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•	ich of the following country's central bank has ended the negative erest rate policy, recently?			
a Re	epublic of Korea			
b Ja	pan			
c Sc	outh Africa			
d Argentina				
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no th ☑ N	he Bank of Japan on 21st March 2024 announced the end of its egative interest rate policy and increased borrowing costs for he first time in 17 years.  egative interest rates are when central banks make their ommercial counterparts pay to park their excess cash at the estitution.			
✓ W	/hen interest rates are negative, lenders pay borrowers for			

holding a loan, such as a mortgage or personal loan.

holding debt. This means that someone gets paid interest for





Which one of the following country is not a part of the IMT Tri- (TRILAT) 2024 maritime exercise?	Latera
India	
Mozambique	
Tanzania	
Mauritius	
nswer d  KPLANATION	
Mauritius is not a part of the tri-nation exercise IMT TRILAT-2024.  INS Tir and INS Sujata will participate in the forthcoming se edition of India Mozambique Tanzania (IMT) Tri Lateral (TRI Exercise, a joint maritime exercise scheduled from 21-29 Mar 2024  The first edition of IMT TRILAT exercise conducted in October 2 saw participation of INS Tarkash with the Tanzanian and Mozamb Navies.	ILAT) 2022,

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the harbour phase scheduled from 21-24 March 2024, Naval ships Tir and Sujata will engage with the respective Navies at the ports of

Zanzibar (Tanzania) and Maputo (Mozambique).



_	The 4th edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum was organized in-
а	Beijing
b	New Delhi
C	Mumbai
d	Tashkent
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	The fourth edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum was organized on 19th March 2024 in New Delhi. The initiative focused on broadening startup interactions among the
	SCO Member States, fostering an environment conducive to innovation, promoting job creation, and inspiring young talent to develop innovative solutions.
	The plenary session of the forum witnessed physical participation from SCO Member States including a delegation of SCO startups, nodal agencies for startups at the Member States, senior government

officials and diplomats.





- Q. Consider the following statements with respect to Global E-waste Monitor 2024:
- It is released by the International Association of Electrical, Electronic and Energy Engineering (IAEEEE).
- According to the Global E-waste Monitor 2024, India and China generated the highest amount of e-waste per capita in 2022.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a 1 only
- Both 1 and 2

- b 2 only
- d Neither 1 nor 2

Answer (

#### **EXPLANATION**

- **☑** Both the given statements are incorrect.
- According to the UN's fourth Global E-waste Monitor (GEM) Report-2024, the world's generation of electronic waste is rising five times faster than documented e-waste recycling.
- ☑ The 62 million tonnes of e-waste generated in 2022 would fill 1.55 million 40-tonne trucks, roughly enough trucks to form a bumper-to-bumper line encircling the equator, according to the report from International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and United Nation Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).
- ▼ The report foresees a drop in the documented collection and recycling rate from 22.3% in 2022 to 20% by 2030 due to the widening difference in recycling efforts relative to the staggering growth of e-waste generation worldwide.

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