

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



**UPSC**

**36<sup>th</sup> WEEK**

**2016**

**ALL EXAMS**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sep to 11<sup>th</sup> Sep**

# 1 Questions & Answers

Applications to operate Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) were halted temporarily till 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017. Regulator for PPIs is \_\_\_\_\_.

1) SEBI

2) **RBI**

3) NPCI

4) IRDAI



## PREPAID PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS

- Smart Cards
- Magnetic Stripe Cards
- Internet Accounts
- Mobile Accounts
- Mobile Wallets.

*And any such instrument, which can be used to access the prepaid amount.*

# 2

Govt. notified Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 on May 1, 2016. State Govts. are required to establish “Real Estate Regulatory Authority” by \_\_\_\_\_.

# 1) 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

### 3) 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

## 2) 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2016

## 4) 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2017



सत्यमेव जयते

- Registration of projects with RERA.
- Funds in Escrow Account.
- Buyer consent for alterations.
- Fines for project violations.

# 3 Questions & Answers

Name the Bank, which is in the news recently, for defaulting on interest payment on its Tier II bonds?

1) ICICI Bank

2) Catholic Syrian Bank

3) United Bank of India

4) **Dhanlaxmi Bank**

**DhanlaxmiBank**  
established 1927

Headquarters:  
**Thrissur, Kerala**

**MARCH 2019**

**Total CAR ... 9%**  
 (Tier I ... 7%)  
**Capital Conservation Buffer ... 2.5%** (maxm, which depends on loan to GDP ratio).

**BASEL NORMS**

- **Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)**
- **Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)**
- **Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)**

- **Capital Adequacy Ratio or CRAR is to be maintained by the banks @ 9%.**
- **Tier I ... Share Capital, Reserves etc., and it is the bank's highest quality capital and is readily available to cover losses and minimum to be 7%.**
- **Tier II ... It is supplementary capital that absorbs losses only in cases of winding up of the banks.**

# 4 Questions & Answers

World's largest producer and consumer of pulses is \_\_\_\_\_.

1) USA

2) China

3) Russia

4) India



**Tur (Arhar)**



**Moong**



**Urad**



# 5 Questions & Answers

Look at the following mechanisms of money transfer?

1. RTGS

2. NEFT

3. IMPS

4. UPI

Which of the above is / are available on 24x7 basis?

1) 1 & 2 only

2) 3 & 4 only

3) 1, 3 & 4 only

4) 4 only



REAL TIME GROSS  
SETTLEMENT (RTGS)



# 6 Questions & Answers

12<sup>th</sup> G-20 Summit in 2017 will be held in \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Berlin

2) Munich

3) Frankfurt

4) **Hamburg**



## THEME

“Towards an Innovative,  
Invigorated,  
Interconnected and  
Inclusive World Economy”.

- 11<sup>th</sup> G-20 Summit was held in Hangzhou, China.
- G-20 represents 85% of the World Economy and over 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the World population.
- Main focus of G-20 is Economic Growth.

# 7 Questions & Answers

Name our neighbouring country, which was declared malaria-free?

1) Sri Lanka

2) China

3) Nepal

4) Pakistan



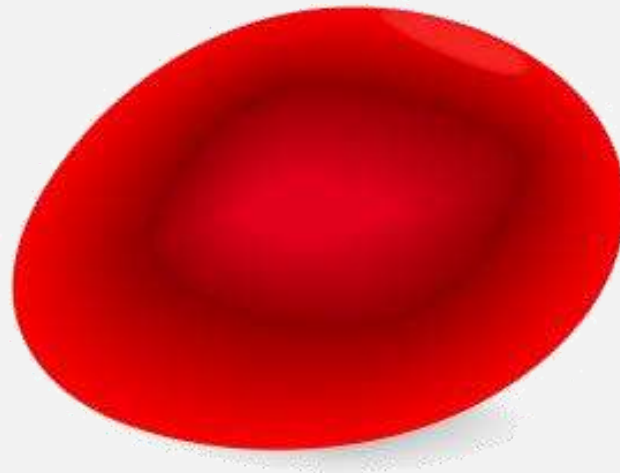
- It became second in the South-East Asia Region after Maldives.
- Malaria is mosquito borne infectious disease.
- Transmitted by infected female Anopheles mosquito.
- Malaria is prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Yaws is the bacterial infection in tropical countries, which can be cured with antibiotics.

- Tetanus affects the Central Nervous System and is caused by bacteria.
- India was declared Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus free and Yaws free.
- Maternal health is health of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period.

