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## Aparchit 19 December English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2025 By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

**Q.1. TRAI has mandated entities regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to adopt the 1600-series numbers for what purpose?**

- A) Promotional and marketing calls to prospective customers.
- B) Internal office-to-office communication only.
- C) Service and transactional calls to consumers.
- D) International calls and communication with foreign entities

### Answer : C

- ✓ **TRAI Mandates Adoption of 1600-Series Numbers for Service Calls by IRDAI-Regulated Entities.**
- ✓ Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), under the Ministry of Communications, directed all the entities, regulated by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), to adopt “1600” series phone numbers for service and transactional calls to consumers by 15 February 2026.
- ✓ The “1600” numbering series is a special range assigned by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications, for use by Banking, Financial Services, Insurance (BFSI) entities and select government bodies.
- ✓ The aim is to ensure that customers can easily identify legitimate calls from regulated financial institutions and differentiate them from spam or fraud calls.
- ✓ To enhance consumer trust in financial communications, curb spam and unsolicited calls, and prevent voice-call fraud and impersonation scams where fraudsters mimic official calls from insurers.

### IRDAI IN NEWS 2025

- TRAI Mandates Adoption of 1600-Series Numbers for Service Calls by IRDAI-Regulated Entities.
- IRDAI has imposed a Rs 1 crore penalty on Liberty General Insurance for violating outsourcing norms and policyholder protection regulations
- Ajay Seth chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) , launched the official website of Bima sugam india federation (BSIF).
- Bima Sugam has an authorized capital of ₹500 crore (Rs. 5 billion) and a paid-up capital of ₹310 crore.



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- IRDAI has imposed a penalty of ₹5 crore on Policybazaar Web Aggregator Private Limited, now known as Policybazaar Insurance Brokers Private Limited.
- IRDAI mandated all life, general, and health insurers to extend coverage to 75,000 Gram Panchayats by FY 2026–27.
- Ajay Seth appointed as IRDAI Chairman for three years, succeeding Debasish Panda.
- IRDAI has set up a seven-member committee headed by former chairman of SBI Dinesh Khara to examine proposed amendments to the Insurance Act, 1938, and suggest a framework for its implementation.
- IRDAI introduced Bima-ASBA, a UPI-based premium payment system for life and health insurance.
- With an aim to provide “Insurance for All by 2047,” the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has announced the ‘Bima Vahak’ initiative, a women-centric insurance field sales force, which is inching closer to implementation.
- The portal for 'Bima Vahak' is near completion and gearing up for a soft launch in April 2025.
- Neo-bank Freo has secured a Corporate Agent licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- IRDAI was established on the recommendation of the R.N. Malhotra Committee, which the government of India established on Insurance Sector reform in 1993.
- Parliament passed the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act 1999, which made the authority a statutory body in April 2000.
- Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairperson: Ajay Seth
- It is the regulator of the Insurance sector in India

**Q.2. Which of the following statements is CORRECT regarding the newly introduced e-B-4 Visa category launched by the DPIIT in late 2025?**

- A) It is a new sub-category specifically for foreign students seeking internships in Indian startups.
- B) It replaces the earlier e-PLI business visa and allows Indian companies to digitally generate sponsorship letters.



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C) It requires a mandatory physical recommendation from the Line Ministry for every application.

D) It is only applicable to companies currently enrolled under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

## Answer : B

- ✓ **DPIIT Launches Digital Module for e-B-4 Visa to Generate Sponsorship Letters Online.**
- ✓ Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), launched a new digital module that enabled Indian companies to generate Indian sponsorship letters online for inviting foreign professionals under the electronic (e)-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B-4 Visa) on the National Single Window System (NSWS).
- ✓ Launched on November 29, 2025, the module is part of business visa reforms to simplify processes and enhance ease of doing business.
- ✓ The B-4 Visa lets foreign experts support production-linked activities, including Quality Control(QC) and audits, training, supply chain, and plant design.
- ✓ The e-B-4 Visa has replaced the older electronic Production-Linked Incentive Visa (e-PLI Visa).
- ✓ The e-B-4 Visa is applied online through the NSWS module, enabling Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) and non-PLI companies to instantly generate digital sponsorship letters with auto-populated forms and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA)/Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) authentication.

