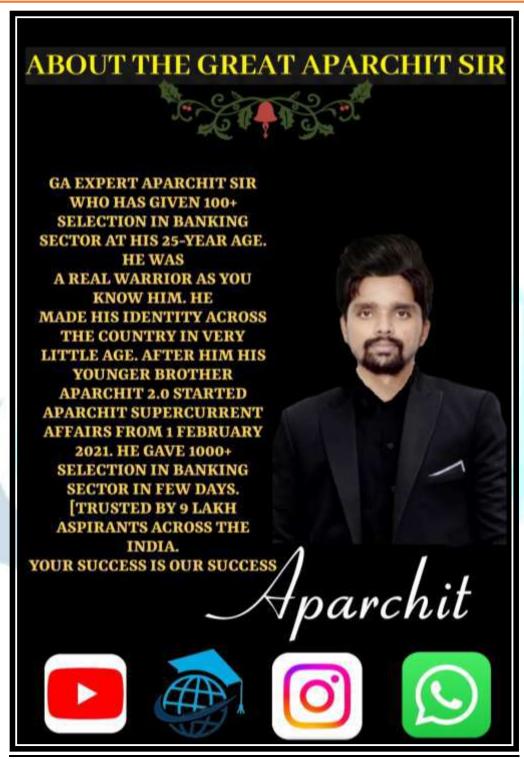


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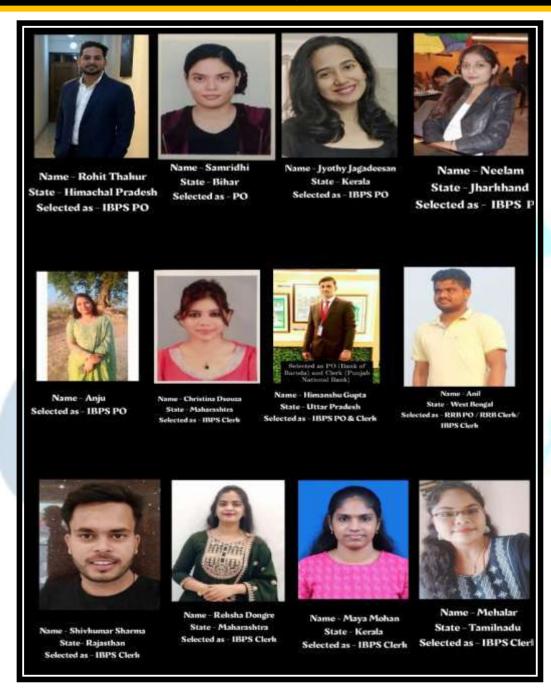






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- Q.1. Which of the following is required for an NRI to use their international mobile number for UPI payments on Paytm?
 - A) An Indian SIM card
- B) A domestic Indian bank account

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C) A linked NRE or NRO bank account D) A new UPI ID specifically for international use

Answer: C

- ✓ Paytm Enables UPI Payments for NRIs using International Mobile Numbers.
- ✓ Paytm, a subsidiary of One97 Communications, has enabled Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments for Non-Resident Individuals (NRIs) through their international mobile numbers, eliminating the need for an Indian Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card to pay merchants and send money
- Q.2. In which of the following countries is this feature currently available for NRIs?
 - A) Brazil
 - B) South Africa
 - C) Canada
 - D) Germany

Answer: C

- ✓ About UPI Facility for NRIs
- ✓ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)–powered service is available to Indians in 12 countries, including Singapore, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, United States of America (USA), Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), United Kingdom (UK), France, and Malaysia can avail the initiative.
- ✓ The users can log in to their Paytm application(app) with their international mobile number, registered with their Non-Resident External (NRE) or Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) bank account in India.
- ✓ NRIs can now use the Paytm app to make instant payments, transfer funds, and shop on Indian platforms using international mobile numbers, eliminating currency conversions, remittance delays, and extra charges.

