areas digital infrastructure, human capital and labour market policies, innovation and economic integration, and regulation and Ethics.
- ✓ The Index has categorised each country into Advanced Economy (AE), Emerging Market Economy (EM), and Low-Income Country (LIC).
- \checkmark Singapore (0.80), Denmark (0.78), and the United States (0.77) are among the highest-rated AEs,
- ✓ India categorised as an EM with a 0.49 rating. India ranks 72 in a total of 174 countries, with Bangladesh (0.38) on 113, Sri Lanka (0.43) on 92, and China (0.63) on 31.
- ✓ Key facts about International Monetary Fund.
- ✓ It was formed in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference with the goal of reconstructing the international monetary system.
- ✓ Important Reports: World Economic Outlook and Global Financial Stability Report

IMF IN NEWS 2024

- ➤ Kristalina Georgieva has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a new 5 year term.
- Pakistan is set to request a formal bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), which provides a larger and more extended package.
- ➤ International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised India's GDP growth forecast for 2024-25 upwards by 30 basis points to 6.8%.
- ➤ International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its recently released 'World Economic Outlook' report has raised India's growth forecast, projecting a 6.1 per cent growth in gross domestic product (GDP) in 2023-24
- ➤ International Monetary Fund has approved an immediate disbursal of USD 1.1 billion to Pakistan as part of a bailout package supported by the IMF's Stand-By Arrangement (SBA).
- > Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released the latest Global Financial Stability Report.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- ➤ Founded: 1945
- ➤ Headquarters: Washington, D.C.

- Managing Director: Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)
- First Deputy MD : Gita Gopinath
- > Chief Economist : Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)
- > Executive Director for India at IMF: Krishnamurthy Subramaniam
- ➤ Member countries : 190 (Andorra)
- > IMF Released Report
- > Global Financial Stability Report
- > World Economic Outlook.
- The value of Special Drawing Right (SDR) is determined by the basket of 5 currencies.
- The currencies are, US Dollar, Japanese Yen, British Pound, Chinese Yuan and Euro.
- > Special Drawing Right is known as the Paper Gold. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of key international currencies reviewed by IMF every five years. SDR was introduced in the 1969
- > by the IMF to solve the problem of International liquidity
- Q.5. Which one of the following is the primary purpose of the GSAT 20 satellite, recently seen in the news?

A) Weather monitoring

B) Navigation

C) Communication

D) Earth observation

Answer: C

- ✓ In a first, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch its latest large satellite, GSAT 20, on SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.
- ✓ About GSAT 20 Satellite:
- ✓ It is India's latest communications satellite.
- ✓ It is a hi-tech, heavy-weight satellite weighing 4,700 kg.
- ✓ It will have a high throughput capacity of 48 GBPS.
- ✓ The satellite made by ISRO has 32 spot beams and it has been made to cover all of India, but with a special emphasis on providing connectivity for Northeastern India.
- ✓ The satellite will be owned and operated by ISRO's commercial arm New Space India Ltd. (NSIL).
- ✓ ISRO opted for SpaceX to launch GSAT 20 because India's indigenous heavy rocket, the Launch Vehicle Mark 3, lacks the capability to lift such a heavy satellite.

ISRO IN NEWS 2024

- GSAT 20 is a hi-tech heavy-weight satellite weighing 4,700 kg. New Delhi: In a first, Indian space agency ISRO will launch its latest large satellite on SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.
- ➤ ISRO successfully carried out the third Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) Landing Experiment (LEX) on June 23 at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- > ISRO recently developed Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software named PraVaHa.
- ➤ ISRO Chairman S Somanath unveiled SFO Technologies' carbon reduction initiative, aiming for a 50% reduction by 2035 and zero emissions by 2040.
- > ISRO achieved yet another milestone in design and manufacturing by successfully conducting a long duration test of the PS4 engine of the PSLV stage.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath announced on 16 April 2024 that India aims to achieve debris-free space by 2030.
- > Proba-3 Mission of Proba-3 Mission of ESA to Study Sun will be Launched by ISRO
- > to Study Sun will be Launched by ISRO
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chandrayaan -3 mission team was awarded the 2024 John L "Jack" Swigert, Jr, Award for Space Exploration by the US-based Space Foundation.
- ➤ Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) located at Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram has launched a multi-purpose app 'SAKHI' (Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction-SAKHI) to assist the Gaganyaan crew.
- ➤ Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and ISRO Chairman have already said that by 2040 we should have an Indian astronaut on the moon and also to have our space station by 2035.
- > PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the second spaceport of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Founded: 15 August 1969HQ: Bengalore, Karnataka

Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai

> 10th Chairman : S Somanath

- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- ➤ GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- ➤ SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India
- Q.6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Krishi Katha platform:
 - 1. It helps in raising awareness, facilitating exchange of knowledge, fostering collaboration and empowering farmers.
 - 2. It is an initiative of NITI Aayog.