## DPIIT IN NEWS 2025

- DPIIT Launches Digital Module for e-B-4 Visa to Generate Sponsorship Letters Online.
- Startup India-DPIIT signs MoU with CarDekho Group to strengthen startup ecosystem in mobility, fintech and emerging tech sectors.
- DPIIT and ICICI Bank sign MoU to support startups across India.
- DPIIT signs MoU with Pfizer Limited to strengthen India's healthcare innovation ecosystem.
- DPIIT signs MoU with Zepto to support manufacturing startups through Zepto Nova Innovation Challenge.
- DPIIT signs MoU with Ather Energy to strengthen EV manufacturing and clean mobility ecosystem.
- L'Oreal India has signed a MoU with the DPIIT to support startups in the beauty and personal care sector.



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- IndusInd Bank inks MoU with DPIIT to Empower India's Startup Ecosystem.
- DPIIT inks pact with Global energy alliance for people and planet to aid climate tech startups.
- DPIIT has partnered with Flipkart, Tally Solutions, and HDFC Bank.
- DPIIT inks pact with Yes Bank to strengthen India's startup ecosystem.
- DPIIT and Mercedes-Benz Partner to Boost Startups, Road Safety, and Sustainability.
- DPIIT and Paytm join hands to boost fintech and manufacturing startups in India.
- DPIIT and Korea Transport Institute Sign MoU to Boost Collaboration in Logistics and Infrastructure Development.

**Q.3. Which award was recently conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his official visit to Ethiopia in December 2025?**

- A) Order of the Star of Ethiopia      B) The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia  
C) Ethiopian Civilian Medal of Merit      D) Africa Friendship Award

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a 2-day official visit to Ethiopia from December 16 to 17, 2025 as the 2nd leg of his 3-nation tour (Jordan, Ethiopia, and Oman), at the invitation of Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of Ethiopia.
- ✓ This marked PM Modi's 1st ever bilateral visit to the African nation.
- ✓ During his visit to Ethiopia, PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed at the National Palace (in Addis Ababa), where he was accorded a ceremonial welcome.
- ✓ During his visit, PM Modi addressed the joint session of the Parliament of Ethiopia.
- ✓ With this, the Ethiopian Parliament has become the 18th parliament worldwide to be addressed by PM Modi.
- ✓ India and Ethiopia have elevated their bilateral relations to a Strategic Partnership (SP), marking a major step in strengthening cooperation between the two Global South partners.
- ✓ Following the bilateral meeting, PM Modi and his Ethiopian counterpart witnessed the exchange of 3 key Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in areas like: customs cooperation, United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping training, and data infrastructure.
- ✓ India and Ethiopia signed a MoU on Debt Restructuring in respect of Ethiopia under the Group-20 (G20) Common Framework.



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- ✓ PM Narendra Modi was honoured with 'The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia', the highest honor of Ethiopia, by Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed Ali, during a special ceremony held at the Addis International Convention Centre.
- ✓ With this, PM Modi has now become the 1st global head of state or head of government to receive this honour.
- ✓ Also, this marks the 28th top foreign state award bestowed on PM Modi.
- ✓ **About Ethiopia**
- ✓ **Capital :** Addis Ababa
- ✓ **Currency :** Birr
- ✓ **Prime Minister :** Abiy Ahmed Ali

**Q.4. Exercise "Desert Cyclone-II" is a bilateral joint military exercise between India and which country?**

A) Saudi Arabia

B) Oman

C) Qatar

D) United Arab Emirates (UAE)

**Answer : D**

- ✓ India-UAE Joint Military Drill 'DESERT CYCLONE-II' Commenced at Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- ✓ The 2nd edition of the joint military exercise "DESERT CYCLONE-II" between the armies of India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), commenced at Abu Dhabi, the capital city of UAE, that will run till December 30, 2025.
- ✓ The two-week long military exercise aimed to enhance interoperability and foster defence cooperation between the Indian Army (IA) and the UAE Land Forces through joint training in urban environments.
- ✓ The Indian contingent includes 45 personnel, mainly from a battalion of The Mechanised Infantry Regiment.
- ✓ The UAE Land Forces contingent comprises 53 personnel from Mechanised Infantry Battalion.
- ✓ **About the United Arab Emirates (UAE).**
- ✓ **Capital :** Abu Dhabi
- ✓ **Currency :** Dirham
- ✓ **President :** Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

## EXERCISE IN NEWS 2025

- The 2nd edition of the joint military exercise "DESERT CYCLONE-II" between the armies of India



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and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), commenced at Abu Dhabi, the capital city of UAE, that will run till December 30, 2025.

