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***“It is what we know already that often prevents us from learning.”
~ Claude Bernard***

Dear Students,

At the outset, I on behalf of ICSI family and my own extend our best wishes of the festival of colours, hoping that each one of you shall while having relished in the exuberance, dive deeper to understand the true meaning of the festival and imbibe in your own selves the best of qualities.

Friends, the CSEET being the very first step of the professional journey, comes in our life at a time when we are fresh out of school and still equal bits sure and unsure of the path that lies ahead or the one we might want to pursue.

The Company Secretaryship Course might not be your first choice – you might have picked it on the suggestion of an elderly or it is possible that your decision might have been attached to that of your friends. Nonetheless, one thing that I firmly believe is that if you put in the right amount of efforts and hold the right approach, the Course and the profession holds to key to reward you in ways more than one. Not only does the Course provide you to have opportunities of gainful employment or for those who are a bit more lone-wolves to have their own practice; it also gives each one of us to play howsoever big or small role in the growth story of the nation.

While it all sounds too larger than life, but it is equally true that Company Secretaries have played key roles in shaping many a policies and legislations, steering the direction of global governance discussions and garnered much appreciation for that.

But just as Rome was not built in a day, the journey of becoming a professional and staying a true professional is a lifelong commitment. I hope that the times ahead find you pushing your limits and gaining both knowledge and wisdom in equal measures and with equivalent zeal.

Keep Learning, Keep Growing !!!

Warm regards,

(CS Manish Gupta)

President

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Current Affairs*

- **Highlights of 99th Edition of Mann ki Baat (March 26, 2023)**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to come forward in more numbers for organ donation during his 99th episode of the monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'. The Prime Minister said that 5,000 cases of organ donation were registered in 2013 which has increased to more than 15,000 in 2022.

The Prime Minister highlighted the 'Nari Shakti' and lauded producer Guneet Monga and director Kartiki Gonsalves for bringing laurels to the country by winning an Oscar for their documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers'.

He also talked about Asia's first female loco pilot Surekha Yadav who has set another record of becoming the first woman loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express and made a mention about Jyotirmayi Mohanty, Scientist of Bhabha Atomic Research Center who notched another achievement for the country and received a special award from IUPAC in the field of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

From women empowerment, the PM talked about India's solar mission. He narrated the practice adopted by the people of Pune's MSR-Olive Housing Society who, under the 'Sabka Prayas' initiative have decided to run things of common utility like drinking water, lifts and lights in society with solar energy only, generating about 90 thousand kilowatts hour electricity every year.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1910859>

- **More than 92,000 entities recognized as startups since launch of Startup India (April 05, 2023)**

The Government with an intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging private investments in startup ecosystem of the country launched Startup India initiative on 16th January 2016.

As per eligibility conditions prescribed under G.S.R. notification 127 (E) dated 19th February 2019, entities are recognised as 'startups' under Startup India initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Since the launch of Startup India initiative in 2016, DPIIT has recognised 92,683 entities as startups as on 28th February 2023.

**Mahesh Airan, Assistant Director, The ICSI.*

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The regular businesses are often measured by success or failure in a specific number of years of operation, whereas, the startups and scale-ups (established startups) are more accurately measured by failure or success in a particular phase making it difficult to put together a statistic covering all types of new businesses and their failure rate with any level of accuracy. Therefore, the information with respect to the success or failure of startups is not centrally maintained by the Government.

Startup India initiative was launched on 16th January 2016 with an objective to build a strong eco-system for nurturing innovation and startups in the country that would drive sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1913977>

- **President Droupadi Murmu launches 'Bhoroxa' mobile app for women's safety (April 07, 2023)**

The safety of women has always been a pressing issue in India, and President Droupadi Murmu took a step towards making women feel safer by launching the 'Bhoroxa' mobile app at the Gauhati High Court. The app, which includes various helpline numbers across the state and women-related schemes, will help women in distress seek immediate help.

One of the main features of the app is the 181-helpline number for women seeking help. This helpline will ensure that women in distress can immediately reach out to the authorities and seek help. The app also includes details about various schemes aimed at women's empowerment and their safety.

The 'Bhoroxa' mobile app's launch is a step forward in making women feel safer in India and can be seen as a major initiative towards women's safety and empowerment.