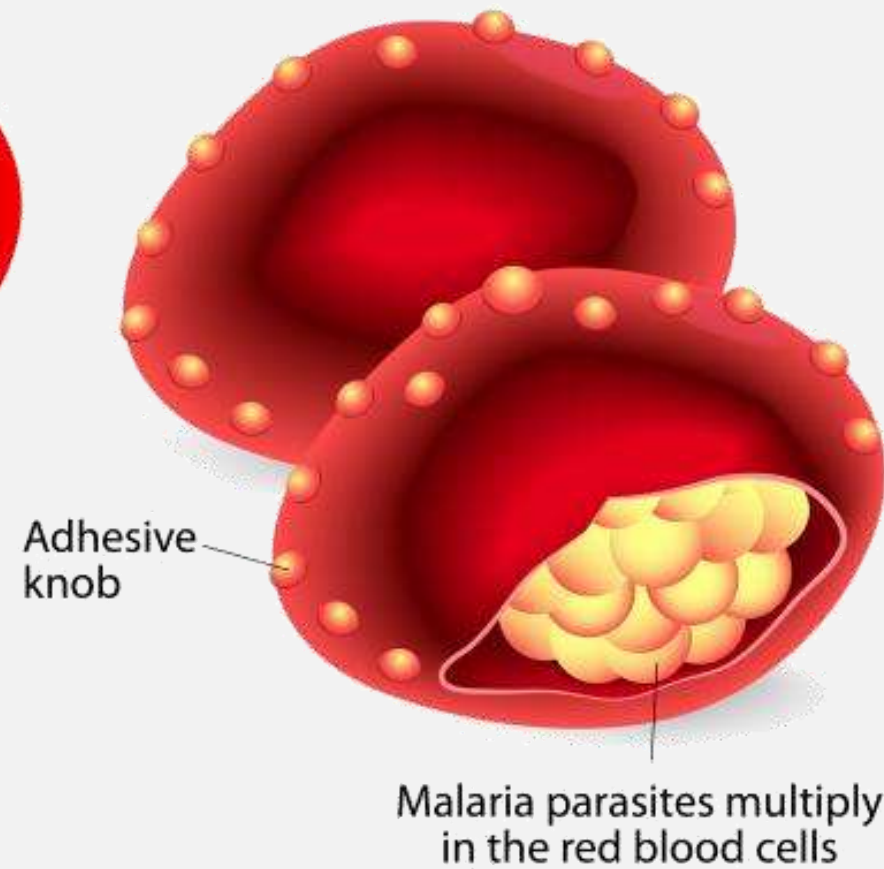


# MALARIA

**Normal cell**



**Infected RBC**



# 8 Questions & Answers

Canonisation of Mother Teresa was held in \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Rome

2) Venice

3) Milan

4) Vatican City



**Saint Teresa,**  
1910-1997

**1**

## BEATIFICATION

- After first miracle

**2**

## CANONISATION

- After second miracle

*Mother Teresa became **Saint Teresa** within 19 years of her death.*



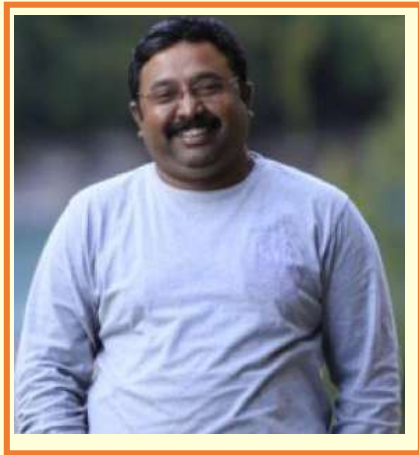
**VATICAN CITY**



## 9 Questions & Answers

Bibhuti Lahkar got the prestigious “Heritage Heroes Award” of the IUCN. He is associated with the protection of grasslands, flora and fauna of Manas National Park area. Manas National Park is in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Gujarat                      2) **Assam**                      3) Bihar                      4) Odisha



**Bibhuti Lahkar**

- Manas National Park is in Barpeta, Assam.
- Manas is the name of the river.
- It is Tiger Reserve and World Heritage Site.



**Headquarters:**  
**Gland, Switzerland**

- IUCN publishes the “Red List”, which gives the conservation status of the biological species.



