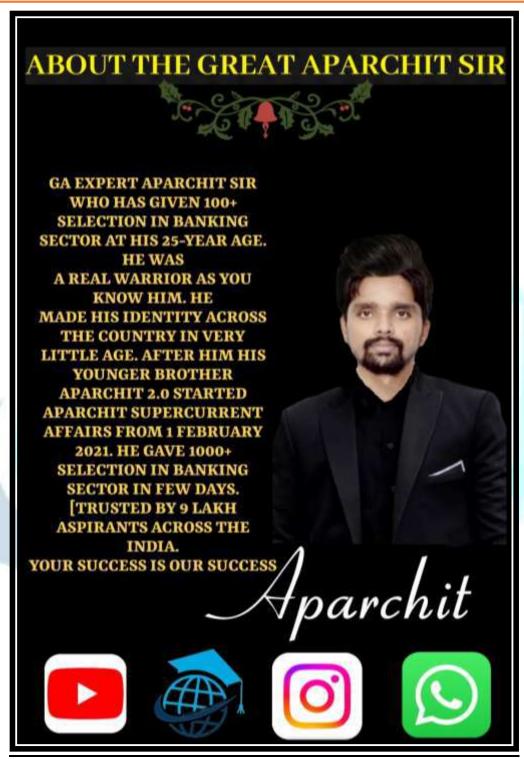


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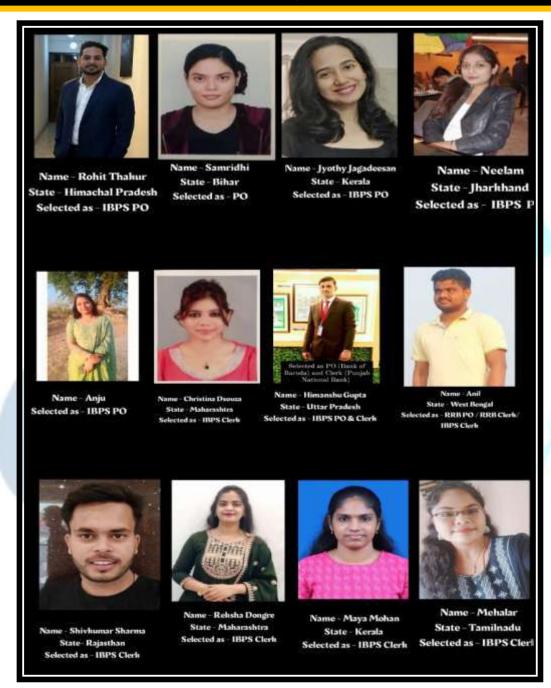






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Q.1. Which bank has sharply increased its Minimum Average Balance requirements across all branch categories effective August 2025?

A) ICICI Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) Axis Bank

D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

#### Answer: A

- ✓ ICICI Bank, India's second-largest private sector lender, has announced a significant hike in its Minimum Average Balance (MAB) requirements for metro, urban, semi-urban, and rural branches, effective August 2025.
- ✓ This revision marks the first such steep increase among private banks, with metro and urban branches seeing the MAB raised from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000, semi-urban from ₹5,000 to ₹25,000, and rural from ₹2,500 to ₹10,000.
- ✓ The policy also introduces stricter penalties for non-maintenance and revised cash transaction limits.

#### **ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2025**

- ➤ ICICI Bank, India's second-largest private sector lender, has announced a significant hike in its Minimum Average Balance (MAB) requirements for metro, urban, semi-urban, and rural branches, effective August 2025.
- > Piramal Finance and ICICI Bank join hands for co-lending partnership
- > ICICI Bank and Times Internet have launched a super-premium credit card, 'Times Black,' crafted from historic Times of India printing plates.
- > ICICI Bank and MakeMyTrip (MMT) have launched a co-branded credit card for travel enthusiasts
- > ICICI Bank has crossed the Rs 9 lakh crore market capitalization mark for the first time
- > ICICI Bank partners with PFRDA to launch NPS Vatsalya, a pension account for minors
- Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank to provide financing for solar units to residential and corporate customers.
- ➤ Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK
- > Founded: 1994

HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra

> MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi

> Tagline: Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

#### Q.2. The recently discussed book Why the Constitution Matters is related to whom?

A) Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai

B) D.Y. Chandrachud

C) Sanjiv Khanna

D) Sharad Arvind Bobde

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Former Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's first book, Why the Constitution Matters.
- ✓ The cover of the book Why the Constitution Matters by former Chief Justice of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, has been unveiled.
- ✓ This is his first book, which is scheduled to be published by Penguin Random House by the end of August.
- ✓ Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud retired in November 2024 as the 50th Chief Justice of India.
- ✓ The 51st Chief Justice is Sanjay Khanna and the 52nd Chief Justice is Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai.
- ✓ The book Why the Constitution Matters addresses various issues through the former Chief Justice's historic judgments, such as the right to privacy, decriminalization of homosexuality, and gender equality in the armed forces.
- ✓ Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud succeeded the 49th CJI, Uday Umesh Lalit, as the 50th Chief Justice of India. His tenure was relatively two years long.
- ✓ About the Supreme Court of India:
- ✓ The Supreme Court of India is a constitutional body established under the provisions of Article 124 of the Constitution. It is the highest judicial body in India. It came into existence on January 28, 1950.
- ✓ Its headquarters is in New Delhi, but with the permission of the President of India, it can sit anywhere in India. The maximum number of judges in the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice of India, is 34.
- ✓ First Chief Justice of India Justice Hiralal Jekisundas Kania
- ✓ Longest-serving Chief Justice 16th Chief Justice, Justice Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud, who served as Chief Justice of India from 22 February 1978 to 11 July 1985.
- ✓ Shortest tenure 22nd Chief Justice of India, Justice Kamal Narain Singh, who served from 25 November 1991 to 12 December 1991 (18 days).
- ✓ Language used in the Supreme Court Only English is used in the proceedings of the Supreme Court



#### O.3. Who has been NOT included in the NCERT curriculum?

A) Brigadier Mohammad Usman

B) Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw

C) Major Somnath Sharma

D) Captain Vikram Batra

#### Answer: D

- ✓ NCERT Adds Biographies of Sam Manekshaw, Usman, and Sharma in Curriculum.
- ✓ The Ministry of Defence stated that for the current academic year, chapters on the lives and sacrifices of great war heroes Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, Brigadier Mohammad Usman, and Major Somnath Sharma have been added to the NCERT curriculum.
- ✓ According to the ministry, the chapter on Field Marshal Manekshaw has been included in Class 8 (Urdu), the chapter on Brigadier Usman in Class 7 (Urdu), and the chapter on Major Sharma in Class 8 (English). The aim of the newly introduced chapters is to provide students with inspiring narratives of courage and duty.
- ✓ Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw was India's first Field Marshal officer to be awarded the rank of Field Marshal.
- ✓ Brigadier Mohammad Usman and Major Somnath Sharma, who were awarded the Maha Vir Chakra and the Param Vir Chakra (posthumously) respectively, laid down their lives in the service of the nation and will remain symbols of supreme sacrifice.
- ✓ As part of the efforts to establish the National War Memorial (NWM) as a prominent national site, the Ministry of Defence has partnered with the Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to include NWM and related references in the school curriculum.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the National War Memorial, located at the prestigious Central Vista 'C' Hexagon, India Gate, New Delhi, to the nation on 25 February 2019.
- ✓ NCERT will also publish special modules on Mission LiFE ("Lifestyle for Environment"); the horrors of Partition; India's rise as a space power from Chandrayaan to Aditya L1, and Subhanshu Shukla's journey to the International Space Station.
- ✓ The first special module on Operation Sindoor will be for students from Class 3 to 8, and the second for students from Class 9 to 12. The achievements of India and its armed forces will be described in modules of 8 to 10 pages.