For details:

<https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-president-droupadi-murmu-launches-bhoroxa-mobile-app-for-womens-safety-in-guwahati-539158-2023-04-07>

Sample Questions

Paper 1 : Business Communication

1. Give Synonym for the following word:
Skewed
 - a. Regular
 - b. Uneven
 - c. Straight
 - d. Level
2. Choose the antonym of the word 'debonair' from the following options:
 - a. Stylish
 - b. Elegant
 - c. Gauche
 - d. Opulent
3. Choose the correct spelling
 - a. Deceeve
 - b. Decive
 - c. Diecieve
 - d. Deceive
4. Give the meaning of the idiom- "*Miss the boat*".
 - a. Let too much time go by to complete a task.
 - b. Long for something that you don't have.
 - c. Miss out on an opportunity.
 - d. Not know the difference between right and wrong.
5. Identify the meaning of the idiom - "*Seeing eye to eye.*"
 - a. Agreeing with somebody
 - b. Treating someone with respect
 - c. Paying close attention to something someone is saying
 - d. Identifying a minor mistake

Paper 2 : Legal Aptitude and Logical Reasoning

6. Which amendment has inserted Article 15(5) to the Constitution of India?
 - a. 89th Amendment
 - b. 93rd Amendment
 - c. 95th Amendment
 - d. 97th Amendment
7. A proposal, once accepted, becomes a _____.
 - a. Agreement
 - b. Contract
 - c. Promise
 - d. Proposal
8. Under the Indian Contract Act, 1872, the Consideration may be:
 - a. Executed
 - b. Present
 - c. Future
 - d. All of these
9. 295 Books are divided among some boys and girls whose total number is 50 so that each boy gets 5 Books and each girl get 8 Books. The number of girls are:
 - a. 15
 - b. 20
 - c. 25
 - d. 28
10. Choose the word which is not similar to the other words in the group.
 - a. Storage Device
 - b. Key Board
 - c. Mouse
 - d. Digital Pen

Paper 3 : Economic and Business Environment

11. A _____ is one when there is no change produced in the demand of a product with change in its price.
 - a. Perfectly Elastic Demand
 - b. Unitary Elastic Demand
 - c. Perfectly Inelastic Demand
 - d. Relatively Elastic Demand
12. The _____ measures national income as total spending on final goods and services produced within nation during a year.
 - a. Turnover Method
 - b. Product Method
 - c. Income Method
 - d. Expenditure Method
13. _____ gives power to the government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Fund of India for meeting the expenditure during the financial year.
 - a. Appropriation Bill
 - b. Finance Bill
 - c. Ordinary Bill
 - d. None of the above
14. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra is the initiative of which of the following ministries of the Government of India?
 - a. Ministry of Human Resource Development.
 - b. Ministry of Agriculture
 - c. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 - d. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
15. Which of the following organization took over the regulatory and administrative control of UTI from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 1978?
 - a. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
 - b. Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
 - c. State Bank of India (SBI)
 - d. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)

Paper 4 : Current Affairs

16. Who among the following has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of Tripura High Court recently?
 - a. Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh
 - b. Justice Om Prakash Shukla
 - c. Justice Umesh Chandra Sharma
 - d. Justice Saurabh Srivastava
17. Recently, India, Japan and France have launched a common platform for financial assistance to which among the following countries?
 - a. Ukraine
 - b. Sri Lanka
 - c. Mongolia
 - d. Iraq
18. Recently, President Draupadi Murmu launched an App named 'Bhoroxa' (Trust) App. The App is related to?
 - a. Rail Passenger Safety
 - b. Women's Safety
 - c. Cyber Security
 - d. None of these
19. Which Indian-American mathematician has been awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics?
 - a. PC Mahalanobis
 - b. Harish Chandra
 - c. C. Radhakrishna Rao
 - d. D.R. Kaprekar
20. The first Dogri version of the Indian Constitution has been launch recently. Who among the following launched the first Dogri version?
 - a. Piyush Goyal
 - b. R K Singh
 - c. Nirmala Sitharaman
 - d. Kiren Rijiju

Answer Key:

1	b	6	b	11	c	16	a
2	c	7	c	12	d	17	b
3	d	8	d	13	a	18	b
4	c	9	a	14	c	19	c
5	a	10	a	15	d	20	d

Motto

सत्यं वद। धर्मं चर।

इष्टाकरं कृतं तृप्ताकरं। अविद्येदं क्युं कृतं विद्वज्।

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