I R A N

A F G H A N I S T A N

C H I N A

**Manas National Park**

P A K I S T A N

**Assam**

B A N G L A D E S H

Myanmar  
(Burma)

**INDIA**

O M A N

LEARNING SPACE

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*Arabian Sea*

*Bay of Bengal*



Kamov Ka-226T light utility helicopters will be manufactured in India. This is Joint Venture with \_\_\_\_\_.

1) USA

2) China

3) Russia

4) France

## DEFENCE DEALS WITH RUSSIAN FIRMS

- Kamov Ka-226T.
- 5 Nos of S-400 Triumph Advanced Air Defence Missile System.
- INS Chakra (Nuclear powered Akula Class submarine in lease with India).

## DEFENCE DEALS WITH USA's FIRMS

- 8 Poseidon - 8Is
- 22 Apache helicopters
- 15 Chinook helicopters

*The above are under various stages of procurement.*

“Yudh Abhyas” exercises are the joint exercises of troops between India and \_\_\_\_\_.

1) USA

2) China

3) Russia

4) France

**1**

## **YUDH ABHYAS**

- Between troops of India and USA, Chaubatia, near Ranikhet, Uttarakhand, Sept 14-27

**2**

## **INDRA EXERCISES**

- Between Indian and Russian Soldiers Vladivostok, Russia, Sept 22 - Oct 2

**3**

## **MALABAR EXERCISES**

- India, US & Japan Naval exercises, held in June, Okinawa, Japan.

Equitas Small Finance Bank started its operations. It is headquartered in \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Hyderabad

2) Mumbai

3) Chennai

4) Mysore



Headquarters: **Chennai**

- Previously, it was micro finance institution.



Headquarters: **Jalandhar**

Which of the following is located in Tamil Nadu?

1) Kabini

2) Krishnaraja Sagar

3) Mettur

4) Harangi



## PROJECTS IN CAUVERY BASIN IN KARNATAKA

- KRS
- Harangi
- Hemavathi
- Kabini





# 14 Questions & Answers

India signed MoU with \_\_\_\_\_, to allow unlimited number of flights into each other's countries.

1) USA

2) China

3) Greece

4) Italy



- National Civil Aviation Policy allows “Open Sky” ASAs with SAARC countries and with countries beyond 5,000 kms radius from Delhi.

- Greece is the first country with an “Open Sky arrangement” under new Civil Aviation Policy.

Which of the following is entrusted with the task of identifying PSUs for strategic sale?

1) IRDAI

2) FSSAI

3) NITI Aayog

4) IMF

## EXAMPLES OF PSUs



**NITI Aayog**

(National Institution for Transforming India)  
Government of India

**DIPAM**



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT AND  
PUBLIC ASSET MANAGEMENT

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Majuli, first island district in India was inaugurated recently. It is in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Gujarat                      2) Assam                      3) Bihar                      4) Odisha

অসম চৰকাৰ



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM



**Sarbananda Sonowal**  
Chief Minister, Assam

- It entered Guinness World Records as the largest river island in the World bypassing Marajo in Brazil.
- Next step is to get the Status of World Heritage Site.



**Majuli District**

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

BHUTAN

ASSAM

NAGALAND

MEGHALAYA

MANIPUR

BANGLADESH

TRIPURA

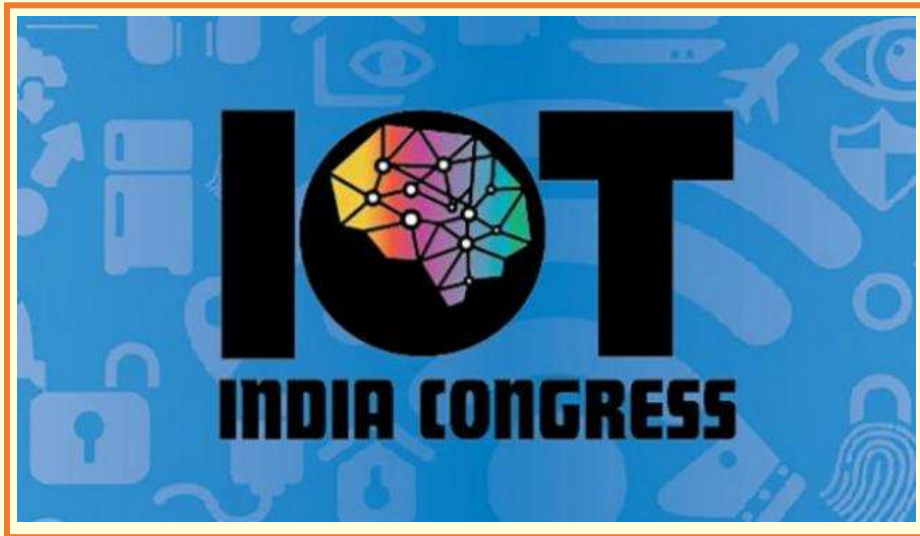
MIZORAM

WEST BENGAL

MYANMAR  
(BURMA)

First Edition of Internet of Things (IoT) India Congress was held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Bengaluru      2) Mumbai      3) Chennai      4) Mysore



- IoT is the internetworking of physical devices, machines and objects and the ability to transfer data over a network without human-to-machine interaction.