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- ➤ Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions witnessed a marginal month-on-month (MoM) decrease in volume, drooping to 19.63 billion in September 2025, compared to 20.01 billion in August, according to the latest data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ➤ In terms of value, UPI transactions in september amounted to Rs 24.90 trillion, slightly increasing from Rs 24.85 trillion in August despite a dip in transaction volume.
- ➤ NPCI Bharat Billpay integrates Bandhan Bank on Bharat connect.
- ➤ NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of India's National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Qatar National Bank (QNB) to introduce QR codebased Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Qatar.
- > Qatar is now the eighth country to adopt India's UPI network, following in the footsteps of Bhutan, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and the UAE.
- ➤ The new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) guidelines issued by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in May 2025 became effective on August 1, 2025.
- ➤ Balance inquiry limit: You can now check your bank balance a maximum of 50 times per day per UPI app.
- The initiative you're referring to is the UPI-UPU Integration, which connects India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the Universal Postal Union (UPU)'s Interconnection Platform (IP) to make cross-border remittances faster, safer, and more affordable by leveraging the global postal network.
- ➤ NPCI grants TPAP approval to Viyona Fintech The Economic TimesViyona Fintech, a Hyderabad-based digital payments platform, received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in September 2025 to become a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP).
- According to NPCI data, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded a record-breaking 20.01 billion transactions in August 2025, marking the first time it crossed the 20 billion monthly transaction milestone.
- ➤ Key Details:
- Transaction Volume: 20.01 billion transactions in August 2025.



- ➤ Total Value: ₹24.85 lakh crore.
- > Year-on-Year Growth: 34% increase in volume and 21% increase in value compared to August 2024.
- ➤ Daily Average: The platform averaged 645 million transactions per day in August 2025.
- > Previous Month: The previous record high was 19.47 billion transactions in July 2025.
- > PayPal to launch cross-border platform with link to India's UPI payments system
- ➤ 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.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- ➤ Founded: 2008
- > Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Non-Exe Chairman : Ajay Kumar Chaudhary
- ➤ MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe

Q.3. Which country has launched the world's first yen-pegged stablecoin, named JPYC?

A) Russia

B) Malaysia

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C) Japan

D) Australia

Answer: C

- ✓ JPYC Launches World's First Yen-Pegged Stablecoin 'JPYC'.
- ✓ Japanese fintech firm JPYC Inc., launched "JPYC", world's first Yen-pegged stablecoin, which is pegged equal in value (1:1) to Japanese Yen (JPY).
- ✓ The coin is fully backed by domestic deposits in JPY, and Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) and aims to issue up to 10 trillion JPY (approximately USD 66 billion) over the next 3 years.



✓ The aim is to promote innovation and reduce transaction costs for startups. Blockchain-based stablecoins enable faster, cheaper, and secure transactions. Dollar-pegged stablecoins currently dominate 99% of global supply, but Japan seeks diversification

Q.4. Consider the following statements regarding INS Ikshak:

- 1. It is the indigenously built Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) which will study underwater hydrography.
- 2. It is constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata.

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 Indian Navy's indigenously built Survey Vessel (Large), Ikshak, is set to be commissioned at Naval Base Kochi.
- ✓ It is the indigenously built Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) which will study underwater hydrography.
- ✓ The ship's name, Ikshak, meaning "The Guide", symbolises its purpose: to chart unexplored waters, ensure safe navigation for mariners.
- ✓ It is constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata.
- ✓ Features of INS IKSHAK
- ✓ It boasts over 80% indigenous content.
- ✓ The Survey Vessel (Large) ships are 110 m long, 16 m wide with deep displacement of 3400 tons.
- ✓ Propulsion system of the ship consists of two Main Engines in twin shaft configuration and is designed with cruise speed of 14 knots and maximum speed of 18 knots.
- ✓ Role: Beyond its primary role in hydrographic survey operations, Ikshak is equipped with dual-role functionality, enabling it to operate as a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) platform and a hospital ship during emergencies.
- ✓ It is the first vessel in the SVL class to feature dedicated accommodation for women officers and sailors



- Q.5. Which of the following statements about the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) is correct?
 - A) It is a new commercial entity established by SBI and BoB to maximize profits from real-time fraud detection.
 - B) It is a non-profit company established as a Section 8 company with an authorized capital of ₹500 crore.
 - C) It will only monitor fraudulent transactions for SBI and BoB customers.
 - D) It will operate independently of any government or regulatory body.

