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1. Which country recently (in Jan'22) launched a commemorative logo marking the 30th anniversary of its diplomatic ties with India?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) UAE
- 4) France
- 5) Israel

Answer- 5) Israel

Explanation:

India and **Israel** launched a commemorative logo marking the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between them which were established on January 29, 1992.

- i. Logo features **Ashoka Chakra** and **Star of David** which represents National Flags of both countries.
- ii. It forms the numeral 30 depicting the 30th anniversary of bilateral relations.

2. As per the Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021, India was ranked _____ on the Index, while _____, Finland and New Zealand topped the Index.

- 1) 84th; Italy
- 2) 85th; Denmark
- 3) 86th; Canada
- 4) 80th; Brazil
- 5) 86th; Italy

Answer- 2) 85th; Denmark

Explanation:

According to the 2021 edition of the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) released by Berlin-based non-profit organization Transparency International, India has ranked **85th** on the index (CPI score: 40).

- i. **Denmark, Finland and New Zealand** (Score: 88) have shared the 1st rank followed by Norway (Score: 85) in the 4th rank.

3. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) launched an Easy Pay Debit Card in a Fitness Watch in partnership with healthcare platform 'GOQii'?

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) YES Bank
- 3) City Union Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer- 3) City Union Bank

Explanation:

City Union Bank (CUB), the oldest Private Sector Bank in India, in association with smart-tech-enabled preventive healthcare platform **GOQii** has launched **CUB Easy Pay Debit Card in a Fitness Watch**, a wearable & contactless RuPay On-The-Go payment solution, powered by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

i. On 24th January 2022, V.R.Venkatachalam, chancellor of Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research received the 1st watch in Chennai.

4. Which company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Pencilton to launch "PencilCard" - India's 1st debit card with National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) for teens?

- 1) Religare
- 2) Transcorp
- 3) Arihant Capital
- 4) Niyogin Fintech
- 5) EaseMyTrip

Answer- **2) Transcorp**

Explanation:

Pencilton, a teen-focused fintech company in partnership with **Transcorp** has launched PencilCard, India's 1st debit card with National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) for teens.

i. PencilCard is an NCMC – compliant RuPay debit card specially designed for the teenager which will serve as an all-in-one card (debit card, metrocard & bus card) for multiple needs for both online & offline payments.

5. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 2021 edition of International Cricket Council (ICC) awards?

- A) Mithali Raj (India) won Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year.
- B) Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan) named ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2021, while Tammy Beaumont (England) named the ICC Women's T20I Cricketer 2021.
- C) Babar Azam (Pakistan) named ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year while Lizelle Lee (South Africa) named ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only B & C

Answer- **5) Only B & C**

Explanation:

Smriti Mandhana (India) won Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year.

i. **Mohammad Rizwan** (Pakistan) named **ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2021** while **Tammy Beaumont** (England) named the **ICC Women's T20I Cricketer 2021**.

ii. **Babar Azam** (Pakistan) named **ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year** while **Lizelle Lee** (South Africa) named **ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year**.

6. Which company built the world's fastest Artificial Intelligence (AI) supercomputer also known as AI Research SuperCluster (RSC) in January 2022?

- 1) Twitter
- 2) IBM
- 3) Microsoft
- 4) Meta
- 5) Google

Answer- **4) Meta**

Explanation:

Meta's (erstwhile Facebook) CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Mark Zuckerberg has announced the development of an AI (Artificial Intelligence) supercomputer i.e AI Research SuperCluster (RSC) to train machine learning systems across company's businesses. It will be the world's fastest supercomputer once it is completed later in 2022.

7. Name the Maritime Exercise that was recently (in Jan'22) conducted by the Indian Navy at the Arabian Sea.

- 1) Shinyuu Maitri 2022
- 2) Paschim Lehar 2022
- 3) Eastern Bridge 2022
- 4) Vajra Prahar 2022
- 5) Varuna 2022

Answer- **2) Paschim Lehar 2022**

Explanation:

The Indian Navy (**IN**) conducted a **20-day** joint intra-theatre maritime exercise **Paschim Lehar 2022** (XPL-22) at the **Arabian Sea** under the aegis of **FOC-in-C** (Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief), Western Naval Command (WNC) Vice Admiral **Ajendra Bahadur Singh**.

- i. It was held to validate operational plans of WNC and enhance inter-service synergy among the IN, Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Army and Coast Guard.
- ii. It saw the participation of over 40 ships and submarines of IN along with maritime reconnaissance aircraft P8i, Dorniers, IL-38SD, unmanned aerial systems and MiG-29K strike aircraft

8. Name the Decommissioned Indian Naval Ship (INS) that was recently (in Jan'22) handed over to the Diu Administration that will be converted as a museum.

- 1) INS Dunagiri
- 2) INS Vindhyagiri
- 3) INS Ganga
- 4) INS Khukri
- 5) INS Godavari

Answer- **4) INS Khukri**

Explanation:

Indian Naval Ship (**INS**) **Khukri**, the lead ship of Khukri class corvettes and an indigenous surface-to-surface missile fitted vessel of the Indian Navy has been handed over to the **Diu Administration** on 26 January 2022, 73rd Republic Day in a ceremonial event held at the INS Khukri Memorial, Diu.

- i. It was **decommissioned** on 23rd December 2021 & the INS was built by the **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders** and commissioned on 23rd August 1989 in Mumbai.
- ii. INS Khukri is set to be developed as a full-scale museum in memory of the 1971 Indo-Pakistan War Heroes.

9. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 2022 Padma Award ?

- A) The Padma Awards Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba.
- B) The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced the 128 Padma Awards 2022 which includes 34 awards to women and 10 to Foreigners/NRI.
- C) Bipin Rawat, India's 1st Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of Indian Armed Force, who died in a helicopter crash was named Padma Vibhushan.

- 1) Only C
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only A & C
- 4) Only B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

The Padma Awards Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary **Rajiv Gauba**.

- i. The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced the **128** Padma Awards 2022 which includes 34 awards to women and 10 to Foreigners/NRI.
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Name	Field	State
Prabha Atre	Art	Maharashtra
Radheyshyam Khemka (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
General Bipin Rawat (Posthumous)	Civil Service	Uttarakhand
Kalyan Singh (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Uttar Pradesh

10. Who Authored the book, "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence"?

- 1) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 2) Ruskin Bond
- 3) Vikram Seth
- 4) Arundhati Roy
- 5) Kiran Desai

Answer- **2) Ruskin Bond**

Explanation:

A new book titled "**A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence**" authored by **Ruskin Bond** and published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) was released on 26th January 2022, marking 75 years of India's Independence.

11. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 73rd Republic Day that was celebrated on 26th January 2022?

- A) The events of the 73rd Republic Day and the parade was held at the Rajpath in New Delhi, where tableaux from 12 selected States participated.
- B) Squadron Leader 'Suraj Nair' has been honoured with the 'Vayu Sena Medal' to recognise his courage and disregard to personal safety in a hostile combat zone.
- C) Olympic Gold Medalist, Neeraj Chopra, a Subedar in the Indian Army has been honoured with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only A & C
- 4) Only B
- 5) Only A

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Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

The events of the 73rd Republic Day and the parade was held at the Rajpath in New Delhi & the tableaux of 12 States were selected.

- i. Squadron Leader Suraj Nair has been honoured with the Vayu Sena Medal to recognise his courage and disregard to personal safety in a hostile combat zone.
- ii. Olympic Gold Medalist, Neeraj Chopra, a Subedar in the Indian Army has been honoured with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.

