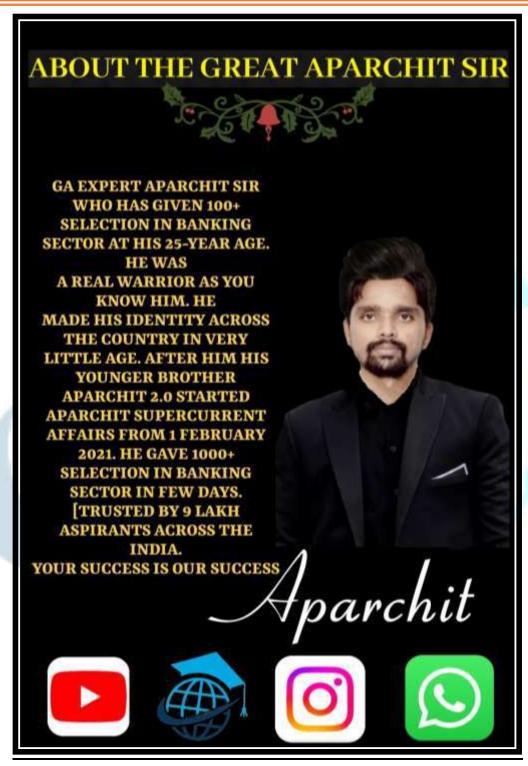


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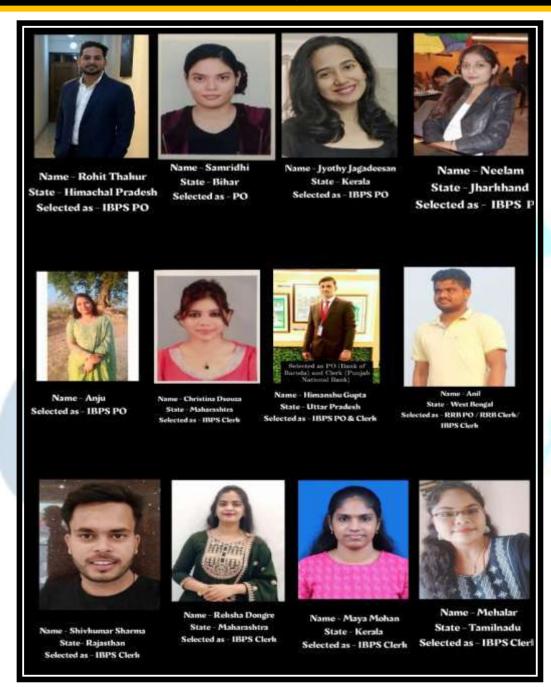






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Q.1. The Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) rule in India requires all listed companies to ensure at least certain percentage of their total issued and paid-up equity share capital is held by public shareholders. What is this portion?

A) 20%

B) 25%

C) 30%

D) 35%

#### Answer: B

- ✓ SEBI recently proposed to increase the flexibility of minimum public shareholding (MPS) and minimum public offer (MPO) for companies aspiring to get listed, aimed at "simplifying fund-raising by issuers in India.
- ✓ About Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS):
- ✓ The Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) rule is a regulatory requirement laid out by SEBI under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, and reinforced by the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulations.
- ✓ It is applicable to all listed companies in India.
- ✓ As per these rules, all listed companies must ensure that at least 25% of their total issued and paid-up equity share capital is held by public shareholders—i.e., non-promoters and non-promoter group entities.
- ✓ Where promoters are holding more than 75%, they have to mandatorily divest additional shares to the public to comply with the MPS rule.
- $\checkmark$  The objective is to:
- ✓ Enhance liquidity in the market
- ✓ Promote fair price discovery
- ✓ Ensure broader participation and corporate governance
- ✓ Newly listed companies are expected to meet this requirement within three years from the date of listing.
- ✓ For issuers with a post-issue market cap of over ₹1 trillion, the deadline for 25% MPS is five years.
- ✓ If the public shareholding falls below 25% at any time, such company shall bring the public shareholding to 25% within a maximum period of 12 months from the date of such fall.