Answer: B

- ✓ SBI and BoB to Establish IDPIC for Real-Time Fraud Detection.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB), supported by other Public Sector Banks(PSBs), were designated as the lead institutions to establish the to establish 'the Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC), a Section 8 (non-profit) company that will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to detect and prevent digital payment frauds in real time.
- ✓ The framework and articles of association have received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ About Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC).
- ✓ To detect and prevent digital payment fraud in real time, strengthen risk management frameworks, and establish a shared intelligence network for swift inter-bank response to cyber threats.
- ✓ The establishment of IDPIC follows the A.P. Hota Committee's recommendation to create a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform
- ✓ The entity will have an authorised capital of Rs. 500 crore and paid-up capital of Rs. 200 crore.
- ✓ SBI and BoB will each provide Rs. 10 crore as seed funding, while other public sector banks will participate as equity investors in subsequent phases.
- ✓ IDPIC will leverage AI and Machine Learning (ML) algorithms to analyze transaction patterns and detect suspicious activity.
- Q.6. How much seed funding have SBI and BoB each committed to the establishment of IDPIC?

A) ₹1 crore

B) ₹5 crore

C) ₹10 crore

D) ₹20 crore

Answer: C

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- ➤ Bank of Baroda Signs MoU with Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited to Finance MSME Solar Projects.
- ➤ Bank of Baroda and IIFL Finance have entered into a co-lending partnership to offer gold loans
- ➤ Bank of Baroda had received approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to operate as a Trading Cum Clearing member (TCM) on the India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Ltd (IIBX), at GIFT City
- ➤ Bank of Baroda has launched an innovative eRUPI Person-to-Person (P2P) digital gifting feature on its bob ₹ Pay UPI app.
- ➤ The maximum limit for a single voucher for non-UPI users is ₹10,000.
- ➤ Bank of Baroda has introduced bob FxOne, a digital foreign exchange platform tailored for corporate and MSME clients.
- ➤ Bank of Baroda has introduced a new recurring deposit product called bob Flexi Systematic Deposit Plan (SDP).
- > Bank of Baroda Signs MoU with SIDBI to launch bob Earth Circular Economy Scheme for MSEs
- ➤ Bank of Baroda (BoB) announced the launch of bob Digi Udyam a digital, collateral-free lending platform offering Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) quick access to working capital loans above ₹10 lakh to ₹50 lakh
- > Bank of Baroda inks pact for government salary accounts with special benefits in Tamil Nadu.
- LIC has increased its stake in state-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) by nearly 2 per cent to 7.05 per cent.
- ➤ Bank of Baroda has initiated the Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi (PM-Vidyalaxmi) Scheme to offer financial support to meritorious students pursuing higher education.
- ➤ Bank of Baroda receives BSI's ISO 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management System Certification
- ➤ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have expanded their longstanding partnership to continue delivering financial inclusion solutions for the next 5 years.
- ➤ Bank of Baroda ropes in Sachin Tendulkar as global brand ambassador
- ➤ Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- Founded: 1908

Founder : Sayajirao Gaekwad III

> Headquarters : Vadodara, Gujarat

> MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand

> Tagline : India's International Bank

- Q.7. The approved procurement plan for pulses and oilseeds worth Rs. 15,095.83 crore for the Kharif 2025-26 season will benefit farmers in which of the following states?
 - A) Telangana, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh
 - B) Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh
 - C) Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Karnataka
 - D) West Bengal, Assam, and Bihar