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, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development launched web portal for faster bank settlements of interest subvention claims under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund along with Krishi Katha platform.
- ✓ It showcases the voice of the Indian farmers, dedicated to amplifying the experiences, insights and success stories of farmers across the country.
- ✓ It aims to provide a comprehensive and immersive storytelling space where the narratives of India's agricultural community can be shared and celebrated.
- ✓ The objectives behind this initiative will be helpful in raising awareness, facilitating exchange of knowledge, fostering collaboration and empowering farmers.
- ✓ Key facts about Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Scheme
- ✓ It was launched in 2020.
- ✓ Objective: Development of post-harvest management infrastructure for reducing losses, realisation of better value to farmers, innovation in agriculture and attracting investments for creation of Agriculture

infrastructure with a total outlay of ₹ 1 lakh crore funding through the banks and financial institutions upto 2025-26.

- ✓ The scheme provides for 3% interest subvention to beneficiaries of the scheme for the loans given by banks upto ₹ 2 crore for a maximum period of 7 years, besides reimbursement of credit guarantee fee paid by banks.
- Q.7. Consider the following statements with reference to the Sangyaan App:
 - 1. It aims to empower Railway Protection Force Personnel by providing comprehensive information about three new Criminal Acts of India.
 - 2. It is developed by the National Informatics 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: A

- ✓ Recently, the Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched the mobile application-Sangyaan App.
- ✓ It is designed and developed by the Tech Team of RPF.
- ✓ It is a practical tool for anyone seeking to stay informed about the latest legal developments in India.
- ✓ It aims to educate and empower RPF Personnel by providing comprehensive information to understand the provisions of both new and old criminal laws, while highlighting the relevance of these new acts in the context of RPF operations.
- ✓ It will provide in-depth information on three new Criminal Acts: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) 2023.
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APP & PORTAL IN NEWS 2024

- Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched the mobile application-Sangyaan App.
- > Days ahead of the implementation of the three criminal laws, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is testing eSakshya (e-evidence) app.
- ➤ 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 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.8. Who has been appointed as the 35th foreign secretary of India?

A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

B) Vikram Misri

C) K.P.S Menon

D) S Jaishnakar

Answer: B

- ✓ Vikram Misri appointed as the 35th Foreign Secretary of India.
- ✓ The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the appointment of Vikram Misri as the new foreign secretary of India.
- ✓ He will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra and take charge on 15 July 2024.
- ✓ Vikram Misri is considered a China expert and was the ambassador to China from January 2019 to December 2021 (during the Galwan Valley clashes).
- ✓ As the foreign secretary, he will head the bureaucracy of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- ✓ About 35th Foreign Secretary of India Vikram Misri
- ✓ Vikram Misri will be the 35th foreign secretary of India. K.P.S Menon was India's first foreign secretary, appointed in 1948 after the creation of the present Ministry of External Affairs by the government of India after Independence.
- ✓ He is currently the Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat.
- ✓ The first female foreign secretary of India was Chokila Iyer, who served from March 2001 to June 2002. She was the 23rd Foreign Secretary of India

FAMOUS SECRETARY IN NEWS

Vikram Misri - Foreign secretary

> Pramod Kumar Mishra: Principal Secretary to Prime Minister

Sanjay Malhotra : Revenue Secretary

> Aramane Giridhar : Defence Secretary

- Rajiv Gauba Cabinet Secretary
- Vivek Kumar Private Secretary to PM
- > Tarun Kapoor Advisor to PM
- > T V Somanathan Finance Secretary.
- ➤ Ajay Seth Economic Affairs Secretary.
- > TV Somanathan Expenditure Secretary.
- P Praveen Siddharth Private Secretary to President.
- ➤ Kapil Dev Tripathi Secretary to President
- Q.9. Who has been elected as the President of the European Council of the European Union?