#### **SEBI IN NEWS 2025**

- > SEBI to Launch Centralised Compliance Platform for Brokers from August 1, 2025.
- ➤ SEBI renewed the recognition of Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Ltd (MCXCCL) as a clearing corporation for a three-year term, effective from July 31, 2025 to July 30, 2028.
- ➤ SEBI Unveiled 'VCF Settlement Scheme 2025' for VCF Liquidation.
- > SEBI has announced the formation of a six- member high level committee headed by Pratyush Sinha, a retired IAS officer and former chief vigilance commissioner to review conflict of interest rules
- > SEBI has directed all its regulated and registered entities to exclusively use the 1600 phone number series for service and transactional voice calls to their customers
- > SEBI issued a framework for recognition and operationalisation of a performance validation agency, to be called Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA).
- ➤ Eligibility Criteria for PaRRVA:-
- (i)Number of years of existence of the CRA(Credit Rating Agencies )should be minimum 15 years
- (ii)Minimum net worth of the CRA should be INR 100 crores
- > (iii)Number of issuers which have obtained ratings of listed or proposed to be listed debt securities from the CRA should be 250 or more; and
- > (iv)CRA should have Investor grievance redressal mechanism including Online Dispute Resolution ("ODR") Mechanism
- The eligibility criteria for a SE to act as PaRRVA Data Centre ("PDC"):-
- ➤ I)Number of years of existence of the SE should be minimum 15 years
- (ii)Minimum net worth of the SE should be INR 200 crores
- ➤ (iii)The SE shouldhavenation-wide terminals
- > (iv)SE should have Investor grievance redressal mechanism including OnlineDispute Resolution ("ODR") Mechanism
- ➤ Aye Finance, an Alphabet-backed non-banking financial company (NBFC), has received final observations from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its proposed ₹1,450 crore IPO.
- > SEBI extends suspension of trading in 7 commodity derivatives until Mar 2026
- (moong, wheat, paddy(non-basmati), chana, mustard, soyabean, crude palm oil)



- > SEBI has extended the limit for advance fee collection by Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs) to up to one year. Previously, IAs could collect fees in advance for up to two quarters, and RAs for a quarter.
- > SEBI has eased disclosure norms for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) by raising the asset threshold for granular beneficial ownership disclosures from Rs 25,000 crore to Rs 50,000 crore
- > SEBI Partners with DigiLocker to Reduce Unclaimed Assets and Strengthen Investor Protection.
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey, has been appointed as the 11th chairperson of the SEBI for a three-year term.
- ➤ He will succeed Madhabi Puri Buch.
- > SEBI asset management companies (AMC) should deploy the funds garnered from investors in a new fund offering (NFO) within 30 days form the date of allotment of units.
- > SEBI introduced a digital platform called MITRA (Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant) to help investors find inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios.
- > SEBI has proposed a minimum investment of Rs 1 crore for RBI-regulated originators and unregulated entities involved in securitization
- > SEBI is working on a secure Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mechanism for registered market intermediaries.
- ➤ Currently, UPI transactions for capital markets are capped at ₹2 lakh per day.
- ➤ SEBI proposes increasing this limit to ₹5 lakh per day.
- > Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed SEBI-registered non-bank brokers to participate in the Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching (NDS-OM).
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
- It is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India established in 1988.
- ➤ It is the regulator of the Capital market and Commodities market in India.
- ➤ The first SEBI chairman was Dr S A Dave (1988-90)
- > Headquarters : Mumbai
- ➤ 11th Chairperson : Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- Q.2. Which country has recently announced to launch the 'Venera-D Venus Mission' by the year 2036?

A) France

B) Japan

C) Russia

D) Germany

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Russia announces launch of 'Venera-D Venus mission' by 2036.
- ✓ Russia has announced to launch Venera-D mission to Venus before 2036.
- ✓ Earlier in 1961 and 1983, four Venera probes of the Soviet Union took important photographs of the surface of Venus.
- ✓ Russia is set to launch Venera-D mission to revisit Venus before 2036.
- ✓ According to Oleg Korablev of the Space Research Institute (IKI), preliminary design work will begin in January 2026 as part of the country's new national space program.
- ✓ The mission will consist of a lander, a balloon probe and an orbital spacecraft, with launch expected between 2034 and 2036.
- ✓ Indian initiative
- ✓ India's space agency, ISRO, plans to launch a Venus orbiter mission called Shukrayaan. Although the original plan was to launch it in 2024, recent reports indicate that the launch may be delayed, possibly to 2028 or even later and the most suitable launch window for it would be 2031.