Answer: A

- ✓ Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW), approved a Rs.15,095.83 crore plan to procure pulses and oilseeds from farmers in Telangana, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh (MP) for the Kharif 2025-26 season.
- ✓ The plan was approved under the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme and other schemes of the MoAFW.
- ✓ The approval aims to ensure better returns for farmers, protect their incomes from market fluctuations, and support the GoI's vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India).
- ✓ The Government of India(GoI) will procure 100% of the tur (pigeon pea), urad, and masoor (lentil) produced by the farmers through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Limited (NCCF), ensuring a guaranteed market and fair prices for farmers.
- ✓ State-wise Procurement Approvals:
- ✓ Telangana: Approved the procurement of 4,430 metric tonnes (MT) of moong (green gram), accounting for 25% of the total production in Telangana under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for Rs.38.44 crores.
- ✓ The GoI will also procure 100% of urad (black gram) and 25% of soyabean.
- ✓ Odisha: Approved to procure 18,470 MT of arhar (red gram), accounting for 100% of the production in Odisha under PSS, with a budget of Rs.147.76 crores.



- ✓ Maharashtra: Approved the purchase of 33,000 MT of moong worth Rs.289.34 crores, 3,25,680 MT of urad worth Rs.2,540.30 crores, and 18,50,700 MT of soyabean worth Rs.9,860.53 crores under PSS.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh: The GoI will procure 22,21,632 MT of soyabean under the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) for Rs.1,775.53 crores
- ✓ About Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).
- ✓ PM-AASHA was launched in 2018 by MoAFW, to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for their produce, strengthening the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system.
- ✓ Components of PM-AASHA:
- ✓ 1. Price Support Scheme (PSS): The central government provides financial assistance to states for the procurement of notified pulses, oilseeds, and copra, provided the states agree to waive mandi taxes on these items.
- ✓ 2. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS): This is an option for oilseeds where the government compensates the farmer for the difference between the MSP and the modal (market) price. The coverage and duration for the benefits have been enhanced.
- ✓ 3. Market Intervention Scheme (MIS): This scheme focuses on perishable commodities like tomatoes, onions, and potatoes. It involves direct procurement of these items when prices fall below production costs, to protect farmers from distress sales during bumper crops.
- ✓ **Scheme extension:** In September 2024, the government extended the PM-AASHA scheme until the 2025–26 period, with a financial outlay of Rs. 35,000 crore.
- ✓ **Procurement of pulses:** For the 2024-25 season, the government permitted 100% procurement of Tur, Urad, and Masur pulses under PSS. The Budget 2025 has committed to continuing this measure for another four years to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses.
- ✓ Enhanced coverage: The PDPS coverage for oilseeds has been increased from 25% to 40% of the state's production.
- Q.8. The Gyan Bharatam Mission launched by the Ministry of Culture primarily focuses on which of the following objectives?
 - A) Promoting modern Indian art globally
 - B) Preserving, digitising, and disseminating India's manuscript heritage
 - C) Developing higher education institutions in India

D) Encouraging youth participation in literary festivals

Answer: B

- ✓ Ministry of Culture Signed MoUs with 17 Institutions to Expand Work under 'Gyan Bharatam'.
- ✓ Ministry of Culture signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with 17 institutions across India, to accelerate work on the conservation and digitisation of India's manuscript heritage under the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM)'.
- ✓ These MoUs were signed in the presence of Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Culture during a ceremony held at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) (Jaipur House) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ✓ **Grouping of 17 Institutions:** Under the Gyan Bharatam framework, 12 institutions, including the Department of Persian Studies at the University of Kashmir (Jammu & Kashmir, J&K); and Asiatic Society (Kolkata, West Bengal, WB) have joined the initiative under the 'cluster' category.
- ✓ While, remaining 5 institutions including Nagari Pracharni Sabha (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, UP) have signed MoUs as 'Independent Centres'.
- ✓ About Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM):
- ✓ The flagship initiative of Ministry of Culture, which was announced in the Union Budget for Financial Year 2025-26(FY26).
- ✓ In September 2025, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi officially launched GBM, during the 1st –ever Gyan Bharatam International Conference held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- ✓ The mission aims to create a 'National Digital Repository (NDR)' which will be accessible both at national and global platforms.
- ✓ GBM, a Central Sector Scheme (CSS), has been allocated Rs 482.85 crore for the period from 2024-31, with more than 44.07 lakh manuscripts already documented in the Kriti Sampada digital repository.
- ✓ For FY26, the Government of India (GoI) has increased the financial allocation for the manuscripts initiative from 3.5 crores to Rs 60 crores.
- ✓ The mission will be implemented in three phases.
- ✓ Phase I: Establish institutional frameworks, launch pilot digitisation projects, and conduct training programmes.
- ✓ Phase II: Operationalise the NDR and expand access using advanced technology.