12. Which country recently (in Jan'22) signed a USD 374.96 Million deal with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (India) to procure BrahMos missiles?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Japan
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Singapore
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- **3) Philippines**

Explanation:

Philippines signed a USD 374.96 Million deal with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (India) for the supply of shore-based anti-ship variants of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, a joint product between India and Russia and it will be the 1st export order for the missile.

- i. The deal includes the delivery of 3 batteries, providing training for operators and maintainers and providing the necessary Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) package.

13. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 73rd Republic Day Annual Parade and Tableaux?

- A) The Republic Day parade witnessed the biggest fly-past with 75 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) showcased by Advanced Light Helicopters.
- B) The number of tableaux in 2022 was reduced to 21 with States and Union territories (UTs) presenting 12 & 9 others by Ministries, Departments.
- C) Shivangi Singh became the 2nd woman fighter pilot, after Bhawna Kanth to participate in the parade as part of the IAF tableau.

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only B & C
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only C
- 5) Only B

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

The Republic Day parade witnessed the biggest fly-past with 75 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) showcased by Advanced Light Helicopters.

- i. The number of tableaux in 2022 was reduced to 21 with States and Union territories (UTs) presenting 12 & 9 others by Ministries, Departments.
- ii. India's 1st woman Rafale fighter jet pilot Shivangi Singh became the 2nd woman fighter pilot, after Bhawna Kanth to participate in the parade as part of the IAF tableau.

14. Name the Company that recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) to enable real-time, International Payments.

- 1) Transfast
- 2) Small World
- 3) TerraPay
- 4) WorldRemit
- 5) Sendwave

Answer- **3) TerraPay**

Explanation:

The NPCI International Payments Limited (**NIPL**), international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), signed a **MoU** with **TerraPay**, the Netherlands-based global payments infrastructure company.

i. This partnership will allow Indians with an active UPI (Unified Payments Interface) ID to receive real-time, international payments into their bank accounts via TerraPay's fully regulated, secure, scalable and efficient channel.

15. Name the Company that recently (in Jan'22) launched India's 1st intelligent messenger named "Pop" to invest and track markets.

- 1) Angel One
- 2) KreditBee
- 3) Upstox
- 4) Groww
- 5) Paytm Money

Answer- **5) Paytm Money**

Explanation:

Paytm Money, a wholly owned subsidiary of the digital finance platform 'Paytm', has launched **India's first intelligent messenger** named "**Pop**" to provide instant updates to track users' investments in the stock market.

About Paytm Money Limited:

Paytm Money is owned by the company, One97 Communications Limited.

CEO- Varun Sridhar

Headquarter- Bangalore, Karnataka

16. In Which company Google recently (in Jan'22) announced to invest \$1 Billion to Develop India's Digital Ecosystem?

- 1) Bharti Airtel
- 2) MTNL
- 3) BSNL
- 4) Jio
- 5) Vodafone Idea

Answer- **1) Bharti Airtel**

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel (Airtel) signed a long term, multi-year agreement with Google to enhance the growth of the digital ecosystem of India. Under this agreement, Google is set to invest up to USD 1 billion in Airtel.

i. The agreement also includes an investment of USD 700 million to acquire 1.28% in Bharti Airtel at a price per share of Rs.734.

17. Which company recently (in Jan'22) renamed its listed holding company as Capital A Berhad (Capital A)?

- 1) Go First
- 2) Nok Air
- 3) AirAsia
- 4) IndiGo
- 5) SpiceJet

Answer- **3) AirAsia**

Explanation:

AirAsia Group Berhad based in Malaysia has renamed its listed holding company as, Capital A Berhad (Capital A), to highlight the diversity of AirAsia's business portfolio and its aim to grow in the non-airline revenue.

i. The new name "Capital A" reflects the group's core businesses and its future undertakings as rapid digital transformation takes shape.

18. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Records made by Indian Players during the recent Test Match series against South Africa from December 2021 to January 2022?

A) Rishabh Pant became the fastest Indian wicket keeper to reach 100 dismissals in Tests Cricket, by breaking MS Dhoni Record.

B) Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the fastest Indian bowler to take 100 overseas Test wickets by reaching the milestone in just 29 matches.

C) Mohammed Shami has become the 5th Indian pacer to take 200 Test wickets & 3rd quickest Indian after Kapil Dev and Javagal Srinath.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **4) Only A & C**

Explanation:

Rishabh Pant became the fastest Indian keeper by breaking MS Dhoni Record to reach 100 dismissals in Tests Cricket, the longest format of the Game.

i. **Jasprit Bumrah** has become the fastest Indian bowler to take 100 overseas Test wickets by reaching the milestone in just 23 matches.

ii. **Mohammed Shami** has become the 5th Indian pacer to take 200 Test wickets & 3rd quickest Indian after Kapil Dev and Javagal Srinath.

iii. In the test series, South Africa defeated India by winning the 3 match series by 2-1 & Keegan Petersen of South Africa won the Player of the Series in the 3 Match Test Series.

19. In January 2022, 150 Indian villages were converted into 'Villages of Excellence' with Technical help from which of the following countries?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Israel
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- 3) Israel

Explanation:

The Central Government will convert 150 villages around Centres of Excellence (CoEs) into '**Villages of Excellence**' in 12 States with technical assistance from **Israel government**.

- i. The information for the same was conveyed by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) during a meeting with new Israeli Ambassador to India Naor Gilon at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ii. Out of 150 villages, 75 villages will be taken up in the first year to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence.

20. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) listed its 1st USD 300 million Formosa bonds on India INX & became the 1st Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bonds?

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer- 2) State Bank of India

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI) listed its 1st USD 300 million Formosa bonds on India International Exchange IFSC (India INX). SBI became the first Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bond.

- i. Through the issuance, India INX became the first Exchange in IFSC (International Financial Services Centre) to list Formosa Bonds issued by SBI.
- ii. SBI, acting through its London branch, raised USD 300 million of 'Regulation S' Formosa bonds at a coupon rate of 2.49 percent.

21. In January 2022, Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Limited set up new Bank Note Printing Lines at Currency Note Press (CNP) at _____ & Bank Note Press (BNP) at _____.

- 1) Nashik, Maharashtra; Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal; Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Noida, Uttar Pradesh; Nashik, Maharashtra
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana; Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh; Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer- 1) Nashik, Maharashtra; Dewas, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) has set up new Bank Note Printing Lines at Currency Note Press (CNP), Nashik in Maharashtra; and Bank Note Press (BNP), Dewas in Madhya Pradesh as a part of its modernization initiatives.

The bank note printing line at CNP Nashik was inaugurated by Meera Swarup, Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Finance.

22. Which company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with FICCI to support 5 lakh women-led small businesses under #SheMeansBusiness programme?

- 1) Amazon
- 2) Wipro
- 3) Meta

4) Microsoft

5) TCS

Answer- **3) Meta**

Explanation:

Meta (formerly Facebook) has joined hands with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) to support five lakh women-led small businesses across India under its #SheMeansBusiness programme.

i. This announcement was made during the Meta's 1st National Women Entrepreneurship Summit 2022 which was held in virtual mode to encourage and support the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across sectors.

23. Who was recently (in Jan'22) awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2021?

1) Zeeshan Maqsood (Oman)

2) Shaheen Shah Afridi (Pakistan)

3) Janneman Malan (South Africa)

4) Mohammad Babar Azam (Pakistan)

5) Joe Root (England)

Answer- **2) Shaheen Shah Afridi (Pakistan)**

Explanation:

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the winners of the 2021 ICC Awards, which recognise and celebrate the achievement of players and teams over the year 2021. Pakistan's **Shaheen Shah Afridi** has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2021.

24. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the 'Chief Economic Advisor' (CEA) for the Ministry of Finance?

1) Kaushik Basu

2) Anantha Nageswaran

3) Raghuram Rajan

4) K V Subramanian

5) Arvind Subramanian

Answer- **2) Anantha Nageswaran**

Explanation:

The Union government appointed Dr V **Anantha Nageswaran** as the Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) for the Ministry of Finance.

i. He will succeed K V Subramanian, who left the office of CEA vacant in December 2021 after completing his 3 year term.

ii. His appointment as CEA comes days ahead of the release of the 2022 Economic Survey on 31st January.

25. Identify the institution that organised the 1st-ever 'Startup India Innovation Week' from 10th -16th of January 2022.

1) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

2) NITI Aayog

3) National Institute of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

4) National Small Industries Corporation

5) Department of Programme Implementation

Answer - **1) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**

Explanation:

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has virtually organised the **1st-ever 'Startup India Innovation Week'** from 10th -16th of January 2022, to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India.

26. In January 2022, Ministry of Heavy Industries launched India's 1st 'Coal to _____' plant in the BHEL unit at _____.

- 1) Hydrogen; Hyderabad
- 2) Nitrogen; Hyderabad
- 3) Methanol; Hyderabad
- 4) Hydrogen; Lucknow
- 5) Methanol; Lucknow

Answer - **3) Methanol; Hyderabad**

Explanation:

The Union Minister for the Ministry of Heavy Industries, Mahendra Nath Pandey dedicated **India's first 'Coal to Methanol' (CTM)** pilot plant in the **Hyderabad** unit of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).

- It is the first-of-its-kind technology demonstration in India, which converts high-ash contain Indian coal to methanol through the gasification route.

27. Which Village from Kerala recently became India's 1st-ever Sanitary Napkin-free Village?

- 1) Kombanad village
- 2) Marampilly village
- 3) Kumbalangi village
- 4) Vadavukode village
- 5) Kunnathunad village

Answer - **3) Kumbalangi village**

Explanation:

Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Kerala, declared **Kumbalangi village** (India's first eco-friendly tourist village) in the Ernakulam district of Kerala as the first-ever sanitary napkin-free village in India. This is an outcome of the **Avalkayi** (for her) initiative led by Hibi Eden, Member of Parliament(MP) (Ernakulam), to provide around 5,000 menstrual cups to women.

28. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the World Employment & Social Outlook (WESO) Trends 2022?

- A) The report was released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) stating the employment status across the world.
- B) Global unemployment is projected at 207 million in 2022 because of the slow recovery of the economy & the spread of new Covid-19 variants.
- C) The global unemployment rate is projected to reach 5.9% in 2022 which is higher than 6.2% in 2021 & 6.6% in 2020.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B

- 3) Only A & C
- 4) Only B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **4) Only B & C**

Explanation:

The report was released by the International Labour Organization.

- i. Global unemployment is projected at 207 million in 2022 because of the slow recovery of the economy & the spread of new Covid-19 variants.
- ii. The global unemployment rate is projected to reach 5.9% in 2022 which is higher than 6.2% in 2021 & 6.6% in 2020.

29. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Bank of Baroda Financial Solutions & NPCI to launch a contactless RuPay credit card?

- 1) Myntra
- 2) Flipkart
- 3) Snapdeal
- 4) IndiaMART
- 5) Alibaba

Answer- **3) Snapdeal**

Explanation:

Snapdeal has partnered with Bank of Baroda (**BOB**) **Financial Solutions Limited**, a subsidiary of BoB, and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch a co-branded contactless RuPay credit card.

30. According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industries, India is set to achieve the targeted Export level of _____ in FY _____.

- 1) \$650 Million; 2022-23
- 2) \$360 Billion; 2021-22
- 3) \$558 Million; 2022-23
- 4) \$650 Billion; 2021-22
- 5) \$859 Million; 2023-24

Answer- **4) \$650 Billion; 2021-22**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Commerce & Industries (**MoCI**), Piyush Goyal chaired the review meeting of all major Export Promotion Councils (**EPCs**), where he informed that India is set to achieve the targeted Export level of **\$650 Billion** in the current financial year (FY) 2021-22.

- i. At present, Indian Merchandise exports have reached \$300 billion in the first nine months of FY 2021-22, out of the total targeted \$400 billion.

31. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 which was held at Zurich, Switzerland in January 2022?

- A) Robert Lewandowski (Poland) & Alexia Putellas (Spain) were awarded as the Best FIFA Men's Player & Best FIFA Women's Player respectively.
- B) Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) received FIFA's Special Best award 2021, for becoming the all-time record scorer in men's international football.

C) Christine Sinclair (Canada) was honored with The Best – FIFA Special Award 2021 for breaking the women’s international goal-scoring record.

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) Only A & B

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

Robert Lewandowski (Poland) & Alexia Putellas (Spain) were awarded as the Best FIFA Men’s Player & Best FIFA Women’s Player respectively.

i. Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) received FIFA’s Special Best award 2021, for becoming the all-time record scorer in men’s international football.

ii. Christine Sinclair (Canada) was honored with The Best – FIFA Special Award 2021 for breaking the women’s international goal-scoring record.

32. Who recently (in Jan’22) became the Prime Minister of North Macedonia?

- 1) Hristijan Mickoski
- 2) Petre Shilegov
- 3) Dimitar Kovacevski
- 4) Margaret Thatcher
- 5) Zoran Zaev

Answer- **3) Dimitar Kovacevski**

Explanation:

North Macedonian Parliament has voted for a new coalition government, with **Dimitar Kovacevski**, leader of the Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM), elected as the new prime minister.

33. In January 2022, which country recently (in Jan’22) performed its 1st flight of the world's heaviest supersonic military aircraft called Tupolev Tu-160M?

- 1) China
- 2) South Korea
- 3) Russia
- 4) USA
- 5) Israel

Answer- **3) Russia**

Explanation:

Russia’s first newly-built **Tupolev Tu-160M** strategic missile-carrying bomber nicknamed ‘**White Swan**’ recently performed its debut flight from the aerodrome of the Kazan Aviation Enterprise, a subsidiary of the Tupolev Company (part of the United Aircraft Corporation within Rostec).

i. It performed its flight at an altitude of 600 meters that lasted about 30 minutes.

ii. It is the **world’s heaviest supersonic military aircraft** to date.

34. Name the company that recently (in Jan’22) signed a contract with the Mauritius government to export one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH Mk-III).

- 1) Bharat Dynamics
- 2) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research - National Aerospace Laboratories

- 3) Bharat Electronics
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 5) Defence Research & Development Organization

Answer- **4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) has signed a contract with the **Mauritius government** to export one Advanced Light Helicopter (**ALH Mk-III**), for the Mauritius police force.

i. The contract is in line with the vision of the Indian Government to boost defence exports to friendly foreign countries.

35. Identify the organization that recently (in Jan'22) launched a mobile app called "Saaṛṛthi" to provide education to investors.

- 1) NABARD
- 2) SEBI
- 3) IDBI Bank
- 4) SIDBI
- 5) SBI

Answer- **2) SEBI**

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) launched a mobile app "**Saaṛṛthi**" based on investor education in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The App Available in Hindi & English.

i. The Saaṛṛthi app aims to create awareness and provide education to investors about the basic concepts of the securities market.

36. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Air India by succeeding Rajiv Bansal?

