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PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. With reference to the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The regional group was established in 1975 through the Lagos Treaty, with a mandate of promoting economic integration among its members.
2. Its headquarter is located in Nigeria.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both
- D. None

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. The name of the India's first women-friendly compact Electric Tractor-

- A. PRIMA ET11
- B. PRIMA ET101
- C. PRIMA ET111
- D. None of the above

SADA TANSEEQ



CONTEXT

- The inaugural edition of the India-Saudi Arabia Joint Military Exercise '**SADA TANSEEQ**' started on January 29, 2024, at Mahajan, **Rajasthan**.

KEY FACTS

- The Saudi Arabian contingent, comprising 45 personnel, is represented by the **Royal Saudi Land Forces**.
- The Indian Army contingent, also consisting of 45 personnel, is represented by a Battalion from the **Brigade of the Guards** (Mechanised Infantry).

KEY FACTS

- The aim of the exercise is to train troops from both countries for **Joint Operations in Semi-Desert terrain**, aligning with **Chapter VII** of the **United Nations Charter**.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. The inaugural edition of the India-Saudi Arabia Joint Military Exercise

- A. Malabar Exercise
- B. Sada Tanseeq
- C. Garuda Shakti
- D. None of the above

MARATHA MILITARY LANDSCAPES



CONTEXT

- India has nominated the "**Maratha Military Landscapes of India**" for inclusion in the **UNESCO World Heritage List** for the years **2024-25**.

KEY FACT

- These landscapes highlight the **strategic military capabilities** of the **Maratha empire** during the period from the 17th to the 19th centuries.
- Out of over 390 forts in Maharashtra, 12 representative forts have been chosen for the nomination.

- Developed under Maratha ruler Shivaji Maharaj from 1670 CE, these forts continued to be developed by subsequent rulers until 1818.

- The nomination is based on three criteria: exhibiting a unique cultural tradition, featuring outstanding military architectural ensembles, and directly representing Maratha military heritage.
- India currently has **42** UNESCO World Heritage sites.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Shivaji's birth was related with which fort -

- A. Vijay Durg
- B. Sindhu Durg
- C. Shivneri Durg
- D. None of the above

INSAT-3DS



CONTEXT

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** is set to launch its advanced meteorological satellite, **INSAT-3DS**, in mid-February from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre** on **GSLV F14**.

KEY FACTS

- The **2275 kg** satellite aims to enhance weather monitoring and disaster forewarning with advanced optical and infrared instruments.
- The reliable **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk-II (GSLV-F14)** has been selected for the satellite's orbiting

- Equipped with an Imager, Sounder, Data Relay Transponder (DRT), and Search & Rescue transponder, it will scan the earth in multiple bands, offering detailed updates on cloud parameters, snow cover, sea surface temperatures, and soil moisture.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Satish Dhawan Space Centre is located in-

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. None of the above

SHEEN-E SHE(SHAN)



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CONTEXT

- **2024 Khelo India Winter Games** introduces 'Sheen-e She' (Shan), a snow leopard, as its official mascot. The event's logo features the Indian tricolor blended with **Ladakh's symbols**

2024 KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES: OVERVIEW

- The Khelo India Games are an initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote Olympic sports and cultivate grassroots sporting talent in India

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MASCOT

- Represents local biodiversity.
- Highlights ecological issues in the trans-Himalayan region.
- Symbolizes environmental protection.

HOSTING SIGNIFICANCE

- First time hosted in Ladakh; previous editions in J&K since 2020.
- Spotlights Ladakh and J&K as winter sports hubs.
- Aims to boost tourism and economic opportunities.

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