- ✓ Phase III: Enhance outreach through exhibitions, cultural events, and integration with national and global archives.
- ✓ Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Culture.
- ✓ The Gyan Bharatam Mission is a national initiative to preserve and digitise manuscripts, reviving them as living resources for education, research, innovation, and diplomacy.
- Q.9. What specific aircraft will be jointly produced by HAL and PJSC-UAC in India, as per the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)?

A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI

B) Antonov An-140

C) Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SJ-100)

D) Ilyushin Il-114

Answer: C

- ✓ HAL signs MoU with Russia's PJSC-UAC to produce civil aircraft SJ-100.
- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Russia's Public Joint Stock Company United Aircraft Corporation (PJSC-UAC) in Moscow, Russia, to manufacture the Superjet 100 (SJ-100) civil commuter aircraft in India.
- ✓ The agreement grants HAL exclusive rights to manufacture the SJ-100 aircraft for domestic customers in India.
- ✓ The MoU aims to enhance regional and short-haul connectivity under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme.
- ✓ India's first complete passenger aircraft since the Avro Hawker Siddeley 748 (AVRO HS-748) project (1961–1988), marking the nation's return to civil aircraft manufacturing and reinforcing its position in the global aviation industry.
- Q.10. Which of the following statements about the UN Convention against Cybercrime is incorrect?
 - A) It was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2024.
 - B) It requires 40 member states to ratify it before it can enter into force.
 - C) It establishes a global 24/7 cooperation network to fight cybercrime.
 - D) It was signed by all 193 UN member states at a ceremony in Hanoi, Vietnam, in 2025.

Answer: D



- ✓ United Nations (UN) Convention against Cybercrime was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, marking a major step toward establishing the world's first global framework to prevent, investigate, and combat cybercrime.
- ✓ The signing ceremony was hosted by Vietnam in collaboration with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- ✓ The Convention was opened for signature in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 25–26 October 2025, and will continue to be open for signing at the UN Headquarters in New York, the United States of America (USA) until 31 December 2026.
- ✓ As of now, more than 60 countries have signed the convention, reflecting a strong international commitment.
- ✓ About UN Convention Against Cybercrime.
- ✓ The Convention was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 24 December 2024 in New York, USA through resolution A/RES/79/243, following five years of negotiations.
- ✓ Aim: Its primary objective is to establish the first universal legal framework for the investigation and prosecution of online offences.
- ✓ This is the first international treaty to recognise the non-consensual dissemination of intimate images as a criminal offence, marking a major advancement in digital rights protection.
- ✓ Facilitates cross-border collaboration through the exchange of electronic evidence and a 24/7 cooperation network for swift response to cybercrime incidents.
- ✓ Aims to counter the USD 10.5 trillion global cybercrime threat, promoting capacity building in developing nations.
- ✓ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC): Headquarters Vienna, Austria
- Q.11. The IUCN motion on global soil security is the world's first formal recognition of soil security as central to:
 - A) Food systems and biodiversity only
 - B) Water supply and climate resilience only
 - C) Food systems, water supply, biodiversity, and climate resilience
 - D) Agricultural policy and restoration programs only

Answer: C



- ✓ International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has officially adopted "Motion 007 on Security Law", marking the 1st time that soil security recognised as central to food systems, water supply, biodiversity protection, and climate resilience.
- ✓ This historic framework was adopted during the IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Q.12. The motion on global soil security (Motion 007) was co-sponsored by which organization, along with the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies?
 - A) The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - B) Save Soil (Isha Outreach)
 - C) The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - D) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Answer: B