- 1) Shivshankar Menon
- 2) Kirti Chakra
- 3) Vivek Doval
- 4) Pramod Kumar Misra
- 5) Vikram Dev Dutt

Answer- **5) Vikram Dev Dutt**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the appointment of **Vikram Dev Dutt** as the Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of **Air India**.

i. He has been appointed in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary, in the Ministry of Civil Aviation & he is serving as the Principal Secretary- Tourism in the Government of Delhi.

ii. Vikram Dev Dutt will succeed **Rajiv Bansal**, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, who was holding the additional charge of Air India CMD.

iii. **Chanchal Kumar**, Principal Secretary of Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been appointed as the **MD** of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (**NHIDCL**), under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).

37. In January 2022, _____ became the youngest ever President of the European Union (EU) Parliament by succeeding David Sassoli.

- 1) Josep Borrell
- 2) Roberta Metsola
- 3) Antonio Tajani
- 4) Martin Schulz
- 5) Jerzy Buzek

Answer- **2) Roberta Metsola**

Explanation:

Roberta Metsola from Malta was elected as the new President of the European Union (EU) Parliament by succeeding **David Sassoli**.

i. She is also the **youngest-ever President** & only the third woman to head the EU Parliament.

38. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Cabinet approval in January 2022?

- A) Cabinet sanction of Rs 276.89 crore to Bank of Baroda for the scheme of ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest & simple interest for six months to borrowers.
- B) Cabinet approved the equity infusion of Rs 1,500 crore in IREDA to enable it to lend Rs 12,000 crore to green energy projects.
- C) The tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NSCK) was extended for three years.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **4) Only B & C**

Explanation:

Cabinet approved sanction of **Rs 973.74 crore** to **SBI** for the scheme of ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest for six months to borrowers.

i. Cabinet approved the equity infusion of **Rs 1,500 crore** in **IREDA** to enable it to lend Rs 12,000 crore to green energy projects.

ii. The tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (**NSCK**) was extended for **three years**.

39. Which Country recently (In Jan'22) signed an agreement with India to initiate joint research & development on Green Fuels?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Israel
- 3) Italy
- 4) Denmark
- 5) Spain

Answer- **4) Denmark**

Explanation:

India and **Denmark** signed an agreement to work together in joint research and development on green fuels including green hydrogen during the Joint Science and Technology (S&T) Committee meeting held virtually.

Chaired By:

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. S. K. Varshney, Adviser & Head, International Cooperation, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, and Dr. Stine Jørgensen, Deputy Director of the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science, Govt. of Denmark.

40. In January 2022, Indonesia Replaced Jakarta with New Capital City _____.

- 1) Tomohon
- 2) Nusantara
- 3) Batam
- 4) Bandung
- 5) Medan

Answer- **2) Nusantara**

Explanation:

The **Indonesian Parliament** has passed a law to change the capital from Jakarta. The new capital city of the country will be called **Nusantara**, which is a symbol of the identity of the nation, and also a new centre of economic gravity.

Cause for change in Capital:

Jakarta is prone to flooding & climate change which also suffers from congestion and air pollution.

41. The 15th meeting of the BRICS Science Technology Innovation (STI) Steering Committee decided that _____ will host five events in 2022 & _____ will chair for 2022.

- 1) South Africa; India
- 2) Brazil; Russia
- 3) China; India
- 4) Russia; Brazil
- 5) India; China

Answer- **5) India; China**

Explanation:

On 17th January 2022, 15th meeting of the BRICS Science Technology Innovation (STI) Steering Committee decided that **India** will host **five events in 2022**. During the meeting, India handed over the chairmanship to China. **China** will be the **Chair for 2022**.

i. Theme for BRICS 2022 - "Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development".

ii. Sanjeev Kumar Varshney, Advisor & Head International Cooperation, Department of Science & Technology led the Indian delegation in the 15th meeting of BRICS STI Steering Committee.

42. According to the Futures Industry Association (FIA) , _____ emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange for the third consecutive year in 2021 in terms of the number of contracts traded.

- 1) Frankfurt Stock Exchange
- 2) National Stock Exchange of India
- 3) London Stock Exchange
- 4) New York Stock Exchange
- 5) Shanghai Stock Exchange

Answer- **2) National Stock Exchange of India**

Explanation:

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has emerged as **the world's largest derivatives exchange for the third consecutive year in 2021** in terms of the number of contracts traded, based on the statistics maintained by the Futures Industry Association (FIA).

i. NSE Indices, the National Stock Exchange's index services subsidiary, launched Nifty India Defence index to track the performance of a portfolio of stocks that broadly represent the Defence theme.

43. Indian tennis player Sania Mirza recently (in Jan'22) announced her retirement from sports at the end of 2022. In which year did she receive the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?

- 1) 2009
- 2) 2015
- 3) 2019
- 4) 2004
- 5) 2017

Answer- **2) 2015**

Explanation:

Padma Awardee **Sania Mirza**, an Indian professional tennis player, has announced her **retirement** at the end of the 2022 season. She made the announcement following her defeat in the Australian Open Women's double first round with partner Nadiia Kichenok (Ukraine).

Awards and Honours:

- 2004 Arjuna Award for Tennis
- 2006 Padma Shri for sports
- 2015 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award (now Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award)
- 2016 Padma Bhushan for sports

44. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the India-assisted Projects that were inaugurated in Mauritius in January 2022?

- A) Indian Government announced to provide LOC for the Metro Express project in Mauritius.
- B) The 8 MW Solar PV Farm project was launched to generate 14 GWh of green energy annually helping Mauritius mitigate the effects of climate change.
- C) The Civil Service College project in Reduit was launched with support of US\$ 4.74 million which is under an MoU signed in 2017.

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only B & C
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only B
- 5) Only A

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

Two bilateral pacts were exchanged between India & Mauritius which includes an agreement for the extension of USD 190 million LOC for the Metro Express project.

- i. The 8 MW Solar PV Farm project was launched to generate 14 GWh of green energy annually helping Mauritius mitigate the effects of climate change.
- ii. The Civil Service College project in Reduit was launched with support of US\$ 4.74 million which is under an MoU signed in 2017.

45. RBI recently (in Jan'22) permitted the NBFC-Investment and Credit Companies (ICC) with asset size of _____ & above to undertake factoring business under Factoring Regulation Act, 2011.

- 1) Rs 2,000 crore
- 2) Rs 1,000 crore
- 3) Rs 5,000 crore
- 4) Rs 6,500 crore
- 5) Rs 9,000 crore

Answer- 2) Rs 1,000 crore

Explanation:

RBI issued the following regulations after exercising its powers conferred under the Factoring Regulation Act, 2011.

- i. It permits all existing non-deposit taking Non-Banking Finance Company-Investment and Credit Companies (NBFC-ICCs) with asset size of Rs 1,000 crore and above to undertake factoring business, subject to certain conditions.
- ii. This will increase the number of NBFCs eligible to undertake factoring business significantly from 7 to 182.

46. Who recently (in Jan'22) won the Prime Minister election of Barbados for the 2nd consecutive term?

- 1) Freundel Stuart
- 2) Keith Rowley
- 3) Angela Merkel
- 4) Mia Amor Mottley
- 5) Andrew Holness

Answer- 4) Mia Amor Mottley

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (PM) of Barbados, **Mia Amor Mottley**, was sworn in for a second term. She is also the first female PM of Barbados in 2018 and now to lead a second term as the PM.

- i. She is the eighth person to hold the position of Prime Minister in Barbados and also Barbados' first prime minister under a republic system.

47. In January 2022, State government of _____ signed an MoU with Haryana for construction of 'Adi Badri dam' for the revival of _____ river.

