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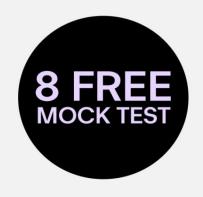
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# PRELIMS PRACTISE QUESTION

Q. UN Women has its headquarter in -

- A. New Delhi
- B. Tokyo
- C. London
- D. New York



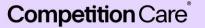
# PRELIMS PRACTISE QUESTION

Q. The host state of Khelo India University Games 2024-

- A. Odisha
- B. Jharkhand
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam

# SOVEREIGN GOLD BOND SCHEME 2023-24





#### **CONTEXT**

➤ The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2023-24 - Series IV will be open for subscription during February 12–16, 2024.

- > SGBs are government securities denominated in grams of gold.
- > They are substitutes for holding physical gold.
- Investors have to pay the issue price in cash and the bonds will be redeemed in cash on maturity.
- ➤ The Bond is issued by Reserve Bank on behalf of Government of India.

- Persons resident in India as defined under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 are eligible to invest in SG.
- ➤ Eligible investors include individuals, HUFs, trusts, universities and charitable institutions.
- e Bonds are issued in denominations of one gram of gold and in multiples thereof.

Minimum investment in the Bond shall be one gram with a maximum limit of subscription of 4 kg for individuals, 4 kg for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and 20 kg for trusts and similar entities notified by the government from time to time per fiscal year (April – March).



# PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Who issued Sovereign gold bond in India -

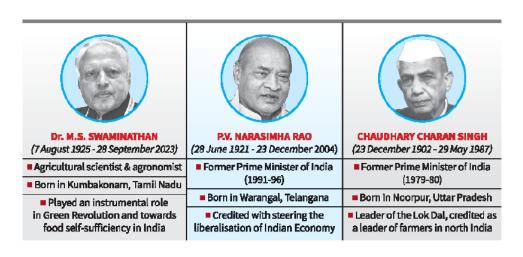
A. IMF

B. WB

C. RBI

D. None of the above

#### BHARAT RATNA

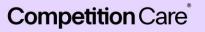


#### CONTEXT

The Bharat Ratna will be conferred on former Prime Ministers P.V. Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh, as well as Green Revolution pioneer M.S.
Swaminathan, adding to the two awardees already announced earlier this year — socialist leader Karpoori Thakur, and former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani.

- > This year's tally of five Bharat Ratna awardees is the highest that has ever been announced in a single year.
- ➢ 'Bharat Ratna', the highest civilian Award of the country, was instituted in the year 1954.
- > Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex is eligible for these awards.

- ➤ It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour.
- ➤ The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister himself to the President..
- On conferment of the award, the recipient receives a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a medallion.
- > The Award does not carry any monetary grant.



# PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. 'Bharat Ratna', the highest civilian Award of the country, was instituted in the year -

A. 1955

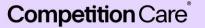
B. 1957

C. 1950

D. 1954

## **IOC CONFERENCE**





#### CONTEXT

➤ India Foundation in association with the Ministry of External Affairs of India and the Government of Australia organized the 7th Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2024 on February 9-10, 2024 in Perth, Australia.



#### **BACKGROUND**

- ➤ The first edition of the Conference was held in Singapore in 2016.
- ➤ It is organized by India Foundation in partnership with other organizations in the region.

#### **IMPORTANCE**

➤ It aims to bring together critical states and maritime partners to discuss regional cooperation under the concept of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

# WHAT IS SAGAR?

- > SAGAR stands for 'Security and Growth for All in the Region'.
- ➤ It aims to leverage the blue economy and maintain strategic partnerships with littoral states in Asia and Africa.
- Seeks to provide leadership in capacity building and capability enhancement programs transparently.

#### Key highlights of the 7<sup>th</sup> conference:

- Challenges to International Rule of Law: EAM S. Jaishankar highlighted challenges to international rule of law from the Red Sea to the Indo-Pacific, implicitly targeting China's actions.
- Call for Conflict Reduction: Australian Foreign Minister emphasized the necessity of reducing conflict in the region amid growing tensions.

#### Key highlights of the 7<sup>th</sup> conference:

Veiled References to China's Actions: Jaishankar made indirect references to China's troop buildup at the Line of Actual Control and actions in the South China Sea, stressing the importance of adhering to internationally negotiated regimes.

#### **ONLINE SAFETY ACT**





#### CONTEXT

Human rights commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) reveals sections non-compliant with SC Determination Under Online Safety Bill.

- ➤ The wide-ranging law prohibit "false statements about incidents in Sri Lanka"
- Statements with "an express intention of hurting religious feelings"



#### **BACKGROUND**

- Critics claim it stifles criticism before of elections.
- Authorities claim it will benefit in the battle against cybercrime.

#### Statements by International organizations:

- Amnesty International said the act's broad provisions and vague wording would restrict people's rights to freedom of expression and privacy online.
- ➤ UN's human rights office raised concerns against the draft law saying that it would give authorities unfettered discretion to label and restrict expressions.

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