- Exercise Harimau Shakti-2025, the fifth India–Malaysia joint military exercise, began at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan
- The 8th edition of bilateral Indo–French air exercise Garuda 25 concluded at Air Base 118, Mont-de-Marsan, France
- “The 14th edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) commenced at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
- The 19th edition of the India–Nepal joint military exercise, SURYAKIRAN XIX – 2025, was held at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, to deepen military cooperation.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri took part in the bilateral maritime exercise AUSINDEX 2025 in the Northern Pacific. AUSINDEX is held between India and Australia and has been conducted biennially since 2015.
- The eighth edition of the India-UK Joint Military Exercise, "AJEYA WARRIOR-25," began on November 17, 2025, at the Foreign Training Node, Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the 8th edition of the bilateral air exercise ‘Garuda 25’ with the French Air and Space Force (FASF) at Mont-de-Marsan, France, from 16th to 27th November 2025.
- Exercise Brahmashira 2025 was conducted from 11–13 November 2025 in the Rann and Creek sector of Gujarat under the Tri-Services Exercise Trishul.
- The 6th edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX), a bilateral military exercise between India and Vietnam, began on November 11, 2025, at the National Military Training Centre 4 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- The 29th edition of the multilateral Exercise Malabar (2025) began at Guam in the Northern Pacific Ocean (NPO), hosted by the United States of America (USA).
- The 11th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2025 began at the Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka, on 10 November 2025 and will continue till 23 November 2025.
- The Indo-Russian joint military exercise 'Indra 2025' is being held from 6th to 15th October 2025, at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan.



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- The Indian Armed Forces contingent has departed for Russia to take part in the Joint multilateral military exercise ZAPAD 2025, which will be held in Nizhniy, Russia.
- The 21st edition of the India-US joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas is being held at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.
- Indonesia and the United States recently launched the annual joint military exercise, Super Garuda Shield 2025.
- The 14th edition of Exercise Maitree, a joint military exercise between India and Thailand, is scheduled to be held in Umroi, Meghalaya, from September 1 to 14, 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.
- The 32nd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) took place from July 28 to August 1, 2025, and was held in Singapore and the South China Sea.
- The Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25) was held from October 16-18, 2025, with the sea phase concluding and leading to a port call at Yokosuka, Japan, for the Harbour phase on October 21.
- 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.



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- Indian Army contingent departed for 17th edition of India- Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT which is scheduled to be conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**Q.5. PPSL, a subsidiary of One97 Communications Limited, recently received authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator for which types of transactions?**

- A) Only online payments                      B) Only offline (physical) payments  
C) Only cross-border transactions              D) Online, offline, and cross-border transactions

**Answer : D**

- ✓ PPSL Received RBI Nod for Offline and Cross-Border Payments.
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorized Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of One 97 Communications Limited, to operate as a Payment Aggregator (PA) for offline (physical) payments and cross-border transactions, both inward and outward.
- ✓ PPSL can now facilitate physical transactions via Point-of-Sale (PoS) devices and aggregate inward and outward cross-border payments under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA).
- ✓ With previous online PA approval, PPSL now holds licenses across online, offline, and cross-border segments, enabling end-to-end payment services.

**Q.6. Airtel Payments Bank recently partnered with NBBL (NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited) for which of the following purposes?**

- A) To launch a new credit card service for rural customers.  
B) To enable seamless interoperable electric vehicle (EV) wallet recharges.  
C) To provide micro-loans and insurance products to small and medium enterprises (SMEs).  
D) To deploy a nationwide network of Soundbox solutions for merchants.

**Answer : B**

- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank Partners with NBBL to Enable EV Wallet Recharge.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), that enables users to recharge Electric Vehicle (EV) wallets through Bharat Connect, formerly Bharat BillPay System (BBPS).
- ✓ The initiative integrates an EV wallet recharge facility into the Airtel Thanks application(app), powered by BBPS, enabling instant and secure top-ups across multiple EV charging service providers.



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- ✓ The partnership provides a single, unified platform for EV wallet recharges, removing fragmentation across different charging networks and making payments more convenient and seamless.