#### Q.3. From which date will NPCI discontinue UPI peer-to-peer 'collect requests' to curb fraud?

A) December 31, 2025

B) January 1, 2026

C) November 1, 2025

D) October 1, 2025

#### Answer: D

- ✓ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced that peer-to-peer 'collect requests' on UPI will be discontinued starting October 1, 2025.
- ✓ This feature, which allowed one user to request payment approval from another, had become a major loophole exploited by fraudsters, despite transaction caps and limits.
- ✓ By mandating only payer-initiated (push) transactions such as QR code scans or manual entry of recipient details, NPCI aims to strengthen digital payment security.
- ✓ The move affects all UPI apps including PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm, and is expected to enhance trust, reduce fraud risks, and ensure safer digital transactions nationwide.

#### NPCI IN NEWS 2025

➤ NPCI has announced that peer-to-peer 'collect requests' on UPI will be discontinued starting October 1, 2025



- ➤ NPCI and IDRBT Sign MoU to Jointly Develop Training Programmes Enabling Payment Security and Cyber Resilience
- ➤ NPCI will start delinking UPI IDs linked to the mobile number revocation list (MNRL) and the digital intelligence platform (DIP) from April 1, 2025.
- NPCI has extended the deadline for implementing transaction volume cap on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) apps by two years till December 31, 2026.
- NPCI removed the user onboarding limit for WhatsApp Pay on January 6, 2025.
- ➤ WhatsApp Pay must continue to comply with all existing UPI guidelines and regulations for Third-Party Application Providers (TPAPs).
- ➤ NPCI approved 20 third-party Unified Payments Interface (UPI) applications, a record since UPI's launch in 2016.
- ➤ NPCI eyes Rupay, UPI expansion to 10 countries.
- > For UPI, we have signed up with three countries With Namibia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Peru, the commercial agreements have been signed.
- > Currently, UPI is available in seven countries France, the UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius and Nepal.
- NPCI has launched a UPI Safety Awareness Campaign, Main Moorkh Nahi Hoon.
- As the campaign's brand ambassador, renowned actor Pankaj Tripathi will star in a series of six and films.
- ➤ India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) technology set a new record in October 2024 with 16.58 billion transactions worth ₹23.50 lakh crore.
- > NPCI has granted approval to Paytm to onboard new UPI users, subject to the adherence to all procedural guidelines and circulars.
- Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu has decided to take the necessary steps to introduce India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) in the Maldives.
- National Payments Corporation of India is already operational in several international locations, including UAE, Sri Lanka, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Nepal, the UK, and Mauritius.
- > NPCI and The Times of India (TOI) have announced a partnership to launch a nationwide campaign to promote digital payment safety.
- > The campaign will feature R.K. Laxman's iconic cartoon character, Common Man, to raise

awareness about digital payment frauds.

- NPCI has incorporated Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) as a wholly-owned subsidiary, hiving it off into a new entity known as NPCI-BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL).
- ➤ NPCI International and Qatar National Bank (QNB) have partnered to launch UPI payments in Qatar.
- ➤ NPCI Inks Pact With Peru To Build UPI-Like Payments System. With this, Peru becomes the first country in South America to adopt UPI.
- ➤ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is developing a UPI-like system for the Bank of Namibia.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- > Founded: 2008
- > Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Non-Exe Chairman : Ajay Kumar Chaudhary
- > MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe

#### Q.4. Which Union ministry has launched the Udyam Sakhi portal?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

#### Answer: D

✓ The Udyam Sakhi Portal, launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), is helping women entrepreneurs across the country start, build, and expand their businesses, said the Minister of State in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha recently.

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- ✓ About Udyam Sakhi Portal:
- ✓ Udyam Sakhi portal (http://udyamsakhi.msme.gov.in/) was launched by the Ministry of MSME in March 2018 to provide information regarding financial schemes, policies, and programmes of the Ministry of MSME to existing/prospective women entrepreneurs in the MSME sector.



- ✓ The portal is a network for nurturing entrepreneurship and creating business models for low-cost products and services in order to empower women and make them self-reliant and self-sufficient.
- ✓ The portal helps women to start, build, and grow their businesses.
- Q.5. Consider the following statements regarding Periodic Labour Force Survey:
  - 1. It gives estimates of key employment and unemployment Indicators.
  - 2. It is conducted by the Ministry of Labour every year.