- 1) Uttarakhand; Beas
- 2) Himachal Pradesh; Ganga
- 3) Punjab; Saraswati
- 4) Uttarakhand; Ganga
- 5) Himachal Pradesh; Saraswati

Answer - 5) Himachal Pradesh; Saraswati

Explanation:

Governments of Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Haryana signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the construction of a Adi Badri dam on 77 acres in HP near the Adi Badri area of Yamunanagar, Haryana for the revival of the Saraswati river.

48. What are the points that are correctly related to 'Davos Agenda summit 2022' & PM Narendra Modi's address in the summit?

- A) "Reviving Global Economy" is the theme of 2022 Davos Summit, that was organized by the World Trade Organization
- B) PM Modi introduced the 'P3 (Pro-Planet People) movement' underlining India's climate change commitments
- C) A new 'European Chips Act' was launched to support a massive expansion of chip production in the European Union

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only A & C

Answer - **3) Only B & C**

Explanation:

The World Economic Forum's (WEF) five-day online Davos Agenda summit 2022 was held from 17 to 21 January 2022. The summit is being convened on the theme of 'The State of the World'.

i. PM Narendra Modi introduced the 'P3 (Pro-Planet People) movement' that underlines India's climate change commitments.

ii. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced a new European Chips Act to support a massive expansion of chip production in the European Union

49. What is the total amount allocated (as of Jan'22) by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for its 1st Data Centre projects in Asia?

- 1) USD 1.5 Billion
- 2) USD 2.5 Billion
- 3) USD 150 Million
- 4) USD 250 Million
- 5) USD 750 Million

Answer - **3) USD 150 Million**

Explanation:

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral development bank has committed **USD 150 million** to invest in the development of data centres that mostly serve emerging Asia through the Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II), a closed-end private equity vehicle managed by Alpha Investment Partners Limited (Alpha).

- This project is being AIIB's 1st data centre project.

50. Who recently (in Jan'22) got appointed by UNDP India as its 1st ever 'Youth Climate Champion'?

- 1) Bhuvan Bam
- 2) Prajakta Koli
- 3) Ajey Nagar
- 4) Ashish Chanchlani
- 5) Mithila Palkar

Answer - **2) Prajakta Koli**

Explanation:

UNDP India named famous Indian Youtuber and actor **Prajakta Koli** as India's first ever 'Youth Climate Champion'.

i. Prajakta Koli is famously known for her YouTube channel – 'MostlySane'.

51. In January 2022, Jahn timer Dangeti, an Engineering Student from _____ became the 1st Indian to complete NASA's International Air and Space Program(IASP).

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) New Delhi

Answer - **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

Jahn timer Dangeti (19 years old), an Engineering Student, from Palakollu, West Godavari district, **Andhra Pradesh** (AP), has become the first Indian to undergo and complete the International Air and Space Program (**IASP**) at the NASA Launch Operations' Kennedy Space Centre in Alabama, in the United States of America (USA).

52. Which Country recently (in Jan'22) developed a 2 feet large "Artificial Moon" to simulate low-gravity environments using magnetism?

- 1) Germany
- 2) USA
- 3) France
- 4) China
- 5) Russia

Answer - **4) China**

Explanation:

Chinese scientists have built a research facility, "**artificial moon**", located in the city of Xuzhou, Jiangsu province, which will enable them to simulate low-gravity environments using magnetism. The research facility will also provide valuable research for the lunar exportation activities of China.

i. The facility will use powerful magnetic fields inside a 2-foot-diameter (60 centimeters) vacuum chamber to make gravity "disappear".

53. Which of the following points are correct with respect to India's 1st ever 'District Good Governance Index (DGGI)' that was released in January 2022?

- A) Union Minister Amit Shah released India's 1st DGGI' in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- B) It was prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the J&K Government.
- C) J&K became the first Indian UT with a Good Governance Index, with key analysis on Governance in different sectors across the 20 Districts of J&K.

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only B & C
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only B
- 5) Only C

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

Union Minister Amit Shah released **India's 1st DGGI** in Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**).

i. It was prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (**DARPG**) in collaboration with the **J & K Government**.

ii. **J&K** became the first Indian UT with a Good Governance Index & it is prepared for the 20 Districts of UT of J&K.

54. In January 2022, _____ published a study on Artificial Intelligence (AI), which ranked India at _____ position in terms of spending and investments on AI.

1) International Crisis Group; 6th

2) Cato Institute; 4th

3) Brookings Institution; 6th

4) International Crisis Group; 3rd

5) Cato Institute; 7th

Answer- 3) Brookings Institution; 6th

Explanation:

India is among the top 10 nations in the world in terms of technological advancements and funding in artificial intelligence (**AI**), according to findings from a study published by the **Brookings Institution**.

i. **India** ranks **6th** in terms of **spending and investments on AI** made by the public, governmental initiatives, as well as private institutions and organizations.

ii. In the AI adoption, Globally **India** was Positioned at **7th Place** while US tops followed by China & UK.

55. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) approved a loan of USD 125 million to the West Bengal Government to support social protection service?

1) UNICEF

2) United Nations Development Programme

3) World Bank

4) Asian Development Bank

5) International Monetary Fund

Answer- 3) World Bank

Explanation:

The **World Bank** has approved a loan of **USD 125 million** to the government of **West Bengal (WB)** to support its effort towards social protection service access to the poor and vulnerable groups.

i. The loan will be sanctioned under the '**WB Building State Capability for Inclusive Social Protection**' operation which will strengthen the access to social assistance and targeted service for poor and vulnerable groups.

56. Who was recently (in Jan'22) honoured with the Netaji Award for 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau?

1) Yoshihiko Noda

2) Shinzo Abe

3) Yoshiro Mori

4) Yasuo Fukuda

5) Naoto Kan

Answer- 2) Shinzo Abe

Explanation:

On the occasion of the **125th** Birth Anniversary of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**, Netaji Research Bureau, has honoured **Shinzo Abe**, former Prime Minister(PM) of Japan, with the **Netaji Award 2022**.

About Shinzo Abe:

- i. Shinzo Abe has served as the PM of Japan & President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from 2006 to 2007.
- ii. The government of India honoured Shinzo Abe with the **Padma Vibhushan** in **2021** for Public Affairs.

57. Name the Indian Movie that recently (in Jan'22) won the best film award under the Asian Film category at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival(DIFF) 2022.

- 1) Prawaas
- 2) Koozhangal
- 3) Khisa
- 4) Abhijaan
- 5) Bittersweet

Answer- **2) Koozhangal**

Explanation:

Indian movie titled Koozhangal (Tamil) directed by P S Vinothraj has won the best film award in the Asian Film Competition category at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival(DIFF) 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 15th to 23rd January 2022.

- i. The 20th DIFF 2022 was organized by the Rainbow Film Society established in 1977.
- ii. Indian Film, Semkhor (Dimasa language), directed by Assamese actor Aimee Baruah, has won the Special Audience Award. Semkhor was the first-ever film in the Dimasa language to be screened in the Indian Panorama Section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2021

58. In January 2022, Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh flagged-in the '1st first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition of India' in which country?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Italy
- 3) Germany
- 4) France
- 5) Spain

Answer- **4) France**

Explanation:

The Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh flagged-in the **first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition of India**, which was **conducted** by the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in **France**.

- i. The expedition was led by the Director of NIMAS **Colonel Sarfaraz Singh** along with 12 others which include 8 Army personnel and 4 youths of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ii. The expedition team carried out over 250 Km of winter trekking in the Alps Mountain Ranges in France.

59. Which city of Haryana to get India's 1st Heli Hub by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in January 2022?