**Q.7. Who topped the Hurun India 2025 list of top self-made millennial entrepreneurs?**

- A) Radhakishan Damani                      B) Deepinder Goyal  
C) Nandan Reddy                              D) Abhay Soi

**Answer : B**

- ✓ IDFC First Private & Hurun India Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennia 2025: Eternal's Founder & CEO Deepinder Goyal Tops the List.
- ✓ Hurun India in partnership with IDFC FIRST Private Banking, a division of IDFC First Bank Limited, released the 3rd edition of India's Top 200 Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennia 2025.
- ✓ Deepinder Goyal, founder, Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eternal(formerly Zomato), has topped the list with a valuation of Rs. 3, 20,700 crore, marking a 27 % increase from the previous year.
- ✓ Radhakishan Damani, founder of Avenue Supermarts (DMart), who topped the list in 2023 and 2024 has slipped to the 2nd position with a valuation of around Rs. 2,97,800 crores.
- ✓ Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal of InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) secured third place, with their company valued at Rs.2,19,300 crores.
- ✓ Abhay Soi of Max Healthcare Institute secured 4th place with a valuation of Rs.1.11 lakh crores, while Sriharsha Majety and Nandan Reddy of Swiggy ranked 5th with a valuation of Rs.1.06 lakh crores.
- ✓ The list features entrepreneurs from 51 cities, led by Bengaluru(Karnataka) (88), followed by Mumbai (Maharashtra) (83) and New Delhi(Delhi)(52), which together account for over half of the total entries.
- ✓ Lenskart has emerged as the most valuable unlisted company, with a valuation of Rs.67,000 crores, followed by Razorpay, founded by Harshil Mathur and Shashank Kumar, and Greenko, founded by Anilkumar Chalamalasetty and Mahesh Kolli, (Rs.66,600 crores).
- ✓ Avenue Supermarts is the largest employer with 90,280 employees, followed by IndiGo(42,887) and Jana Small Finance Bank(JSFB) (25,381).
- ✓ The list features 20 women entrepreneurs with a combined company valuation of Rs.3.3 trillion, led by Falguni Nayar and Adwaita Nayar of Nykaa (Rs.67,500 crore), followed by Neha Bansal of Lenskart (Rs.67,000 crore) and Ruchi Kalra of OfBusiness (Rs.44,400 crore).



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- ✓ The IDFC First Private & Hurun India Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennia 2025 is an annual ranking that lists the 200 most valuable companies in India founded by self-made entrepreneurs since 2000.
- ✓ The average age of founders on the list is 48.
- ✓ The threshold entry for a company featured on the list is Rs.4,500 crores, 1.5 times the threshold of Rs.3,000 crores in 2024.

**Q.8. Which company ranked as the most valuable listed self-made business in the 2025 Hurun India report?**

- A) Avenue Supermarts (DMart)      B) Swiggy Limited  
C) Eternal Limited (formerly Zomato)      D) InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo)

**Answer : C**

**Q.9. According to the broader Hurun India Rich List 2025, who is the youngest self-made entrant?**

- A) Aadit Palicha      B) Kaivalya Vohra  
C) Aravind Srinivas      D) Sriharsha Majety

**Answer : B**

- ✓ The 22-year-old co-founder of Zepto remains the youngest entrant, followed by his co-founder Aadit Palicha (23).
- ✓ The youngest founders overall are Kaivalya Vohra (22) and Aadit Palicha (23) of Zepto, valued at Rs.52,400 crore, while Adwaita Nayar (34) is the youngest woman entrepreneur.

**Q.10. Dinesh Khatak, recipient of the Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal, is an officer with which security force?**

- A) Indian Army      B) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)  
C) Border Security Force (BSF)      D) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

**Answer : B**

- ✓ CRPF Officer Dinesh Khatak Conferred Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal.
- ✓ Senior Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) officer Dinesh Khatak, hailing from Jind district in Haryana, has been conferred the Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal (Kendriya Grah Mantri Dakshata



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Padak) for his exemplary service, discipline and outstanding contribution to national security by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

- ✓ He currently serves as Second-in-Command (2IC) of 196 Battalion, CRPF.
- ✓ Khatak joined the CRPF as a Gazetted Officer in 2005 after clearing the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examination, serving across some of India's most sensitive operational theatres.
- ✓ **About Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal.**
- ✓ It recognizes exceptional service, high standards of discipline, outstanding leadership, and significant contributions to national security over a sustained period.
- ✓ It is conferred on members of police forces, paramilitary units, including CRPF, and other security organizations for professional excellence and merit.