A) Teofilo Braga

B) Kaja Kallas

C) Antonio Costa

D) Charles Michel

Answer: C

- ✓ Former Prime Minister of Portugal Antonio Costa has been elected as the new President of the European Council of the European Union.
- ✓ Antonio Costa will replace Charles Michel of Belgium and take charge on 1 October 2024.
- ✓ The European Council also selected Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas as the next High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.
- ✓ The European Council of the European Union elects the President of the European Council by a secret ballot.
- ✓ The President of the European Council is elected for a term of 2.5 years and can be re-elected once.
- ✓ Thus, a person can hold the office of the President of the European Council for a maximum of five years.
- ✓ About European Union
- ✓ The European Union is an international organisation that was created by the Maastricht Treaty, which came into force on 1 November 1993.
- ✓ The Parliament sits at Luxembourg, Brussels(Belgium) and Strasbourg (France)
- ✓ Members: 27 countries.
- ✓ Headquarters: Brussels(Belgium).

Q.10. Which country has been put in the 'regular follow-up category' by the global anti-money laundering body, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

A) India

B) Russia

C) France

D) Italy

Answer: A

- ✓ India put in the regular follow-up category by FATF.
- ✓ India has been put in the 'regular follow-up category' by the global anti-money laundering body, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- ✓ This decision was taken at the plenary meeting of the FATF held in Singapore from 26-28 June 2024.
- ✓ The meeting discussed issues relating to money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing.
- ✓ India, along with Russia, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom, was kept in the 'regular follow-up' category. One country was put on the grey list, and the remaining countries were kept in the 'enhanced follow-up' category.
- ✓ The FATF appreciated India's effort in combating anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing but said that India needs to take measures to tackle delays in concluding prosecution in cases of money laundering and terror financing.
- ✓ India joined the FATF in 2010, and the first evaluation of India by the FATF took place in 2010.
- ✓ The next evaluation of India was postponed due to a coronavirus pandemic and was conducted in 2023. The Singapore meeting discussed the 2023 evaluation report of India.
- ✓ India now has to submit a report to the FATF by October 2027 the measure it has taken to address the concerns expressed by the FATF.
- ✓ About Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- ✓ The Group of Seven (G-7) countries set up the FATF at the Paris summit meeting in 1989.
- ✓ Function of FATF
- ✓ It is an inter-governmental body;
- ✓ Which sets the global standards on anti-money laundering(AML), combating the financing of terrorism(CFT) and proliferation financing (providing funds or financial services for the development of weapons of mass destruction, i.e. chemical, biological or nuclear weapons),
- ✓ Members of FATF

- ✓ At present, 39 countries are members of FATF. However, Russia has been suspended since 2023. India joined the FATF in 2010.
- ✓ Headquarters: Paris, France.
- ✓ President of FATF: T Raja Kumar of Singapore.
- ✓ Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002, based on the recommendation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), is the main law dealing with money laundering in India. It was implemented on 1 July 2005. The provision of the PMLA is enforced by the Directorate of Enforcement or ED

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

- 1. It aims to provide electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country.
- 2. The Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been designated as its nodal agency for the Saubhagya scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ The Meghalaya Lokayukta recently issued notifications to the former chief secretary and other former officials of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for their alleged irregularities in the implementation of the Saubhagya scheme in the state.
- ✓ About Saubhagya Scheme:
- ✓ The Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) in October, 2017
- ✓ Objective: Achieving universal household electrification, by providing electricity connections to all unelectrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country.
- ✓ Under the Saubhagaya scheme, LED bulbs, wire, holders, switches, etc are to be provided to BPL families free of cost.
- ✓ Salient features of the scheme were:
- ✓ Providing last-mile connectivity and electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas.

- ✓ In the rural areas, families other than BPL families electricity connection has to be provided for Rs. 500. The consumer has to pay the amount in 10 equal installments of Rs. 50 in each bill, in the urban areas, the BPL families will be provided free power connection.
- ✓ Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been designated as its nodal agency for the Saubhagya scheme.
- Q.12. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) assessment:
 - 1. It is an initiative of union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - 2. It has been launched to assess the quality of the organic vegetables.

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, the union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) assessment, Dashboard for IPHS and Spot Food Licence Initiative to provide "Healthcare for All" and promote wellness.
- ✓ National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) assessment has been launched for Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) and Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHL) in compliance with IPHS standards.
- ✓ IPHS is a digital platform for real-time monitoring of public health facilities that provides a comprehensive overview of the assessment and compliance status of public health facilities.
- ✓ What is Spot Food Licence Initiative?
- ✓ It is for the instant issuance of licenses and registrations through the pan-India IT platform designed to address all food safety regulatory needs i.e Food Safety and Compliance System (FoSCoS).
- ✓ This new provision supplements the existing procedures for applying and obtaining licenses and registrations as prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulation, 2011.
- ✓ This scheme will not apply to businesses involved in high-risk food categories like milk, meat and fish.
- ✓ What are Ayushman Arogya Mandirs?