International Literacy Day was observed on \_\_\_\_\_.

1) 6<sup>th</sup> Sep

2) 8<sup>th</sup> Sep

3) 7<sup>th</sup> Sep

4) 9<sup>th</sup> Sep



## THEME

“Reading the past,  
writing the future”.

- UNESCO first established the day in 1966.
- To emphasize the importance of literacy to individuals, society and communities.

## INDIA

- Literacy in 1951 ... 18%
- Literacy in 2011 ... 73%
- Target by March 2017 ... 80%

“PRABAL DOSTYK-16” are the joint bilateral military exercises between India and \_\_\_\_\_.

1) USA

2) Afghanistan

3) **Kazakhstan**

4) Uzbekistan



- They were held in Karaganda region of Kazakhstan.
- They will enhance interoperability and looks at counter terrorism and counter insurgency operations.



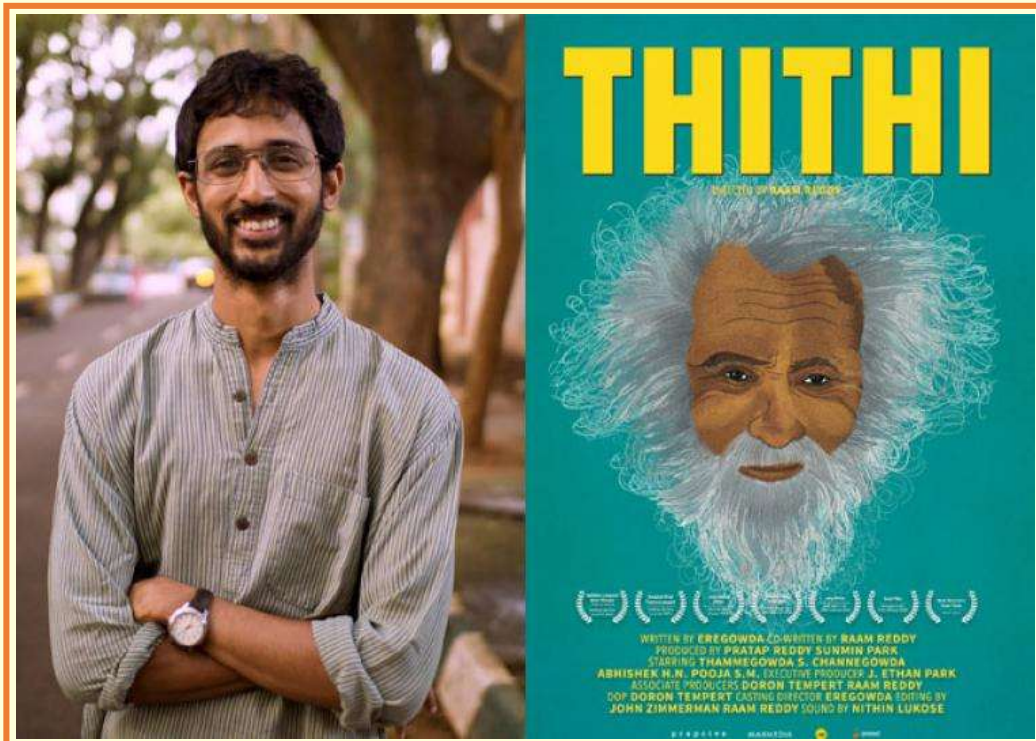
In the first ever BRICS film festival, Thithi won the best film award. It is the film in \_\_\_\_\_ language.

1) Kannada

2) Tamil

3) Hindi

4) Telugu



- It is directed by **Raam Reddy**.
- Best Director Award ... **Huo Jianqi** (China)
- Best Actor Award ... **Thabo Rametsi** (South Africa).