- ✓ India launched Operation Sindoor in the early hours of 7 May and attacked nine terrorist and military bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the Pahalgam terrorist attack.
- Q.4. Recently, where did the Indian Army launch the drone competition 'Surya Dronnathan 2025'?
  - A) Andhra Pradesh

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Arunachal Pradesh

D) Mizoram

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Indian Army launches drone competition 'Surya Dronnathan 2025' in HP.
- ✓ The Indian Army's Surya Command, in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India, has organized a drone competition, Surya Dronnathan 2025, at Sumdo in the Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The aim of Surya Dronnathan 2025 is to utilize cutting-edge indigenous technology and foster a strong ecosystem of innovation in the defense sector, in line with the vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" and the Indian Army's pursuit of technological advancement.
- ✓ The Indian Army's Surya Command, also known as the Central Command, is one of the seven commands of the Indian Army. Its headquarters is in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

#### **EXERCISE IN NEWS 2025**

- The 14th India-Singapore bilateral military exercise, code-named "Bold Kurukshetra", commenced at Jodhpur Military Station of the Indian Army in Rajasthan, on 27 December 2025.
- ➤ Indian Navy will participate in the 32nd edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), earlier known as Exercise Lion King.
- ➤ 'Jaa Mata', a Joint Exercise, was held from July 7–12, 2025, off the Chennai coast, marking deeper India–Japan Coast Guard cooperation.
- ➤ The eighth edition of the Indo-French army exercise, 'Shakti 2025', that started on June 18 concluded in France .
- > The 6th edition of Exercise DUSTLIK, a bilateral joint military drill between India and Uzbekistan, commenced on April 16, 2025, at the Foreign Training Node, Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra.
- The eighth edition of the bilateral Indo-French military exercise 'Shakti' begins on June 18, 2025, Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie in France.
- The first-ever joint special operations exercise between the Indian Air Force and the US Air Force,



named "Tiger Claw," took place from May 26 to June 10, 2025.

- ➤ The Indian Army participated in Exercise Khaan Quest 2025, a multinational peacekeeping exercise held in Mongolia. The exercise, co-hosted by the Mongolian Armed Forces and the U.S.
- ➤ The 3rd edition of the India, Egypt military 'Exercise Cyclone' 2025 commenced at the Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan on the 10th of February 2025.
- ➤ The sixth edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian is scheduled to take place from February 25 to March 9, 2025, at Mount Fuji, Japan.
- ➤ The 18th edition of the India-Nepal joint military exercise "Surya Kiran" has commenced at Saljhandi, Nepal.
- ➤ Indian Army contingent departed for 17th edition of India- Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT which is scheduled to be conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ➤ Bangladesh is participating with India in the 6th edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) and the 4th edition of the bilateral exercise 'BONGOSAGAR' in 2025.
- ➤ The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan
- ➤ The Indian Army and Indian Air Force conducted EX Winged Raiders in the Eastern Theater.
- ➤ The 13th edition of the joint India-Maldives military exercise 'Ekuverin' is being hosted by Maldives from 2-15 February 2025.
- The indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer INS Mumbai is participating in the Exercise LA PEROUSE.
- ➤ It is the fourth edition of the multinational naval exercise
- ➤ The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan from 10 March to 23 March 2025.
- Q.5. Consider the following statements regarding the Khelo India ASMITA:
  - 1. It is part of Khelo India's gender-neutral mission to promote sports among women through leagues and competitions.
  - 2. It was started in 2021 and identifies new talents across India through this platform.