- 1) Karnal
- 2) Rohtak
- 3) Ambala
- 4) Panipat
- 5) Gurugram

Answer- **5) Gurugram**

Explanation:

The government of **Haryana** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** is set to establish **India's first-ever Heli Hub in Gurugram**. The first of its kind heli-hub in Gurugram is designed to have all the facilities in one place for Helicopters.

- i. The hub will have several aviation facilities like Heliport, Hangars, repairs and other related services.
- ii. The hub will be developed in 10-20 acres of land well connected with Dwarka Expressway and National Highway (NH)8.

60. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the NPCI's standardized limits for cash withdrawals & mini statements on Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) transactions that was released in January 2022?

- A) NPCI has introduced limits for cash withdrawals & mini statements which will be implemented by the acquiring banks by January 15, 2022.
- B) The maximum limit of 5 approved cash withdrawal transactions per customer per terminal per day will be implemented in acquiring banks.
- C) Cash withdrawal from micro ATMs of AePS has a limit of Rs 10,000 per transaction.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Both B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

NPCI has introduced limits for cash withdrawals & mini statements which will be implemented by the acquiring banks by **January 15, 2022**.

- i. The **maximum limit of 5** approved cash withdrawal transactions per customer per terminal per day will be implemented in acquiring banks.
- ii. Cash withdrawal from micro ATMs of AePS has a limit of **Rs 10,000** per transaction.

61. Which state's Forest Department recently (in Jan'22) launched its 1st Mobile app called 'Urban Forest Parks' to provide information about urban parks & forest areas?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Assam

Answer- **3) Telangana**

Explanation:

The Forest Department of **Telangana** launched the 1st of its Kind mobile app namely '**Urban Forest Parks**' that gives all information about theme-based Urban Forest Parks and facilitates the visitors to plan their visits and journey.

- i. It was launched by the state's Forest Minister Allola Indrakaran Reddy.
- ii. It is developed by PamTen Software Solutions Private Limited.

62. In January 2022, _____ became India's 1st city with a water metro project with the launch of 1st electric boats called Muziris.

- 1) Cuttack, Odisha
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kochi, Kerala
- 4) Mangaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **3) Kochi, Kerala**

Explanation:

Kochi, Kerala has become **India's first city** to have a **Water Metro Project** after the launch of its first boat in December 2021, namely '**Muziris**,' among the 23 battery-powered electric boats being manufactured by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

- i. This project is operated by Kochi Water Metro Ltd (**KWML**) while it's boats are called Water Metros.
- ii. Under the Water Metro project, which is being implemented with the support of the German development bank KfW With a total outlay of Rs 819 crore.

63. In January 2022, RBI set up a new fintech (Financial technology) department to facilitate innovation which includes the fintech division of DPSS (department of payment and settlement systems).

Who was appointed as the head of the newly created Fintech department?

- 1) Vivek Deep
- 2) Jayant Kumar Dash
- 3) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- 4) Deepak Kumar
- 5) Uma Shankar

Answer- **3) Ajay Kumar Choudhary**

Explanation:

The RBI sets up a separate internal department for fintech (Financial technology) by subsuming the fintech division of DPSS (department of payment and settlement systems), Central Office (CO) to facilitate innovation, and help identify, address challenges and opportunities in the fintech sector.

- i. **Ajay Kumar Choudhary**, who was recently promoted as the Executive Director of RBI was appointed as head of the department.

64. Name the Bank that recently (in Jan'22) collaborated with Google to improve its customer experience through 'Abacus 2.0' digital platform.

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) RBL Bank
- 3) YES Bank
- 4) IndusInd Bank

5) ICICI Bank

Answer- **2) RBL Bank**

Explanation:

RBL Bank and **Google** announced a strategic collaboration to improve the bank's customer experience strategy through the digital platform, **Abacus 2.0**.

i. This collaboration will enable better customer data management and analytics.

ii. RBL Bank currently has over 4 million urban retail asset and liability customers and it intends to grow the base to 12-14 million over the next 3 years.

About Google:

CEO- Sundar Pichai

Headquarters – California, United States

65. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the Vice President of AIIB for a 3-Year Term?

1) Urjit Patel

2) Ajay Seth

3) Nazir Kabiri

4) Bimal Jalan

5) DJ Pandian

Answer- **1) Urjit Patel**

Explanation:

Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**), **Urjit Patel** is appointed as a **Vice President** of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for a three year tenure (2022-2025) starting from 1st February.

i. Urjit Patel will succeed previous Vice President **D J Pandian**.

ii. He will be one of the five Vice Presidents of the AIIB, which is headed by the President and Chair of the Board of Directors **Jin Liqun** (China).

About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

Motive – To build Infrastructure for Tomorrow (i4t)

Commenced operation– January 2016

Headquarters- Beijing, China

66. In January 2022, _____ appointed as the new Secretary General of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for _____ term.

1) Haitham Al Ghais; 5 years

2) Mohammad Barkindo; 4 years

3) Haitham Al Ghais; 3 years

4) Edmund Daukoru; 4 years

5) Mohammad Barkindo; 3 years

Answer- **3) Haitham Al Ghais; 3 years**

Explanation:

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (**OPEC**) appointed Kuwait's oil executive

Haitham Al Ghais as the new Secretary General (SG). He will succeed Nigeria's **Mohammad Barkindo**.

i. He is appointed for a **three year tenure** (2022-2025) and will take the charge as the SG from 1st August 2022.

67. In January, 2022 _____ the winner of Vergani Cup Open 2022 held at Cattolica, Italy while Bharath Subramaniyam became India's _____ chess Grandmaster in the tournament.

- 1) Deep Sengupta; 72nd
- 2) M.R Lalith Babu; 73rd
- 3) Krishnan Sasikiran; 71st
- 4) Deep Sengupta; 73rd
- 5) M.R Lalith Babu; 72nd

Answer- **2) M.R Lalith Babu; 73rd**

Explanation:

Bharath Subramaniyam from Chennai, Tamil Nadu became India's **73rd** chess Grandmaster (GM) by securing the third and final GM norm of the Vergani Cup Open 2022 held in January 2022 at Cattolica, Italy.

i. Indian player Musunuri Rohit Lalith Babu (**M.R Lalith Babu**) emerged winner in the tournament i.e. ranked **1st**.

ii. He was followed by United States (US) Hans Moke Niemann at 2nd, and Vitaliy Bernadskiy (Ukraine) at 3rd

68. In January 2022, Government of India announced to celebrate 'Veer Baal Diwas' annually on _____ from 2022 to honour Sahibzada Zorawar Singh & Sahibzada Fateh Singh.

- 1) 26th December
- 2) 20th November
- 3) 30th March
- 4) 29th January
- 5) 20th February

Answer- **1) 26th December**

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has decided to proclaim **December 26th** of every year from 2022 as the **Veer Baal Diwas** to honour the sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, the 3rd and 4th sons of the 10th Sikh Guru, "**Guru Gobind Singh**", to defend the dignity and honour of Sikhism.

i. The **first ever** Veer Baal Diwas will be observed on **26th December 2022**.

ii. Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi made the announcement regarding the observance of Veer Baal Diwas on 9th January 2022, the 355th birth anniversary (Parkash Purab) of the 10th Sikh Guru, "Guru Gobind Singh".

69. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) partnered with MinkasuPay to offer a Biometric-Based Banking Payments?

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) YES Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer- **3) Axis Bank**

Explanation:

Axis Bank has partnered with **MinkasuPay** to offer a biometric authentication solution for net banking payments in merchant apps using Fingerprint or Face ID, without the need for usernames, passwords, and One-Time Passwords (OTPs).