- ✓ These have been established and operationalized to provide comprehensive, accessible healthcare services for all citizens.
- ✓ These are led by Community Health Officers, the primary healthcare teams at AAM are trained to manage initial care, triage, and refer patients to appropriate facilities for further treatment.
- Q.13. Consider the following statements with reference to the Central Electronics Limited (CEL):
 - 1. It is a Govt. of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
 - 2. It aims to achieve excellence in the technology and manufacture, and be market leader in Solar Energy Systems and Strategic Electronics.

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

- ✓ Central Electronics Limited (CEL) was recently granted "Mini Ratna" status (Category-1) at its Golden Jubilee celebration.
- ✓ About Central Electronics Limited (CEL):
- ✓ It is a Govt. of India Enterprise under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ✓ It was established in 1974, with the objective to commercially exploit indigenous technologies developed by National Laboratories and R&D Institutions in the country.
- ✓ CEL's mission is to achieve excellence in the technology and manufacture, and be market leader in Solar Energy Systems and Strategic Electronics
- Q.14. Which of the following has retained its position as India's most valuable brand with a value of \$28.6 billion in 2024, reflecting a 9 per cent increase from last year?

A) Mahindra Group

B) Tata Group

C) Adani Group

D) Reliance Group

Answer: B

✓ Tata Group has retained its position as India's most valuable brand with a value of \$28.6 billion, reflecting a 9 per cent increase from last year.

- ✓ Following Tata, Infosys holds the second position, while HDFC Group has made a significant leap to third place, in Brand Value's 'India 100 2024 ranking.
- ✓ Brand Finance's report highlighted that Tata Group marks the first time an Indian brand is nearing the \$30 billion mark. Meanwhile, HDFC was propelled to the third position driven by its monumental merger with HDFC Ltd. This merger has bolstered HDFC Group's brand value, reflecting a strong presence in the financial sector.
- ✓ Taj, valued at \$545 million, maintains its position as India's strongest brand with an impressive Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 92.9 out of 100 and a prestigious AAA+ rating for brand strength
- Q.15. Which of the following has introduced Personal Probiotics, India's first prebiotic and probiotic blend handcrafted based on individual gut profile?

A) Zydus

B) Sun Pharma

C) MicrobioTx

D) Cipla

Answer: C

- ✓ MicrobioTx launches India's first Hyper-Personalised Probiotic
- ✓ MicrobioTx, a Bengaluru-based gut health startup, introduced Personal Probiotics, India's first prebiotic and probiotic blend handcrafted based on individual gut profile, and GutChat, a free gut health-focused chatbot for gut health enthusiasts.
- ✓ Personal probiotics are hand-crafted based on the results of a unique, patent-protected and clinically proven gut microbiome test.
- Q.16. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited?

A) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar

B) Rajnish Kumar

C) Tablesh Pandey

D) Naveen Chandra Jha

Answer: D

- ✓ Naveen Chandra Jha has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited.
- ✓ He succeeds Kishore Kumar Poludasu.
- ✓ Jha has been associated with the State Bank of India since 1994 and has held several key positions during his tenure.

- ✓ Prior to his current role at SBI General Insurance, Jha served as Deputy Managing Director of SBI.
- Q.17. Which day of the year is observed as the National Doctors' Day?

A) 29 June

B) 30 June

C) 02 July

D) 01 July

Answer: D

- ✓ National Doctors' Day is organized on 01 July annually in India by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).
- ✓ This year 2024, the National Doctors Day theme is "Healing Hands, Caring Hearts"
- ✓ Why is National Doctors' Day celebrated?— to honor the great physicians and help us understand the importance of doctors in our lives and value them, to offer them our respects by commemorating one of their greatest representatives.
- ✓ The day commemorates the birth anniversary of the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy who was born on July 1, 1882, and died on the same date in 1962.
- Q.18. National Doctors' Day is celebrated in India to honour _____.