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

- ✓ Khelo India ASMITA Football League 2025-26 was inaugurated by the Minister of State, Youth Affairs and Sports in Jalgaon, Maharashtra.
- ✓ Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women (ASMITA) is part of Khelo India's gender-neutral mission to promote sports among women through leagues and competitions.
- ✓ It is an affirmative action in sports for increasing women's participation.
- ✓ Objective: Inclusive and grassroots-driven sports development.
- ✓ The Khelo India ASMITA league is a core component of the 'Khelo Bharat Niti,' promoting sports for nation-building and women's empowerment.
- ✓ The league is a dedicated platform for young girls, addressing historical imbalances and creating new opportunities.
- ✓ As such, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) supports National Sports Federations in conducting Khelo India women's leagues across multiple age groups at both zonal and national levels.
- ✓ It was started in 2021, ASMITA leagues not only aim to increase the participation of women in sports but also to utilize the leagues as a platform for the identification of new talent across the length and breadth of India.
- ✓ This financial year 2025-26, 852 ASMITA leagues have been planned in 15 sports disciplines, targeting more than 70,000 women athletes in all States/ UTs of the country.
- ✓ **Significance:** This initiative is changing the narrative around women in sports, helping them challenge stereotypes and become new role models.
- ✓ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Q.6. India has been chosen as the 'Guest of Honour' at the 38th Bogotá International Book Fair 2026 of which country?

A) France

B) Vietnam

C) Mauritius

D) Colombia

#### Answer: D

- ✓ India will participate as the 'Guest of Honour' country at the 38th Bogotá International Book Fair (FILBo) 2026.
- ✓ Indian Ambassador to Colombia, Vanlalhuma, expressed gratitude and emphasised that literary exchange will serve as a bridge for deeper relations and mutual connection between people.



- ✓ The National Book Trust of India, for the first time, showcased a collective exhibition of Indian books at the 37th Bogotá International Book Fair 2025, held from 25 April to 11 May this year.
- ✓ Colombia and India established diplomatic relations in January 1959 and celebrated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties in 2019.
- ✓ In March 1972, Colombia opened its embassy in New Delhi. India opened its embassy in Colombia in 1973.
- Q.7. Who was given the top rank in the first District Flood Severity Index by IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar?

A) Patna, Bihar

B) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

C) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

D) Mumbai, Maharashtra

#### Answer: A

- ✓ IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar launch District Flood Severity Index.
- ✓ Researchers from IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar have developed a District Flood Severity Index (DFSI), which takes into account the average duration (in days) of all flood events in a district, the percentage of historically flood-affected area, the total number of deaths, the number of injured, and the district's population.
- ✓ This index directly assesses the severity of floods in an area using annual data collected by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) since 1967 and the district's population.
- ✓ It is the first major effort in India to prepare a district-based, observation-based measure of flood vulnerability and damage
- ✓ Top 5 flood-prone districts according to DFSI score:
- ✓ 1. Patna (Bihar) DFSI: 19.37
- ✓ 2. Murshidabad (West Bengal) DFSI: 19.01
- ✓ 3. Thane (Maharashtra) DFSI: 18.88
- ✓ 4. North 24 Parganas (West Bengal) DFSI: 18.86
- ✓ 5. Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) DFSI: 18.84
- ✓ DFSI Criteria:
- ✓ The DFSI uses six factors divided into two categories.
- ✓ Flood magnitude factors: Average duration (in days) of all floods in a district, percentage of historically flood-affected area, and the district's population.

✓ Flood impact factors: Total number of deaths and injured. In its current form, the index does not account for the aerial extent of flood-affected agricultural areas

#### Q.8. Which IITs launched the first District Flood Severity Index?

A) IIT Delhi & IIT Madras

B) IIT Delhi & IIT Bombay

C) IIT Delhi & IIT Kanpur

D) IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar

Answer: D

#### **IIT IN NEWS 2025**

- ➤ IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar have developed a District Flood Severity Index (DFSI).
- ➤ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Palakkad launched India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered learning app named Tutoz
- > The Indian Army, in collaboration with IIT Madras, launched 'Agnishodh', a dedicated research cell named the Indian Army Research Cell (IARC), as part of its broader transformation initiative.
- > IIT Madras developed an agriculture waste-based packaging material.
- ➤ IIT Guwahati researchers developed a bamboo-polymer composite as an eco-friendly alternative to plastic in vehicle interiors.
- > IIT Madras has made India's lightest wheelchair called YD One.
- ➤ Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB), in partnership with IIT Bombay, has launched a pilot V2G project to test its feasibility in the state.
- Coal India joins hands with IIT Hyderabad for R D in clean coal tech.
- ➤ DRDO and IIT Hyderabad unveiled India's largest metal 3D printing machine for rocket components. It was developed at the DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) at IIT Hyderabad.
- > IIT Bombay has partnered with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) to develop an "Optical Transceiver Chipset for High-Bandwidth 6G Wireless Links."
- > IIT Madras has announced a collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on Project VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources).
- > IIT-Madras has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus in Thaiyur.
- > IIT Madras, in collaboration with the startup TuTr, completed India's first 410-meter Hyperloop test