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

- ✓ According to the Monthly Bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), India's unemployment rate fell to 5.2% in July 2025 from 5.6% in June 2025.
- ✓ It gives estimates of key employment and unemployment Indicators like the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR), Unemployment Rate (UR), etc.
- ✓ The sample design of the Periodic Labour Survey (PLFS) has been revamped from January 2025.
- ✓ As part of revamping of the sample design monthly rotational panel scheme has been implemented for both rural and urban areas wherein each selected household is visited four times in four consecutive months.
- ✓ This survey is conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSO), working under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- Q.6. Consider the following statements regarding e-Jagriti Platform:
  - 1. It is a flagship initiative by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India.
  - 2. It is aimed at strengthening the consumer dispute redressal system across the country.

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

✓ Over two lakh users, including NRIs, have registered on the e-Jagriti platform since its launch.



- e-Jagriti is a flagship initiative by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India.
- It is aimed at strengthening the consumer dispute redressal system across the country.
- ✓ The project focuses on the computerization and networking of all Consumer Commissions at the national, state, and district levels to ensure transparency, efficiency, and speedy resolution of consumer disputes.
- ✓ Features of e-Jagriti Platform
- ✓ e-Jagriti enables consumers to file complaints, track case statuses, and access judgments online.
- ✓ The platform plays a vital role in digitizing consumer commissions and empowering citizens by providing easy access to legal remedies.
- ✓ It provides simple, fast and a more cost-effective consumer disputes redressal software solution at all levels.
- ✓ It is envisaged to integrate consumer grievance platforms, namely, Online Case Monitoring System (OCMS), E-Daakhil, NCDRC Case Monitoring System, CONFONET website, mediation application, in a single platform.
- Governor of which state C.P. Radhakrishnan has been chosen as the NDA candidate for the Vice Q.7. Presidential election?

A) Gujarat

B) Maharashtra

C) Rajasthan

D) Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ NDA Picks C.P. Radhakrishnan for Vice President Election 2025.
   ✓ BJP and allies declared Male ✓ BJP and allies declared Maharashtra Governor Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan as NDA candidate for Vice Presidential election.
- ✓ He has extensive political experience in southern states including Kerala, Telangana and Puducherry.
- The BJP on August 17, 2025 declared Maharashtra Governor Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan, former president of the party's Tamil Nadu unit and a senior RSS leader, as the ruling NDA's candidate for the Vice Presidential election to be held on September 09.
- ✓ Radhakrishnan, a former Lok Sabha MP and Jharkhand Governor, is credited with "laying the foundation of the party in the south" during his tenure as Tamil Nadu BJP president from 2004 to 2007.
- ✓ Vice President Facts
- The longest-serving Vice President of India is Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He held the post for two consecutive terms from 1952 to 1962.



- ✓ Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Mohammad Hamid Ansari are the two persons who have held the post of Vice President of India twice in a row. Dr Radhakrishnan held the post from 1952 to 1962, while Ansari held the post from 2007 to 2017.
- ✓ Krishan Kant is the only Indian Vice President who died while in office. He served as the 10th Vice President of the country from 1997 until his death on 27 July 2002.
- ✓ Constitutional Provisions Regarding Vice President
- ✓ Article 63 of the Indian Constitution states that there shall be a Vice President of India.
- ✓ Article 64 states that the Vice President also serves as the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and he cannot hold any other office of profit.
- ✓ When the Vice President assumes the role or duties of the President under Article 65 of the Constitution of India, he shall not discharge the duties of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and shall not receive the salary or allowances specified for the Chairman under Article 97.
- ✓ Qualifications for the post:
- ✓ Article 66 specifies the qualifications required for the post of Vice President which are as follows-
- ✓ Must be an Indian citizen.
- ✓ Must be at least 35 years of age.
- ✓ Must be eligible for election as a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ Election:
- ✓ Article 68 of the Constitution provides that an election to fill the vacancy in the office of Vice-President due to expiry of his term of office must be held before the expiry of the current term.
- ✓ Article 324 of the Constitution empowers the Election Commission of India to supervise, direct and control the process of election of the Vice-President.
- ✓ Article 66 states that the Vice-President must be elected by an electoral college consisting of the elected and nominated members of both Houses of Parliament.
- ✓ The original Constitution provided that the Vice-President would be elected by a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament. This cumbersome process was abolished by the 11th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1961.

