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DAILY MCQ'S

**70th BPSC
PRELIMS EXAM**

Q. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which was in the news recently, established in-

a 1934

b 1935

c 1949

d 1950

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrated its 90th year on 1st April 2024 in Mumbai, where RBI governor Shaktikanta Das, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered their keynote presentations.
- RBI- nation's central bank- was established in 1935 following recommendations of Hilton Young Commission. It is governed by Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and it began operations on April 1, 1935 with Sir Osborne Smith as the first Governor, responsible for functions such as currency issuance, banking services for banks.
- Though originally privately owned, since nationalization in 1949, the Reserve Bank is fully owned by the Government of India.



Q. Consider the following statements with respect to the Katchatheevu Island :

- 1** Katchatheevu is a small island in the Palk Strait, between India and Sri Lanka.
- 2** Katchatheevu was ceded to Sri Lanka by the British Indian Government.

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

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| a 1 Only | b 2 Only |
| c Both 1 and 2 | d Neither 1 nor 2 |

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- Katchatheevu Island, a 285-acre stretch, is located about 33 kilometres from the Indian coast, in the Palk Strait between Rameswaram in India and Sri Lanka. Fishermen from both countries used the Katchatheevu Island, which was initially part of the Madras Presidency.
- Katchatheevu had been a disputed territory between India and Sri Lanka since the British era. The Indian government agreed to cede it to the island nation under the 1974 "Indo-Sri Lankan Maritime Agreement." This is how Katchatheevu became part of Sri Lanka.



Q. Consider the following statements with respect to HIV drug, Ritonavir:

- 1** It is a protease inhibitor drug used for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) / Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- 2** Ritonavir is not a cure for HIV infection and it is always used in combination with other HIV medicines.

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

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| a 1 Only | b 2 Only |
| c Both 1 and 2 | d Neither 1 nor 2 |

Answer **c**

EXPLANATION

- Both the given statements are correct.
- California-based Varda Space Industries made an HIV drug, Ritonavir in space. It is a protease inhibitor drug used for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) / Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- Ritonavir is not a cure for HIV infection and it is always used in combination with other HIV medicines. Ritonavir (given at low doses) is currently used as a pharmacokinetic enhancer to boost the activity of other HIV medicines.



Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau of India?

a Ms Sheyphali B. Sharan

b Manish Desai

c A Surya Prakash

d None of the above

Answer a

EXPLANATION

- Ms Sheyphali B. Sharan has assumed charge as the Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau on 1st April 2024 upon superannuation of Shri Manish Desai on 31st March 2024. Ms. Sharan is an officer of the 1990 batch of Indian Information Service.**
- The Press Information Bureau (PIB) is the nodal agency of the Government of India to disseminate information to the print and electronic media on government policies, programmes, initiatives and achievements.**
- It functions as an interface between the Government and the media and also serves to provide feedback to the Government on people's reaction as reflected in the media.**



Q. The Paradip Port, which was in the news recently, is located in -

a West Bengal

b Andhra Pradesh

c Tamil Nadu

d Odisha

Answer d

EXPLANATION

- Paradip Port Authority (PPA's) remarkable journey has reached new heights with the recent record-breaking achievement of clocking incredible 145.38 MMT cargo throughput in FY 2023-24 and thus-by nudged passed Deendayal Port, Kandla to emerge as the highest cargo handling major port of the country.**
- Paradip Port is a natural, deep-water port on the East coast of India in Paradip, just 53 km (33 miles) from Jagatsinghpur city in Jagatsinghpur district of Odisha, India.**
- It is a major sea port of India for trade activities. The enchanting beauty of the sea, a wonderful sea beach & marine drive, beautiful creeks, estuaries and evergreen forests of estuarian islands of the river Mahanadi, make the place a major tourist attraction.**