- ✓ About Motion 007 on Security Law.
- ✓ The new motion was co-sponsored by Save Soil (Isha Outreach) and the Global Centre for Environmental Legal Studies of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (in the United States of America, USA), with inputs from Aurora, an Australian soil security think tank.
- ✓ This newly adopted motion defines soil security as responsible management and preservation of soil which will help in ensuring its continued ability to perform important functions, provide essential ecosystem and biophysical services.
- ✓ More than 90 member-countries will be encouraged to integrate Model Soil Security Law into national regulatory frameworks.
- ✓ The new law has outlined 5 dimensions: capacity, condition, capital, connectivity and codification, will guide the member countries to incorporate soil protection across agricultural policy, climate action, and ecosystem restoration programmes.
- ✓ Globally, Soil is recognised as '8th' existential issue.
- ✓ As per the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) estimates, 16 million squares kilometers (sq. km) of land worldwide will severely be degraded by 2050, if countries fail to take immediate actions for soil conservation.



- ✓ Soil health effects minimum 12 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) like: climate action (SDG 13) eradicating hunger (SDG2).
- ✓ International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN): Headquarters- Gland, Switzerland

Q.13. The 19th NAM Summit was held in which city?

A) Baku, Azerbaijan

B) New Delhi, India

C) Kampala, Uganda

D) Caracas, Venezuela

Answer: C

- ✓ Union Minister of State (MoS) Kirti Vardhan Singh, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC), lead the Indian delegation for the 19th Mid-Term Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Kampala, Uganda.
- ✓ Uganda also took over the chairmanship of the movement from Azerbaijan for the 2024–2027 period.
- ✓ About 19th Mid-Term Ministerial Meeting of NAM.
- ✓ **Theme:** The event was held from October 15 to 16, 2025, under the theme"Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence".
- ✓ The discussion focused on areas such as trade, investment, capacity building, healthcare, and cooperation in education and digital transformation.
- ✓ **NAM**: It was established in 1961 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia (presently Serbia). It is a forum of 120 developing countries, with 17 countries and 10 international organizations as observers.
- ✓ 1961: First NAM summit in Belgrade.

Q.14. What was the main theme of the 19th NAM Summit?

- A) Strengthening Global Solidarity
- B) Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence
- C) United against COVID-19
- D) The New International Economic Order

Answer: B

Q.15. The HTV-X1 was launched to deliver supplies to which destination?

A) Future Lunar Gateway station

B) International Space Station (ISS)

C) Hubble Space Telescope

D) Moon's surface

Answer: B

- ✓ Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) successfully launched its new unmanned cargo spacecraft, the HTV-X1, aboard the flagship H3 rocket from the Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan, Japan.
- ✓ The spacecraft, on its first mission, is carrying cargo to deliver supplies to the International Space Station (ISS).
- ✓ The HTV-X succeeds JAXA's unmanned H-II Transfer Vehicle, known as Kounotori (meaning "stork" in Japanese), which completed nine missions to the ISS from 2009 to 2020.
- ✓ It can carry up to 6,000 kilogram(kg) of cargo, supply power for cold-stored lab samples, and stay docked to the ISS for six months before a three-month independent mission
- Q.16. What is the theme for Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, which is observed from October 27 to November 2?

A) "Integrity for a New India"

B) "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility"

C) "Say No to Corruption"

D) "Eradicate Corruption, Build a New India"

Answer: B

- ✓ Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW), led by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), is commemorated annually throughout India during the week coinciding with the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (on 31st October), to promote integrity, transparency, and vigilance against corruption.
- ✓ VAW 2025 is observing from 27th October to 2nd November 2025.
- ✓ VAW 2024 was held from 28th October to 3rd November 2024, while VAW 2026 will be observed from 26th October to 1st November 2026.
- ✓ **2025 Theme:** "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility".
- ✓ The observance of VAW was first introduced in 2000.
- Q.17. The primary objective of the Koyla Shakti dashboard is to:
 - A) Enhance the import of coal from other countries.
 - B) Monitor the real-time status of the coal supply chain in India.
 - C) Regulate the price of coal in the open market.
 - D) Increase the number of coal mines.