**Q.11. When is Ashwini Tewari's current tenure as Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) set to end?**

- A) January 27, 2026
- B) December 31, 2024
- C) December 31, 2027
- D) January 27, 2028

**Answer : C**

- ✓ ACC Approved Re-Appointment of Ashwini Tewari as SBI's MD Till December 2027.
- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the re-appointment of Ashwini Kumar Tewari as Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) for a second two-year extension, from 27 January 2026 to 31 December 2027.
- ✓ He was initially appointed in January 2021 and first extended in 2024.
- ✓ With his reappointment, SBI now has all four MDs in place: Ashwini Kumar Tewari; Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh; Rama Mohan Rao Amarra ; and Ravi Ranjan.

**Q.12. Exercise AviaIndra is a joint military exercise between the Air Forces of which two countries?**

- A) India and France
- B) India and the United Kingdom
- C) India and Russia
- D) India and the United States

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India's Air Force is currently hosting Exercise AviaIndra-2025 with Russia's Aerospace Force, a joint air drill running until December 22.



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- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) commenced the 3rd edition of Exercise AviaIndra (2025), a bilateral air exercise with the Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFASF), scheduled to be conducted from 15th December to 22nd December 2025 in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ✓ The drills involve Sukhoi Su-30 MKI fighters, indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, IL-78 aerial refuellers, and Mil Mi-17 helicopters operating in an integrated manner.
- ✓ The AviaIndra exercise was interrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020–2021 and later saw a prolonged pause following the outbreak of the Russia–Ukraine conflict in 2022–2024.

**Q.13. India and Saudi Arabia recently signed a mutual visa waiver agreement. Which passport holders benefit from this agreement?**

- A) All passport holders (General Citizens)
- B) Tourism Passport holders
- C) Diplomatic, Special, and Official Passport holders
- D) Student and Work Permit holders

**Answer : C**

- ✓ India and Saudi Arabia Signed Visa Waiver Agreement to Facilitate Official Travel.
- ✓ India and Saudi Arabia (SA) signed a bilateral Visa Waiver Agreement (VWA) in Riyadh to facilitate official travels and strengthen bilateral exchanges under the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ Provides mutual exemption from short-stay visa requirements for holders of diplomatic, special, and official passports, streamlining official travel.
- ✓ India is Saudi Arabia's second-largest trading partner, after China, and Saudi Arabia is India's fifth-largest partner, with bilateral trade reaching USD 39.9 billion in 2024

**Q.14. Which of the following conflicts was Peter Arnett famously known for covering with live reports for CNN, making him a household name?**

- A) The Vietnam War
- B) The first Gulf War (Iraq, 1991)
- C) The Salvadoran Civil War
- D) The War in Afghanistan (1997 interview with Osama Bin Laden)



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**Answer : B**

- ✓ Pulitzer-Winning Journalist Peter Arnett Passed Away.
- ✓ Peter Arnett, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist known for his frontline reporting in Vietnam and the Gulf Wars, passed away in California, the United States of America (USA) at the age of 91. He was born on 13 November 1934 in New Zealand.
- ✓ He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1966 for International Reporting for coverage of the Vietnam War for The Associated Press (AP).
- ✓ He joined the Associated Press (AP) in 1961, reporting from Indonesia and the Vietnam War (1962–1975).
- ✓ In 1981, he joined CNN, gaining fame for live coverage from Baghdad during the 1991 Gulf War and later reporting on the Second Gulf War (2003).
- ✓ 'Live From the Battlefield: From Vietnam to Baghdad, 35 Years in the World's War Zones (1995)' details Peter Arnett's reporting experiences across global conflict zones over 35 years.

**Q.15. In 1997, Peter Arnett became the first Western journalist to interview which significant historical figure in a secret hideout in Afghanistan?**

- A) Saddam Hussein
- B) Osama bin Laden
- C) Muammar Gaddafi
- D) Ayatollah Khomeini

**Answer : B**

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- C) Muammar Gaddafi
- D) Ayatollah Khomeini

**Answer : B**

**Q.17. The Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission is a project of which space agency?**

- A) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- B) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C) European Space Agency (ESA)
- D) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