track, marking a significant step forward in vacuum-based train technology.

- ➤ Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) have developed water-pollutant detecting device called 'AroTrack'.
- > IIT Madras Partners with IDBI To Launch Cybersecurity Lab
- ➤ The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) partners with IIT Roorkee and Mandi to boost 6G standardization, connectivity.
- TCS And IIT Bombay Collaborate To Create India's First Semiconductor Chip Imaging Tool.
- > 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.
- Q.9. The first Global M.S. Swaminathan Award 2025 winner Dr. Ademola Adenle is from which country?

A) Sweden

**B)** Norway

C) Nigeria

D) Ethiopia

#### Answer: C

- ✓ First Global M.S. Swaminathan Food & Peace Award Winner.
- ✓ As a historic tribute to the legacy of Professor M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 7, 2025, launched a global award in his name the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace.



- ✓ The first recipient of this newly established award is Nigerian scientist Dr. Ademola Adenle, honored for his transformative work in reducing hunger in Nigeria.
- ✓ The M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace has been initiated by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS).
- ✓ Previously, since 2004, the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, had been presenting a national-level award for agricultural research and development.
- ✓ Achievements of Dr. Ademola Adenl
- ✓ He is the first Black person to win the Best Presentation Award for doctoral research at the British Toxicology Society and was honored for his postgraduate work at Oxford.
- ✓ At the United Nations University in Japan, he has led major projects, including Africa's largest GM agriculture study and Nigeria's first national agricultural soil management policy.
- ✓ He is also a Next Einstein Fellow, a 2023 Rockefeller Food System finalist, and winner of the 2022 Sustainability Carbon Neutrality Award.

#### Q.10. Who was the father of Green Revolution in India?

A) Prakash Singh Kairon

B) A. P.J. Abdul Kalam

C) M. S. Swaminathan

D) None of these

#### Answer: C

- ✓ M.S. Swaminathan is known as the "Father of the Green Revolution" in India due to his significant contributions to agricultural advancements.
- ✓ M.S. Swaminathan Award Details
- ✓ Born on August 7, 1925, in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, India, Swaminathan passed away on September 23, 2023, at the age of 98, and was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2024.
- ✓ His contributions laid the foundation for India's self-sufficiency in food production and brought unprecedented progress during the Green Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s.
- ✓ He is known for gaining international recognition for the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve (Go MMB) and for the traditional below-sea-level paddy cultivation of Kuttanad, Kerala, as globally important agricultural heritage sites.
- ✓ For his outstanding contribution to agriculture, he has received many awards and honors, including being the first World Food Prize laureate in 1987.



- ✓ He was also honored with the Padma Shri (1967), Padma Bhushan (1972), and Padma Vibhushan (1989).
- ✓ Other international honors include the Ramon Magsaysay Award (1971) and the Albert Einstein World Science Award (1986).
- ✓ The biography of Dr. Swaminathan, The Man Who Fed India, written by Priyambada Jayakumar, was released on August 6, 2025, at the India International Centre in New Delhi. The book provides detailed information on M.S. Swaminathan's work.
- Q.11. Indian Railways successfully conducted the trial run of Asia's longest freight train. What is its name?

A) 3.5 km

B) 4.5 km

C) 5.5 km

D) 6.5 km

#### Answer: B

Q.12. Indian Railways successfully conducted the trial run of Asia's longest freight train. What is its name?