#### Q.8. Where was the global plastic treaty negotiation 'INC-5.2' held recently?

A) Geneva, Switzerland

B) Ottawa, Canada

C) Busan, South Korea

D) Nairobi, Kenya

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The INC-5.2 meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland to agree on a plastic pollution treaty by the year 2022 to save the world from plastic pollution.
- ✓ The talks failed as consensus could not be reached on key issues.
- ✓ The United Nations Environment Assembly passed a resolution to create a legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution by the year 2022, aimed at addressing the entire lifecycle of plastics (from design to disposal).
- ✓ The Geneva talks (INC-5.2, August 2025) were intended to be the final round of talks to adopt the treaty.
- ✓ The need for a global plastic treaty
- ✓ Plastic production: Over 460 million metric tons/year.
- ✓ Recycling: Only 9%
- ✓ Pollution: 20 million tons enter the environment annually.
- ✓ Future projections
- ✓ By the year 2060, plastic waste is estimated to triple.
- ✓ Economic damage: \$281 trillion (2016-2040).
- ✓ Effects on environment and health
- ✓ Plastics contribute to 4% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Major cause of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation.
- ✓ Microplastics are infiltrating oceans and food chains.
- Q.9. Recently, the Indian team, in collaboration with which country, has made a record manned dive of 5,002 metres in the North Atlantic under the Deep Ocean Mission?

A) Germany

B) Israel

C) France

D) United States

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#### Answer: C

- ✓ Indian team has made the deepest ever manned dive to a depth of 5,002 metres under Deep Ocean Mission.
- ✓ This feat has been achieved in collaboration with France.
- ✓ India has set a milestone by diving to a depth of 5,002 metres under Deep Ocean Mission, which is its deepest ever manned dive and promotes Samudrayaan project for the year 2027.



- ✓ These historic dives were carried out on the French submarine Nautile. Scientist Raju Ramesh of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) descended to a depth of 4,025 metres.
- ✓ Retired Naval Commander Jatinder Pal Singh set a new Indian record of 5,002 metres.
- ✓ India-France Collaboration
- ✓ The expedition was conducted in the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean, on board IFREMER's submersible Nautile, as a collaborative scientific activity with the French Institute of Marine Research, IFREMER.
- Q.10. Under the Samudrayaan mission, the Ministry of Earth Sciences will send humans in a manned submersible vehicle called\_\_\_.

A) Alvin-class(DSV-2)

B) Vagir

C) Aridhaman

**D) MATSYA 6000** 

#### Answer: D

#### ✓ Deep Ocean Mission

- ✓ Launched in 2021, the Deep Ocean Mission focuses on sustainable exploitation of marine wealth and strengthening the blue economy. India's first manned submersible vehicle 'Matsya 6000' is being developed under the Samudrayaan project under the Deep Ocean Mission.
- ✓ Matsya 6000 is designed for depths up to 6,000 metres. With a total investment of ₹4077 crore over five years, the mission will be completed in various phases.
- ✓ Matsya 6000
- ✓ The vehicle is a spherical titanium-alloy vessel (Ti6Al4V ELI grade) with a diameter of 2260 mm and a wall thickness of 80 mm, designed to withstand 600 bar pressure and temperatures as low as -3°C.
- ✓ Matsya is from the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, an institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences and has been entrusted with the task of developing Matsya-6000. With this submarine, India will become the sixth country in the world to develop its own deep-sea manned submersible.
- ✓ This Manned Occupied Vehicle (HOV) is being developed in collaboration between the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Ministry of Earth Sciences and Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), ISRO.
- ✓ MATSYA-6000—the first of its kind, fourth-generation scientific submersible—is designed for an operational capability of 12 hours and an emergency capability of up to 96 hours.