- i. This Solution will reduce the time of payment from 50-60 seconds to just 2-3 seconds and also increase the transaction success rate.
- ii. MinkasuPay's biometric authentication solution, which is a 2-Factor-Authentication (FA) solution will help in increasing quick and secure digital transactions through device binding and Public Key Infrastructure (PKI).

70. Government of India will hold _____ stake in Vodafone Idea (as of Jan'22) after converting the interest on spectrum and Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues into government equity.

- 1) 15.6%
- 2) 30.2%
- 3) 28.5%
- 4) 35.8%
- 5) 17.8%

Answer- **4) 35.8 %**

Explanation:

- i. The government is set to own **35.8 per cent** in Vodafone Idea (Vi) after the financially-stressed telco decided to convert interest on spectrum and adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues into equity.
- ii. The Indian government will own almost 35.8% of VIL's stake followed by Vodafone Group which owns 28.5% and 17.8% by Aditya Birla Group.

71. Chris Morris recently (in Jan'22) announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Australia
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) West Indies

Answer- **2) South Africa**

Explanation:

South African (Proteas) all-rounder **Chris Morris** announced retirement from all forms of cricket at the age of 34, he is set to take up a coaching role for domestic cricket team – Titans in the CSA T20 Challenge.

- i. Morris is the most expensive buy in the history of IPL 2021 auction, bagging Rs 16.25 crores by Rajasthan Royal.

72. The Book, "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership", the autobiography of whom?

- 1) Chanda Kochhar
- 2) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- 3) Kalpana Morparia
- 4) Ranjana Kumar
- 5) Naina Lal Kidwai

Answer- **2) Arundhati Bhattacharya**

Explanation:

HarperCollins is set to publish “**Indomitable: A Working Woman’s Notes on Life, Work and Leadership**” the autobiography of **Arundhati Bhattacharya**, retired Indian banker and former Chairperson of the State Bank of India(SBI).

- i. She served as the first-ever woman Chairperson of the SBI, India’s largest bank and a Fortune 500 company, from 2013 to 2017.
- ii. She was the first chairperson of the SBI to get an extension after the age of retirement.

73. In January 2022, Government of India extended the additional charge of _____ as Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for ____.

- 1) Sudhakar Shukla; 1 Years
- 2) Navrang Saini; 3 Months
- 3) Rajiv Mani; 6 Months
- 4) Sudhakar Shukla; 3 Months
- 5) Navrang Saini; 6 Months

Answer- **2) Navrang Saini; 3 Months**

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has extended the additional charge of **Dr Navrang Saini** as Chairperson (additional charge) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for **3 months** till 5th March 2022 or till the joining of a new incumbent to the post or until further orders.

- i. He is the Wholetime member of IBBI, took the additional charge as the IBBI Chairperson in October 2021 for 3 months till 13th January 2022.

74. Who Authored the Book, “Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography”?

- 1) Amitav Ghosh
- 2) Thomas Mathew
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Aravind Adiga
- 5) Arundhati Roy

Answer- **2) Thomas Mathew**

Explanation:

The authorized biography of Ratan Naval Tata (Ratan N Tata), an Indian industrialist, philanthropist, and a former chairman of Tata Sons, titled “**Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography**” authored by **Dr Thomas Mathew** will be published in November 2022.

- i. The biography will be published by HarperCollins India in English and the principal Indian languages, by HarperCollins Leadership in the US and by William Collins in the UK.

75. Which Organization recently (in Jan’22) signed a Joint Development Agreement with Africa50 to continue to develop Africa’s 1st PPP Transmission Project in Kenya?

- 1) ONGC
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 4) NHPC
- 5) Power Finance Corporation

Answer- **3) Power Grid Corporation of India**

Explanation:

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (**POWERGRID**) has signed a Joint Development Agreement with **Africa50**, the pan-African infrastructure investment platform, to continue to develop Africa's **1st** public-private partnership (**PPP**) mode transmission project in Kenya, "**Kenya Transmission Project**".

i. The project involves the development, financing, construction, and operation of the 400kV Lessos – Loosuk and 220kV Kisumu – Musaga transmission lines under a PPP framework.

ii. Once completed, the project will be the 1st Independent Power Transmission (IPT) in Kenya.

About Africa50:

Africa50 is an infrastructure investment platform that contributes to Africa's economic growth.

76. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the new Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) by succeeding K. Sivan?

- 1) Kiran Kumar
- 2) Anurag Jain
- 3) S Somanath
- 4) G. Madhavan Nair
- 5) K. Radhakrishnan

Answer- 3) S Somanath

Explanation:

The **Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC)** approved the appointment of rocket scientist **S Somanath** as the **Chairman** of the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) and The Space Secretary, Department of Space (**DoS**). He will succeed K Sivan, who is set to retire on 14th January 2022.

i. Mr Somanath, will be the **10th Chairman** of ISRO.

ii. Mr Somanath, is currently the **Director** of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (**VSSC**) and Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) since 2018.

iii. Somanath is the recipient of the '**Space Gold Medal**' from the Astronautical Society of India.

77. In January 2022, _____ became 1st Indian to grab World no 1 ranking in Under-19 Girls Singles category in the BWF junior rankings.

- 1) K. Maneesha
- 2) Gadde Ruthvika Shivani
- 3) Ashmita Chaliha
- 4) Tasnim Mir
- 5) Gayathri Gopichand

Answer- 4) Tasnim Mir

Explanation:

Tasnim Mir became the **first Indian** to grab World no 1 in Under-19 Girls Singles category with 10,810 points in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) Junior rankings. She is followed by **Mariia Golubeva** from Russia and **Lucia Rodriguez** from Spain.

i. In 2021, she won 3 Junior International Tournaments held in Bulgaria, France and Belgium, which helped her climb up to No.1 position.

ii. She is currently ranked **602** in Women's Singles in BWF.

Note - The World No.1 position in **Boy's Singles** is shared by Lakshya Sen, Siril Verma and Aditya Joshi.

78. Which of the following points are Correct with respect to the “India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021” released by Forest Survey of India (FSI) in January 2022?

- A) The forest & tree cover in India has risen by 2,261 sq km in 2 years when compared to 2019.**
- B) Madhya Pradesh witnessed the largest increase in Forest cover, while in the total Area-wise Forest Cover, Andhra Pradesh has the largest.**
- C) In terms of Forest cover as percentage of total Geographical Area - Mizoram tops the lists followed by Arunachal Pradesh.**

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only A & C

Answer- 5) Only A & C

Explanation:

- i. The forest & tree cover in India has risen by 2,261 sq km in 2 years when compared to 2019.**
- ii. Andhra Pradesh witnessed the largest increase in Forest cover, while in the total Area-wise Forest Cover, Madhya Pradesh has the largest.**
- iii. In terms of forest cover as percentage of total geographical area Mizoram tops the lists followed by Arunachal Pradesh.**

79. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report released in January 2022?

- A) The World Economic Situation & Prospects (WESP) report is annually released by the World Bank.**
- B) The report projects the lowest global economic growth projections to 4% in 2022 & 3.5% in 2023.**
- C) India’s Growth of world output & GDP is projected 6.7% in 2022 & 6.1% in 2023.**

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only B & C

Answer- 5) Only B & C

Explanation:

The World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report was released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

- i. The report projects the lowest global economic growth projections to 4% in 2022 & 3.5% in 2023.**
- ii. India’s Growth of world output & GDP is projected 6.7% in 2022 & 6.1% in 2023.**

80. In December 2021, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas set up the Energy Transition Advisory Committee (ETAC) that was headed by whom?