Answer: B



- ✓ The Ministry of Coal is set to launch "Koyla Shakti", a Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard in New Delhi.
- ✓ It is a Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard that will serve as a unified platform for real-time monitoring and analysis of coal sector operations.
- ✓ It serves as a centralized digital platform integrating data from multiple stakeholders, including:
- ✓ Coal producing companies and private miners
- ✓ Central Ministries and Departments such as Coal, Railways, Power, Finance, Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and Road Transport & Highways
- ✓ State Departments managing coal production (E-khanij platforms)
- ✓ Power generation companies and other industrial coal consumers
- ✓ Port authorities and private coal-handling terminals
- ✓ Objectives: To strengthen operational efficiency, promote transparency, and enhance coordination across the coal supply chain.
- ✓ Key Features of Koyla Shakti Dashboard
- ✓ **Unified Visibility:** Integration of diverse data sources into a single, comprehensive interface.
- ✓ **Real-Time Monitoring:** Continuous tracking of coal production, dispatch, and logistics operations.
- ✓ **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Analytical tools to support evidence-based policy formulation and management decisions.
- ✓ **Incident Response:** Timely alerts and notifications enabling faster resolution of operational challenges.
- ✓ Standardization: Uniform metrics and reporting formats ensuring consistency across departments.
- ✓ **Operational Efficiency:** Simplification of monitoring and reporting, minimizing manual errors.
- ✓ **Scalability:** Provision for integration with future digital systems and additional data sets.
- ✓ **Transparency and Accountability:** Enhanced visibility of performance indicators for all stakeholders.
- ✓ **Policy Planning and Forecasting:** Analytical insights to support demand forecasting and strategic planning.

Q.18. Koyla Shakti is a dashboard launched by which Indian government ministry?

A) Ministry of Finance

B) Ministry of Home Affairs

C) Ministry of Coal and Mines

D) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: C

- Q.19. Anant Shastra surface-to-air missile system is developed by which organisation?
 - A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
 - B) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
 - C) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
 - D) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Answer: D

- ✓ The Indian Army has issued a tender to Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for five to six regiments of the indigenously developed 'Anant Shastra' surface-to-air missile system.
- ✓ The system was earlier known as Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) and is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ✓ The project is worth about ₹30,000 crore and will boost air defence on borders with Pakistan and China.
- ✓ The mobile system can search, track and engage targets on the move with a 30 km firing range.
- ✓ It will complement Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) and Akash systems.

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- > DRDO in collaboration with the Strategic Forces Command (SFC), has carried out the successful launch of Intermediate Range Agni-Prime Missile from a Rail based Mobile launcher system.
- This next-generation missile is designed to travel up to 2000 kilometers.
- > DRDO conducted two consecutive successful flight-tests of Pralay missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam island off the coast of Odisha.
- > The missile has a range of 150-500 km and can be launched from a mobile launcher.
- The Air Defence unit of the Indian Army conducted a successful user trial of the DRDO developed air defence system, Akash Prime, in Ladakh at an altitude of 15,000 feet.
- > DRDO has successfully conducted the final user trial of the indigenously developed Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR) from the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kavaratti.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested its Long-Range Glide Bomb, Gaurav, off the coast of Odisha. The smart bomb was dropped from the Indian Air Force's Su-30 MK-I fighter plane.
- > DRDO has successfully carried out flight-trials of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3 at the National Open Area Range (NOAR) test range in Kurnool,



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Andhra Pradesh.

- > DRDO and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted the flight-test of indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air missile (BVRAAM) 'Astra' equipped with indigenous Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker from Su-30 Mk-I platform off the coast of Chandipur, Odisha, on 11 July 2025.
- Astra is a Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air missile (BVRAAM) with a range exceeding 100 kms.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

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

A) USA

B) Japan

C) China

D) Germany

Answer: D

O.2. What is the full form of ARC?

A) Amortized Reconstruction Company B) Asset Reconstruction Company

C) Amortized Revalued Company D) Asset Revaluation Company

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Answer: B

In which year was National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) set up?

A) 2012

B) 2013

C) 2014

D) 2015

Answer: B

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



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- ✓ 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%

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Answer: A

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

Answer: C

- O.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

Answer: A







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