A) Rudrastra

B) Gatimaan

C) Duronto

D)Tejas

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Indian Railways Trials Asia's Longest Freight Train 'Rudrastra'.
- ✓ Indian Railways has achieved a new milestone by successfully conducting the trial run of Asia's largest 4.5-kilometer-long freight train 'Rudrastra'.
- ✓ This trial run was carried out from Ganjkhwaja Railway Station in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh to Garhwa in Jharkhand, covering a distance of 209 kilometers in 5 hours 10 minutes at an average speed of 40.50 kilometers per hour.
- ✓ Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Uday Singh Meena said that now, for quick loading and transportation of goods, freight trains will be sent from the Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Division (DDU) of East Central Railway to Dhanbad Division.
- ✓ The Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Division of East Central Railway operated the 4.5-kilometer-long 'Rudrastra' by joining six box rakes and running it with seven locomotives. Rudrastra places India among the countries with advanced long-distance freight transport technology, although it is still behind Australia's 7.3 km record.



✓ It had a total of 345 wagons, one of which was loaded with 72 tons of goods in an empty wagon. He mentioned that there were two locomotives at the front and, after every 59 coaches, one locomotive was attached to each rake.

#### Q.13. Indian Railways laid the foundation stone of the BEML Rail Hub 'Brahma' in which state?

A) Jharkhand

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Bihar

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Foundation stone of BEML Rail Hub 'Brahma' laid in Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) rail hub construction project, costing ₹1,800 crore.
- ✓ This plant, known as 'Brahma' (BEML Rail Hub for Manufacturing) of rail coach production, will be set up on over 60 hectares of land in Umaria village, Raisen district. It is expected to provide employment to over 5,000 people.
- ✓ This unit will manufacture coaches for Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, and metro trains.

#### Q.14. Recently, WHO has declared which country free from trypanosomiasis / sleeping sickness?

A) Algeria

B) Morocco

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C) Kenya

D) Nigeria

#### Answer: C

- ✓ WHO Declares Kenya Free from Trypanosomiasis / Sleeping Sickness.
- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has certified Kenya as having eliminated human African trypanosomiasis (HAT), also known as sleeping sickness, as a public health problem, making it the 10th country to reach this important milestone.
- ✓ Other countries that have reached this milestone are Benin, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guinea, Rwanda, Togo, and Uganda.
- ✓ In a statement issued in Nairobi, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus congratulated the government and people of Kenya on this historic achievement.
- ✓ Human African trypanosomiasis is the second neglected tropical disease to be eliminated in Kenya; earlier, in 2018, the country was certified free of guinea worm disease.



#### Q.15. Recently, WHO declared which country malaria-free?

A) Suriname

B) Ghana

C) Angola

D) Ethiopia

#### Answer: A

- ✓ In 2025, Suriname became the first country in the Amazon region to be certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO). Additionally, Georgia was declared malaria-free in 2025 as the second country.
- ✓ India has set a target to reduce malaria cases to zero by 2025 and to achieve complete elimination of malaria by 2030.

#### Q.16. Recently, WHO has certified India free from which disease?

A) Trachoma

B) Malaria

C) Tuberculosis

D) Influenza

#### Answer: A

- ✓ India Gets WHO Certificate for Eliminating Trachoma
- ✓ At the 78th World Health Assembly held in Geneva, the World Health Organization (WHO) awarded India a certificate for the elimination of trachoma as a public health problem.
- ✓ With this, India became the third country in the South-East Asia region to achieve this public health milestone.
- ✓ The government has taken several measures under the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI) to eliminate trachoma.
- ✓ Trachoma is an infectious bacterial disease that affects the eyes, especially the conjunctiva (the membrane covering the white part of the eye and the inside of the eyelids).
- ✓ It is caused by the bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis

# Q.17. Which Indian Navy stealth frigate recently completed a three-day port call at Casablanca, Morocco, to strengthen bilateral naval ties?