**Answer : A**



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- ✓ NASA has lost contact with its MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) spacecraft, which has been orbiting Mars since 2014.
- ✓ MAVEN stopped communicating after it went behind Mars, and NASA received only silence when it reappeared.
- ✓ The spacecraft was launched in 2013 as the first mission dedicated to studying the Martian upper atmosphere and its interaction with the solar wind.
- ✓ MAVEN helped show that the Sun stripped Mars of its atmosphere over time and also served as a relay for Curiosity and Perseverance rovers.
- ✓ NASA is currently conducting engineering investigations while its other orbiters, Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and Mars Odyssey, remain operational

**Q.18. Abdul Quadir Indori, who won two gold medals at the Asian Youth Para Games 2025, is associated with which sports?**

- A) Swimming
- B) Wrestling
- C) Boxing
- D) Badminton

**Answer : A**

- ✓ Swimmer Abdul Quadir Indori won two gold medals at the Asian Youth Para Games 2025 in Dubai.
- ✓ He secured first place in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke events.
- ✓ The Paralympic Committee of India praised Indori's performance, highlighting his dedication, discipline, and the growing strength of India's young para-athletes.
- ✓ The Games opened on 10 December with cultural performances and delegations from across Asia.

**Q.19. Which organisation under the Ministry of Culture won two Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) National Awards in 2025?**

- A) Archaeological Survey of India
- B) National Gallery of Modern Art
- C) National Council of Science Museums
- D) Indian Council of Historical Research

**Answer : C**

- ✓ The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), under the Ministry of Culture, won two PRSI National Awards 2025 from the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI).



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- ✓ One award was for the Har Ghar Museum initiative in the Best Use of Social Media in a Corporate Campaign category.
- ✓ The second award was for the “Waste to Art” publication under the Special/Prestige Publication category.
- ✓ “Waste to Art” documents NCSM’s initiative under Special Campaign 4.0 and Swachhata Hi Sewa, transforming around 1,250 kg of waste into art installations across NCSM units.
- ✓ The installations served as educational exhibits promoting circular economy principles, and workshops and competitions engaged students and communities

**Q.20. When is International Migrants Day observed annually?**

- A) December 10
- B) December 18
- C) January 9
- D) June 20

**Answer : B**

- ✓ International Migrants Day is annually observed across the globe on 18 December each year to recognize migrants’ contributions and highlight the challenges they face, while emphasizing the importance of protecting their rights.
- ✓ 18 December 2025 marks the observance of the 25th International Migrants Day.
- ✓ **2025 Theme:** “My Great Story: Cultures and Development”.
- ✓ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD’s) International Migration Outlook 2025 shows that migration flows to OECD countries remained historically high in 2024, with around 6.2 million new permanent migrants.

## **STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 19 December 2025**

**Q.1. Who among the following are the founders of the Indian startup Zepto?**

- A) Asit Biswal and Rajesh Pradhan
- B) Girish Redekar and Raghuveer Kancherla
- C) Kaivalya Vohra and Aadit Palicha
- D) Kabeer Biswas and Ankur Agarwal

**Answer : C**



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**Q.2. Which of the following companies is the parent company of Zomato and Blinkit?**

- A) Swiggy
- B) Blinkit
- C) Eternal Limited
- D) MakeMyTrip

**Answer : C**

**Q.3. Who are the founders of Zomato?**

- A) Sachin Bansal & Binny Bansal
- B) Deepinder Goyal & Pankaj Chaddah
- C) Vijay Shekhar Sharma & Sachin Bansal
- D) Bhavish Aggarwal & Ankit Bhati

**Answer : B**

**Q.4. Where is the Headquarters of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) located?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) Bengaluru

**Answer : C**

**Q.5. NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL) is a subsidiary of which entity?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) Ministry of Finance

**Answer : C**

**Q.6. What are the capital and currency of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?**

- A) Dubai and Dinar
- B) Abu Dhabi and Dirham
- C) Sharjah and Rial
- D) Abu Dhabi and Dollar

**Answer : B**



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**Q.7. What is the capital and currency of Ethiopia?**

- A) Cairo, Egyptian Pound
- B) Addis Ababa, Ethiopian Birr
- C) Nairobi, Kenyan Shilling
- D) Khartoum, Sudanese Pound

**Answer : B**

**Q.8. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is a central government department under which of the following ministries?**

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer : C**

**Q.9. Where is the permanent headquarters of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) located?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Hyderabad

**Answer : D**

**Q.10. The IRDAI was established as a statutory body in which year?**

- A) 1991
- B) 1995
- C) 1999
- D) 2001

**Answer : C**



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