✓ MATSYA-6000 completed successful wet trials at the L&T shipyard in Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu in January-February 2025 and is expected to be tested in 500-metre shallow water by 2026

#### Q.11. In which city was India's first all-women operated clean street food hub inaugurated?

A) Mumbai

B) Pune

C) New Delhi

D) Ahmedabad

#### Answer: A

- ✓ India's first all-women operated clean street food hub, named "Mauli," was inaugurated in Kandivani, Mumbai by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who is also the MP from North Mumbai.
- ✓ The hub is completely managed by women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs), highlighting women's empowerment and entrepreneurship in the food sector.
- ✓ These women were trained under the FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification) initiative to ensure that food businesses meet high standards of hygiene, safety, and cleanliness

#### **INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2025**

- Gujarat has become the first Indian state to launch a Tribal Genome Sequencing Project.
- India's first digital nomad village was launched in Yakten, located in the Pakyong district of Sikkim.
- Fintech firm Slice has pioneered India's first fully UPI-powered bank branch in Bengaluru's Koramangala area
- > Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) in Madhya Pradesh launched India's first digital house address project.
- ➤ India's first wildlife corridor on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway features the country's longest animal underpass and five overpasses near Ranthambore.
- > India's first AI-powered traffic system comes up on Dwarka Expressway in Delhi.
- The ATMS implementation spans the Dwarka Expressway and also a 28-km section of NH-48.
- ➤ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurated India's first Non-Banking Financial Company-NBFC in the maritime sector, Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited-SMFCL.
- ➤ Bajaj Allianz Unveils India's First State-Specific Health Insurance Plans.
- Adani Group has commissioned India's first off-grid 5 megawatt green hydrogen pilot plant in

Kutch, Gujarat.

- > Ola's Krutrim, an AI unicorn has launched Kruti, which it claims is India's first agentic AI assistant designed to go far beyond conventional chatbots.
- > Tech professional Swathi Nelabhatla has created the Sitha App, which is India's First Women-Exclusive Gig Platform.
- ➤ India's first e-waste recycling park is indeed being developed in Delhi, specifically in Holambi Kalan, North Delhi.
- Andhra Pradesh govt has signed an MoU with the world's largest AI chip maker, NVIDIA, for the establishment of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) University in Amaravati.
- ➤ Kashmir researchers Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) have successfully developed India's first gene-edited sheep.
- EnKash has launched India's first unified payment gateway specifically designed for small and medium businesses (SMBs) and startups. This new platform, called the EnKash Payment Gateway.
- ➤ India's first manned deep ocean mission 'Samudrayaan' into a 6,000-metre depth using the manned submersible vehicle 'Matsya' is expected to be launched by the end of 2026.
- ➤ India's first privately built geostationary orbit (GSO) communication satellite is expected to be ready by 2028. Ananth Technologies, an Indian private firm, is developing this satellite.
- Rajasthan is indeed joining Madhya Pradesh in India's first cheetah reintroduction project.
- > This corridor will link Palpur Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh with Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.

#### Q.12. Which country is set to host the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025?

A) India

B) China

C) Japan

D) South Korea

#### Answer: A

- ✓ India will host the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025, marking its debut in the field of winter sports.
- ✓ The event will take place from 20–23 August 2025 at Maharana Pratap Sports College in Raipur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

✓ Organised by the Ice Skating Association of India (ISAI), the tournament will feature nine race categories, ranging from 222 meters to a 5000-meter relay

#### **UPCOMING SPORTS VENUE IN NEWS 2025**

- ▶ India officially bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games on August 13, 2025.
- ➤ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded the England and Wales Cricket Board the hosting rights of the next three editions of the World Test Championship (WTC) finals in 2027, 2029 and 2031.
- > Brazil has won the bid to host the 10th edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027.
- ➤ FIFA announced that the USA will host the 2031 Women's World Cup, with the UK hosting in 2035.
- ➤ Meghalaya will host the 39th edition of the National Games in February/March 2027
- ➤ India is set to host the BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting from March 3-7, 2025, under the theme "Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Growth."
- ➤ For the first time, India will host the World Boxing Cup Final and the World Boxing Congress in 2025 in New Delhi
- ➤ World Para Athletics has also awarded the World Para Athletics Grand Prix to New Delhi. It will be held at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium from 11-13 March 2025.
- ➤ Union Territory of Ladakh and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will jointly host the Khelo India Winter Games 2025.
- ➤ Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) and Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) in 2025.
- Men's Cricket Asia Cup: India to host 2025 and Bangladesh 2027 edition
- ➤ International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that the French Alps will host the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2030.
- ➤ Saudi Arabia to host first 'Olympics Esports Games' in 2025
- ➤ Uttar Pradesh government agrees to raise ₹80cr for 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat
- ➤ India will host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup in December 2025.
- Australia and Uzbekistan confirmed as 2026 and 2029 AFC Women's Asian Cup hosts.
- ➤ Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup at the FIFA.