A) INS Kolkata

B) INS Trikand

C) INS Tamal

D) INS Shivalik

Answer: C



- ✓ INS Tamal, the Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, commissioned in Russia on 1 July 2025, concluded a three-day port visit to Casablanca, Morocco, from 6–9 August 2025.
- ✓ The visit featured joint naval exercises, bilateral discussions with senior Moroccan naval officials, cultural exchanges, and sports events aimed at fostering camaraderie and operational cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Royal Moroccan Navy.
- ✓ Upon departure, INS Tamal conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Morocco's Ship Mohammed VI, enhancing interoperability and communication skills.

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- ➤ INS Tamal, the Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, commissioned in Russia on 1 July 2025, concluded a three-day port visit to Casablanca, Morocco, from 6–9 August 2025.
- ➤ INS Himgiri (Yard 3022) was delivered to the Indian Navy at GRSE, Kolkata.
- ➤ It is the third ship of Nilgiri Class (Project 17A) and the first of the class built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).
- > INS Nistar is India's first indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessel (DSV), commissioned by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam.
- ➤ Indian Navy's INS Sandhayak made her maiden port call at Port Klang, Malaysia, for hydrographic cooperation.
- ➤ It is the first of the indigenously designed and built Sandhayak-class hydrographic survey ship, which was commissioned in February 2024.
- ➤ It was constructed at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- > Yard 12652 (Udaygiri) being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), was delivered to the Indian Navy.
- ➤ It is the second among the seven Project 17A (P-17A) frigates under construction at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL) in Mumbai and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers in Kolkata.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three frontline naval warships and submarines INS Surat,INS Nilgiri and INS Vagsheer at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, Maharashtra on 15 January 2025.
- > INS Nilgiri is a stealth frigate and is the lead ship of the Indian Navy's Project 17A, to develop

stealth frigates.

- > INS Surat is the last of the four guided missile destroyer class ships to be constructed under Project 15B and INS Vaghsheer is the the sixth and final submarine of the Kalvari class built under Project 75 of the Indian Navy
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) launched the second multi-purpose vessel (MPV) INS Utkarsh for the Indian Navy.
- Mumbai based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) marked a key milestone in India's defence capabilities with the delivery of the sixth and final Scorpene-class submarine, INS Vaghsheer, to the Indian Navy.
- It is the sixth submarine of the first batch of six Kalvari-class submarines for the Indian Navy.
- > INS Nirdeshak is the second ship under the Survey Vessel (Large) Project of the Indian Navy. It is designed to conduct hydrographic surveys, assist in navigation and support maritime operations.
- ➤ It is built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- Indian Navy is set to commission its latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate, INS Tushil, at Kaliningrad, Russia
- ➤ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd delivered INS Nirdeshak to the Indian Navy. It is the second in a series of four Survey Vessels (Large) being built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers.

### Q.18. Recently, where was the World Athletics Bronze-level Continental Competition held for the first time in India?

A) Kerala

B) Maharashtra

C) Odisha

D) Haryana

#### Answer: C

- ✓ India hosted World Athletics Bronze-level Continental Competition 1st time.
- ✓ A new chapter in Indian athletics began with the hosting, for the first time in India, of the World Athletics Bronze-level Continental Competition 2025 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ✓ It is also called the first Indian Open, and it is the first World Athletics Bronze-level Continental Tour Athletics Meet hosted by India.



#### Q.19. Which medal did India's Murali Sreeshankar win in the men's long jump?

A) Gold

B) Silver

C) Bronze

D) None of the these

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Key Winners of World Athletics Bronze-level Meet
- ✓ In athletics, Olympian Annu Rani won the women's javelin throw title with a best throw of 62.01 meters. She easily outperformed Sri Lanka's NDL Hathurubage Lekha (56.27 meters) and India's Deepika (54.20 meters).
- ✓ In the men's javelin throw event, India's Shivam Lohakare won the silver medal with a throw of 80.73 meters. Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage won the gold medal with a throw of 86.50 meters. Another Sri Lankan athlete, Sumeda J Ranasinghe, won the bronze medal with a throw of 80.65 meters.
- ✓ Meanwhile, India's Murali Sreeshankar won the men's long jump title with a season-best performance of 8.13 meters in his final attempt. Shahnawaz Khan, with a jump of 8.04 meters, came second and joined India's 8-meter club, while Lokesh Satyanathan, with a jump of 7.85 meters, came third.
- Q.20. Which Indian state launched the 'Nari Adalat' as a community-based forum for women-led informal justice? Marrior