14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-INDIA Summit and 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit were held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Pakse                      2) **Vientiane**                      3) Thakhek                      4) Salavan







NEPAL

INDIA

BANGLADESH

MYANMAR  
(BURMA)

CHINA

VIETNAM

Lao PDR

THAILAND

*Bay of Bengal*

*Gulf  
of  
Thailand*

South China Sea

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GST Bill became a law with President's Assent. It became \_\_\_\_\_<sup>st</sup> Amendment Act.

1) 100

2) 101

3) 102

4) 104



- It will subsume most of the indirect taxes.
- President given his Assent as per Article 111 of the Constitution.
- It paves the way for the establishment of the GST Council, to be headed by the Finance Minister.

The Country's only NBFC dedicated for funding of Renewable Energy projects is \_\_\_\_\_.

1) IREDA

2) CGPD TM

3) APEDA

4) GEAC



**Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.**  
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)  
**ISO 9001:2008, 27001:2013 Certified**



Government of India  
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy





**Government of India**  
**Controller General of Patents Designs and Trademarks**  
**Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion**  
**Ministry of Commerce and Industry**



कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण  
(वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
**Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority**  
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

**The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC)**



**Ministry of Environment, Forest  
& Climate Change**



India's first Island District is \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Andaman

2) Great Nicobar

3) Majuli

4) Neil



**Sarbananda Sonowal**  
Chief Minister, Assam

- The island is surrounded by Subansiri river towards North, main Brahmaputra towards South and Kherkutia Xuti, split channel of Brahmaputra towards North East.

- It is in the tentative list for World Heritage Sites.
- It is the largest river island in the World, situated in Brahmaputra River.
- It toppled the previous record held by Brazil's Marajo island in Amazon river.
- 144 villages with population of around 1,60,000.
- Inhabited by Mishing Tribal people along with Deori.
- It is the 35<sup>th</sup> district in Assam



**Majuli District**

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

BHUTAN

ASSAM

NAGALAND

MEGHALAYA

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BANGLADESH

TRIPURA

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WEST BENGAL

MYANMAR  
(BURMA)

INSAT – 3DR which was launched recently is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Communication Satellite
- 2) **Weather Satellite**
- 3) Experimental Satellite
- 4) Earth Observation Satellite



A **Cryogenic Rocket Engine** is a rocket engine that uses a cryogenic fuel or oxidizer, that is, its fuel or oxidizer (or both) are gases liquefied and stored at very low temperatures.



- GSLV-F05 launched this Satellite.
- GSLV is a three stage rocket to carry 2,000 kg- 2,500 kg class of satellites.
- Third stage is by the cryogenic engine.
- It is the fourth flight with indigenous cryogenic engine, but the first operational flight.

Name the Country, which claimed that it tested “stealth defeating quantum radar”?

1) India

2) Saudi Arabia

3) China

4) Japan



A month ago, China launched the world's 1<sup>st</sup> quantum communication satellite.

- Prior to this, US is the only country to test quantum radar.
- Quantum radar uses “quantum entanglement photons” to provide better detection capabilities.
- It can easily track modern aircraft using stealth technology.



Name the Organisation, which launched OSIRIS-REx?

1) **NASA**

2) Roscosmos

3) ESA

4) ISRO



## OSIRIS-REx

The Origins, Spectral Interpretation,  
Resource Identification, Security  
and Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx)

- This is intended to collect samples from an asteroid Bennu.
- It is the 1<sup>st</sup> mission of NASA to collect samples from an asteroid and return to earth.
- This is to look at the origin of the solar system.
- This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> planetary mission under New Frontiers Program.



National Aeronautics  
and Space  
Administration

## NEW FRONTIERS PROGRAMME

1

### NEW HORIZONS

- *Launched on January 19, 2006*
- *Entered fly by on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015*
- *To explore Pluto, Moons & Kuiper belt*

2

### JUNO

- *Launched on Aug 5, 2011*
- *Entered fly by in August, 2016*
- *To explore Jupiter*

3

### OSIRIS-REx

- **O**rigins, **S**pectral **I**nterpretation, **R**esource **I**dentification, **S**ecurity, **R**egolith **E**xplorer (**OSIRIS-REx**)
- *Launched in September, 2016*
- *To explore & study Asteroids*

Stan Wawrinka won his first US Open Men's Singles title in 2016. He belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

1) USA

2) China

3) Switzerland

4) France



- He defeated **Novak Djokovic**, with 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3

Angelique Kerber won 2016 US Open Women's Singles title. She belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

1) USA

2) China

3) Germany

4) France



- She defeated **Karolina Pliskova** with 6-3, 4-6, 6-4