- ➤ India will host the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati.
- Saudi Arabia will host the 2034 Asian Games in Riyadh, its capital city.
- Saudi Arabia is to host the 2034 Men's FIFA World Cup.
- ➤ England will host the 2027 World Test Championship (WTC) final in June, marking the fourth consecutive time
- Q.13. Which Indian shuttler won her first International Challenge title at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025?

A) Isharani Baruah

B) Devika Sihag

C) PV Sindhu

D) Saina Nehwal

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Devika Sihag, a 20-year-old Indian badminton player, clinched her first International Challenge title at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025 held in Ipoh.
- ✓ She secured this achievement by defeating her compatriot and fifth seed Isharani Baruah in the women's singles final.
- ✓ This victory adds to her growing list of accomplishments, which include titles at the Swedish Open and Portugal International in 2024
- Q.14. What is the name of the first major Atlantic hurricane of 2025?
  - A) Alice
  - B) Diana
  - C) Maria
  - D) Erin

#### Answer: D

✓ The first major Atlantic hurricane of 2025 was named Erin. It reached peak intensity as a Category-5 storm with maximum sustained winds of 240 km/h before being downgraded to Category-4 by the US National Hurricane Center.



- Q.15. Which planet is the target of Russia's planned Venera-D mission scheduled for launch between 2034-2036?
  - A) Mars

B) Jupiter

C) Saturn

D) Venus

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Russia's upcoming Venera-D mission is focused on exploring Venus, one of the most challenging planets to study due to its extreme surface conditions.
- ✓ Planned for launch between 2034 and 2036, the mission will be developed with contributions from the Space Research Institute (IKI) and Lavochkin Association
- Q.16. In which city did Foxconn launch a new plant to begin iPhone 17 production in India?
  - A) Hyderabad

B) Bengaluru

C) Chennai

D) Pune

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Foxconn, Apple's largest manufacturing partner, launched a new facility in Devanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka, dedicated to producing the iPhone 17.
- ✓ The new facility strengthens India's role in Apple's international supply chain, signaling a strategic shift in diversifying production beyond China. With Bengaluru already known as India's "Silicon Valley,".

### STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 19 August 2025

- Q.1. The first Public Credit Registry (PCR) was established in which country?
  - A) USA

B) Japan

C) China

D) Germany

#### Answer: D

- Q.2. What is the full form of ARC?
  - A) Amortized Reconstruction Company
  - B) Asset Reconstruction Company
  - C) Amortized Revalued Company
  - D) Asset Revaluation Company

Answer: B



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Q.3.	In which year was	<b>National Centre</b>	for Financial	<b>Education</b>	(NCFE) set up?
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A) 2012

B) 2013

C) 2014

D) 2015

#### Answer: B

Q.4. Which of the following is not a promoter of National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) IRDAI

D) SIDBI

#### Answer: D

✓ National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

- Q.5. \_ are networks of issuing and acquiring banks through which payment cards of certain brand are processed.
  - A) Card Network

B) Payment Network

C) NACH

D) SWIFT

#### Answer: A

Q.6. \_\_\_ is the rate charged to a merchant for payment processing services on debit / credit card transactions.

A) ADR

B) MDR

C) NDR

D) FDR

#### Answer: B

Q.7. Government Departments have to make \_\_\_ of their procurement from MSEs.

A) 25%

B) 10%

C) 50%

D) 75%

#### Answer: A



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- Q.8. \_\_ is the apex body responsible for the development of the MSME sector.
  - A) SEBI
  - B) RBI
  - C) SIDBI
  - D) NABARD

#### Answer: C

- Q.9. Which of the following is the settlement entity for TReDS?
  - A) SEBI

B) SIDBI

C) RBI

D) NPCI

#### Answer: D

- Q.10. In India, MSMEs are defined based on \_\_\_\_\_ in Plant and Machinery / equipment.
  - A) investment

B) division

C) limitations

D) diversification

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#### Answer: A





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