A) Meghalaya

B) Sikkim

C) Arunachal Pradesh

D) Tripura

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The 'Nari Adalat' was launched in Sikkim by Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang during Amma Samman Diwas at Rongpo.
- ✓ This unique initiative serves as a community-based forum led entirely by women to deliver informal justice in rural and semi-urban regions.
- The system aims to empower women, strengthen community bonds, and reduce the challenges faced by people in navigating lengthy and complex legal procedures.
- Q.21. Which Indian company won its first-ever overseas rail-metro project from Malaysia worth USD 1 million?

A) IRCON International

B) BEML

C) RITES Ltd

D) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

#### Answer: B

- ✓ BEML Limited, a state-owned engineering and manufacturing company under the Ministry of Defence, secured its first international rail-metro contract from Malaysia.
- ✓ Valued at USD 1 million, the project involves retrofitting and reconditioning Malaysia's Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) System to enhance operational efficiency and extend service life.
- ✓ This milestone marks BEML's entry into the global rail and metro services market, expanding its presence beyond India
- Q.22. Who won India's first medal at the Asian Surfing Championships 2025?

A) Ramesh Budihal

B) Manikandan Desai

C) Surya Prakash

D) Ankit Verma

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Ramesh Budihal created history by winning the bronze medal in the open men's event at the Asian Surfing Championships 2025, held on the beaches of Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ This remarkable feat marks India's first individual medal at the continental surfing championships.
- ✓ The event was also significant because it was the first time India hosted the prestigious competition.
- ✓ Surfing, which made its Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020, is steadily gaining popularity in the country, and Budihal's achievement is expected to inspire more athletes to take up the sport and compete at an international level.

### STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 12 August 2025

- Q.1. Which Article of Indian Constitution recognises Hindi in Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union?
  - A) Article 341
  - B) Article 342
  - C) Article 343
  - D) Article 344

#### Answer: C

✓ Article 343 of the Indian Constitution recognizes Hindi in Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union.



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O.2. Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project	dia la catadim which Indian stated
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A) Kerala

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Telangana

D) Andhra Pradesh

#### Answer: B

- O.3. Where is "Marine National Park" located?
  - A) Gujarat

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Andhra Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh

#### Answer: A

- Q.4. Where is the headquarter of Universal Postal Union (UPU) based?
  - A) Brussels

B) Bern

C) Copenhagen

D) London

#### Answer: B

- Q.5. Who is the current Minister of External Affairs of the Government of India?
  - A) Amit Shah

- B) S. Jaishankar
- C) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- D) Narendra Singh Tomar

#### Answer: B

- Q.6. In which of these states is the Desert National Park located?
  - A) Rajasthan

B) Himachal Pradesh

C) Haryana

D) Gujarat

#### Answer: A

- Q.7. "Pure Banking Nothing Else" is the tagline of which of the following bank?
  - A) Punjab National Bank
  - B) State Bank of India
  - C) Dena Bank
  - D) IDBI Bank

Answer: B



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- Q.8. Where is the headquarter of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) situated?
  - A) Paris

B) Dubai

C) London

D) Washington D.C

#### Answer: A

- Q.9. Which is the first nuclear power plant in india?
  - A) Tarapur Nuclear Power Station
- **B) Narora Atomic Power Station**
- C) Rana Pratap Sagar Nuclear Station
- D) Kalpakkam Nuclear Power Station

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Tarapur Atomic Power station is located in Tarapur, Maharashtra
- Q.10. Rythu Bharosa scheme is associated with which state?
  - A) Karnataka

B) Telangana

C) Odisha

D) Haryana

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#### Answer: B





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