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56. Recently, The Ministry of Rural Development signed a MoU with ten banking firms. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission [DAY NRLM] under the Ministry of Rural Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding with \_\_\_\_ Public Sector Banks and \_\_\_\_ Private Sector Bank(s). These Banks have designed specific products for financing individual women entrepreneurs under the fold of DAY-NRLM. This move is in line with the realization of the goal of making Lakhpati Didi. The government has set a target of 3 crore Lakhpati Didi under DAY-NRLM.
- 1) 8, 2                      2) 6, 4                      3) 9, 1                      4) 7, 3                      5) 5, 5
57. Recently, Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu announced that the government will extend the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN for an additional 10 years. The number of operational airports in India has increased from 74 in 2014 to 157 in 2024. The goal is to expand this number to 350-400 by 2047. UDAN, which stands for Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, aims to improve regional air connectivity and make flying more affordable. It was initially launched on October 21, 2016, for 10 years. In April 2017, the first flight from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ under the UDAN scheme was flagged off by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi himself.
- 1) Shimla to Delhi                      2) Ludhiana to Delhi                      3) Kanpur to Delhi  
4) Hubli to Chennai                      5) Hubli to Hyderabad
58. Which among the following General Insurance Companies has launched TRIPSECURE+, a travel insurance solution designed specifically for international travelers? This product utilizes AI technology to offer flexible coverage options that cater to the diverse needs of Indian travelers. TRIPSECURE+ aims to simplify the travel insurance process, making it more customizable and accessible.
- 1) HDFC ERGO General Insurance                      2) SBI General Insurance  
3) Go Digit General Insurance  
4) Acko General Insurance                      5) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
59. Recently, India has provided a new Line of Credit of approx. Rs. 488 crores to the Government of \_\_\_\_\_ for financing a water pipeline replacement project. This is the first-ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit extended by India for project financing under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme - IDEAS.
- 1) Sri Lanka                      2) Nepal                      3) Bangladesh                      4) Bhutan                      5) Mauritius
60. Recently, The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has nominated \_\_\_\_\_ as the Country of Focus at the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India - IFFI, to be held in Goa from 20th November to 28th November 2024. The International Film Festival of India - IFFI, founded in 1952, is an annual film festival currently held in Goa. Since 2004, IFFI has moved to its permanent venue in Goa, where it is jointly organized each year by the National Film Development Corporation - NFDC, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and the Entertainment Society of Goa - ESG, Government of Goa.
- 1) Germany                      2) Spain                      3) Australia                      4) Canada                      5) South Korea

61. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the setting up of a Rs.1000 crore Venture Capital Fund dedicated to the space sector, under the aegis of IN-SPACe. The VCF is expected to support around 40 start-ups. Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center IN-SPACe is responsible for promoting, enabling authorizing, and supervising various space activities of non-governmental entities including building launch vehicles & satellites and providing space-based services; sharing space infrastructure and premises under the control of the Department of Space/ISRO; and establishing of new space infrastructure and facilities. Headquarters of IN-SPACe is in \_\_\_\_\_  
1) Thiruvananthapuram      2) Other than the given options  
3) Ahmedabad      4) Dehradun      5) Hyderabad
62. To bolster India's defense capabilities, particularly for testing tactical missile systems, The Cabinet Committee on Security - CCS, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of a new missile testing range in \_\_\_\_\_.  
1) Tamil Nadu    2) Gujarat      3) West Bengal    4) Karnataka    5) Andhra Pradesh
63. Prime Minister Narendra Modi jointly inaugurated the TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C-295 aircraft with his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez in Gujarat's Vadodara. A total of 56 aircraft are there under the C-295 program, of which \_\_\_\_ are being delivered directly by the aircraft manufacturing company Airbus from Spain, and the remaining \_\_\_\_ will be built at the facility, which is the first private sector Final Assembly Line - FAL for military aircraft in India. The Ministry of Defence in 2021 signed a Rs. 21,935-crore contract with Airbus Defense and Space SA, Spain for the supply of 56 aircraft. This will be the first private-sector military aircraft manufacturing facility in India and has been described by the government as a flagship Make in India initiative in the aerospace sector.  
1) 20, 36      2) 16, 40      3) 25, 31      4) 10, 46      5) 12, 44
64. M.S. Swaminathan is one among the five Personalities who has been conferred with the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, and Bharat Ratna India's fourth, third, second, and first-highest civilian awards. Who among the following has NOT achieved this feat?  
a. Sachin Tendulkar  
b. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
c. Pt. Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi  
d. Lata Mangeshkar  
e. Bhupendra Kumar Hazarika  
1) Only a & d    2) Only d & e    3) Only a, d & e    4) Only a, b & d    5) Only b & c
65. The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee - MPC decided to keep the policy Repo Rate unchanged at 6.50% for the 10th consecutive time. Of the six members of the MPC, five voted in favor of the decision, which is aimed at taming inflation. Changed its stance to Neutral from the earlier withdrawal of accommodation. A Neutral stance suggests that the RBI can lower or raise the interest rate. This shows that the policy priority is equal on both fronts — inflation and growth. The Monetary Policy Committee - MPC also retained India's FY25 GDP growth and inflation forecast at \_\_\_\_% and \_\_\_\_%, respectively.  
1) 7%, 4%      2) 7.2%, 4.5%    3) 7.5%, 5%      4) 7.2%, 5%      5) 7%, 5%