A) Dr. Hargovind Khurana

B) Dr. Satish Chandra

C) Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy

D) Dr. Bhupendranath Datta

Answer: C

- ✓ In India the National Doctors' Day is celebrated on July 1 all across India to honour the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. He was born on July 1, 1882 and died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years. Dr Roy was honoured with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961
- Q.19. When is the United Nations International Day of Parliamentarism commemorated?

A) June 30

B) June 27

C) June 29

D) June 28

Answer: A

- ✓ United Nations International Day of Parliamentarism is held on June 30 to celebrate parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over.
- ✓ The day marks the anniversary of the Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union, the global organization of parliaments, that was established on June 30, 1889.

Q.20. The International Asteroid Day is observed annually on___

A) 28 June

B) 30 June

C) 29 June

D) 27 June

Answer: B

- ✓ The International Asteroid Day, also known as Asteroid Day is a United Nations proclaimed day observed globally on June 30 ever year to raise awareness about asteroids and what can be done to protect the Earth, its families, communities, and future generations from a catastrophic event.
- ✓ The event marks the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event that took place on June 30, 1908, and was the most harmful known asteroid-related event on Earth in recent history.

Q.21. The Chartered Accountants' Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 29 June

B) 30 June

C) 01 July

D) 02 July

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Answer: C

- ✓ The Chartered Accountants' Day is held on 01 July every year in India. It is also known as ICAI Foundation Day.
- ✓ The day is marked to commemorate the foundation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949.
- ✓ Celebrating its 76th year.
- ✓ ICAI is among the oldest professional institutions in the country and also the second largest professional accounting and finance body in the world in terms of members.

Q.22. National Postal Worker Day is an annual event which takes place on_

A) 29 June

B) 30 June

C) 01 July

D) 28 June

Answer: C

- ✓ The National Postal Worker Day is marked every year on July 1 globally in recognition of the contribution made by postal workers in our society.
- ✓ The day is a unique opportunity to say 'thank you' not only to postmen but also to all delivery personnel, as online shopping has become a lifeline for many of us.
- ✓ The day was initiated by a popular postal service provider from Seattle, United States of America in 1997 to felicitate and honour the co-postal workers for their dedication.

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- Q.1. Venki Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in which field with Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath?
 - A) Physics
 - B) Chemistry
 - C) Literature
 - D) Medicine

Answer: B

- ✓ Venki Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Thomas Steitz and Ada Yonath.
- ✓ Prize motivation: " for studies of the structure and function of the Ribosome".
- Q.2. The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the __ in 1991.
 - A) Infosys Foundation
 - B) KK Birla Foundation
 - C) Wipro Foundation
 - D) Pirojsha Godrej Foundation

Answer: B

- ✓ Bihari Puraskar is a literary award instituted by K. K. Birla Foundation in 1991.
- ✓ The award is named after the famous Hindi poet Bihari and is awarded to an outstanding work published in Hindi or Rajasthani by a Rajasthani writer in the last 10 years.

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- Q.3. Mufin finance, one of the leading NBFC's has received in principle RBI approval for issuance of semi close prepaid payment instruments. Identify the correct statement regarding NBCF's
 - I. NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
 - II. NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system.
 - III. NFC scan issue cheques drawn on itself.
 - A) Only I

B) Only III

C) Both I and II

D) Both II and III

Answer : A

- ✓ The two statements:
- ✓ NBFC cannot accept demand deposits.
- ✓ NBFC's do not form part of the payment and settlement system. are true.
- Q.4. Which of the following is the goalpost of payments vision 2025?
 - A) integrity

B) inclusion

C) innovation

D) all of the above

Answer : D

- Q.5. Which of the following is the current Union Minister of Women and Child Development?
 - A) Smriti Zubin Irani

B) Bhupender Yadav

C) SarbanandaSonowal

D) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: A

- Q.6. Recently, Safran has recently announced to establish the largest and the first aircraft engine MRO facility in Hyderabad, Telangana?
 - A) Japan

B) Russia

C) France

D) United States

Answer: C

- Q.7. In which state Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife is situated at?
 - A) Maharashtra

B) Gujarat

C) Goa

D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C



- Q.8. Ghode Modni is a folk dance of which Indian state?
 - A) Goa

B) Rajasthan

C) Tripura

D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

- Q.9. Where is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) headquartered?
 - A) Vienna, Austria

- B) Brussels, Belgium
- C) Geneva, Switzerland
- D) Paris, France

Answer: B

- Q.10. What is the National Heritage Animal of India?
 - A) Panther

B) Lion

C) Tiger

D) Elephant

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Answer : D



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