- 1) Ali Raza Bhutta
- 2) Sundareshan
- 3) Tarun Kapoor
- 4) Alok Tandon
- 5) M M Kuttu

Answer- 3) Tarun Kapoor

Explanation:

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (**MoPNG**) has set up the Energy Transition Advisory Committee (**ETAC**) headed by the former petroleum secretary **Tarun Kapoor**.

i. The committee tasked to prepare a step-by-step plan for complete transitioning from fossil fuels to clean energy has been given 6 months (middle of 2022) time to prepare and submit the roadmap.

81. In Which City PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 'Major Dhyan Chand Sports University' that is to be built at an estimated cost of Rs. 700 Crore?

- 1) Rourkela, Odisha
- 2) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 4) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gaya, Bihar

Answer- 4) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of ~ Rs 700 Crore Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in **Meerut, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**. It will be established at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut.

i. The Major Dhyan Chand Sports University was Dedicated to **Major Dhyan Chand**, an Indian field hockey player.

ii. The Sports University will be equipped with modern and state of the art sports infrastructure for various Games.

82. In January 2022, Finance Ministry retained the Interest Rates in 'Small Savings Schemes' for Q4 FY22 same as in Q3 FY22.

Which of the following points is 'INCORRECT' with respect to Small Saving Schemes (SSS) & their interest rates as of January 2022?

- 1) Public Provident Fund (PPF) has an interest rate of 7.10% with a maturity period of 15 years.
- 2) The maturity period of the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Account (SCSS) is 5 years with an interest rate of 7.4%.
- 3) Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) has a maturity period of 124 months with an interest rate of 6.90%
- 4) National Savings Recurring Deposit Account has a maturity period of 20 years with an interest rate of 7.4%
- 5) The maturity period of Sukanya Samriddhi Account (SSA) Scheme is 21 years with an interest rate of 7.60%

Answer- 4) National Savings Recurring Deposit Account has a maturity of 20 years with an interest rate of 7.4%

Explanation:

National Savings Recurring Deposit Account has a maturity period of **5 years** with an interest rate of **5.8 %**.

i. Public Provident Fund (PPF) has an interest rate of 7.10% with a maturity period of 15 years.

ii. The maturity period of the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Account (SCSS) is 5 years with an interest rate of 7.4%.

iii. Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) has a maturity period of 124 months with an interest rate

of 6.90%

iv. The maturity period of Sukanya Samriddhi Account (SSA) Scheme is 21 years with an interest rate of 7.60%.

83. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the New Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Railway Board for the tenure upto December 2022?

- 1) Sanjay Chander
- 2) Vinay Kumar Tripathi
- 3) Sunnet Sharma
- 4) Sanjeev Mittal
- 5) Ravinder Gupta

Answer- **2) Vinay Kumar Tripathi**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Vinay Kumar Tripathi as a **Chairman and CEO of Railway Board**, New Delhi.

i. Tripathi is currently working as the General Manager of North-Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and has been appointed in place of outgoing Chairman and CEO Suneet Sharma.

ii. The appointment has been made for six months from January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022 and the ACC has approved a six-month extension to Tripathi's tenure (i.e.) **up to December 2022.**

84. In January 2022, _____ partnered with Common Services Centres (CSC) to undertake India's ____ cultural survey of villages called 'Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar' through a mobile application.

- 1) Ministry of Rural Development; 1st
- 2) Ministry of Culture; 2nd
- 3) Ministry of Panchayati Raj; 3rd
- 4) Ministry of Culture; 1st
- 5) Ministry of Rural Development; 2nd

Answer- **4) Ministry of Culture; 1st**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Culture** has partnered with the Common Services Centres (CSC) to undertake **India's first-ever cultural survey** of its villages titled '**Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar**' through a mobile application. It will document the cultural identity at village level.

i. The survey is expected to be completed by **mid-2022.**

ii. As per the agreement, CSC will develop a mobile application and train Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in conducting the survey.

Note- Common Services Centres is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) & **Dinesh Tyagi** is Managing Director (MD) of CSC SPV.

85. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the RBI's framework (in Jan'22) regarding Small-value Offline Digital Payments?

- A) Offline payments can be made using cards, wallets or mobile devices, but the payment should be done in face-to-face mode only.
- B) The upper limit of an offline payment transaction was fixed at Rs 500, with a total limit of Rs 10,000 at any point of time.

C) The framework will enable the Authorized Payment System Operators (PSOs), Payment System Participants (PSPs), Bank & Non-Bank to conduct small value offline digital payments.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only A & C

Answer- **5) Only A & C**

Explanation:

Offline payments can be made using cards, wallets or mobile devices, but the payment should be done in **face-to-face** mode only.

i. The upper limit of an offline payment transaction was fixed at **Rs 200**, with a total limit on a payment instrument being at **Rs 2,000** at any point in time.

ii. The framework will enable the Authorized Payment System Operators (**PSOs**) and Payment System Participants (**PSPs**), Acquirers and Issuers (**banks and non-banks**) to conduct small value offline digital payments.

iii. Offline transactions are expected to boost digital transactions in **rural & semi-urban areas**.

Note- An offline payment refers to a transaction that does not require internet or telecom connectivity to be effective.

86. Which is the World's 1st Company to reach USD 3 Trillion Market capital?

- 1) Amazon
- 2) Tesla
- 3) Apple
- 4) Microsoft
- 5) Alphabet

Answer- **3) Apple**

Explanation:

Apple Inc.'s stock market value raised above USD 3 trillion & became the **first** company to achieve this milestone.

i. On the first day of trading in 2022 (i.e. On January 03, 2022), the company's shares hit an intraday record high of USD 182.88, putting Apple's market value just above USD 3 trillion.

ii. The stock ended the session up 2.5 percent at USD 182.01, with Apple's market capitalization at USD 2.99 trillion.

87. Name the 1st 'Women of Colour' who recently (in Jan'22) made a solo trip to the Earth's South Pole.

- 1) Freya Stark
- 2) Ann Bancroft
- 3) Deeya Bajaj
- 4) Harpreet Chandi
- 5) Meher Moos

Answer- **4) Harpreet Chandi**

Explanation:

The Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer, Captain **Harpreet Chandi** became the **1st woman of colour** to make a solo unsupported trek to the earth's South Pole.

- i. Captain Harpreet Chandi is a physiotherapist, who was popularly known as '**Polar Preet**'.
- ii. She completed her 700 Miles solo expedition to the South Pole in **40 days**.

88. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Various inaugurations (in Jan'22) made by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi during his visit to Tripura & Manipur?

- A) In Manipur PM inaugurated Rs 280 crore worth 'Water Transmission system of Thoubal Multi-purpose project' to provide drinking water supply to Imphal.**
- B) He laid Foundation stone for the Rs. 160 crore Cancer Hospital at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) in Imphal.**
- C) 2 new initiatives were launched - Mukhyamantri Tripura Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Project Mission 100 of Vidyajyoti Schools in Tripura.**

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

In Manipur PM inaugurated various Projects for water supply which includes Rs 280 crore '**Water Transmission system of Thoubal Multi-purpose project**' to provide drinking water supply to Imphal, Manipur.

- i. He laid Foundation stone for the Rs. 160 crore Cancer Hospital on a **Public Private Partnership** basis at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) in Imphal.
- ii. He launched two initiatives called **Mukhyamantri Tripura Gram Samriddhi Yojana** and Project Mission **100 of Vidyajyoti Schools** in Tripura.

89. Which country recently (in Jan'22) joined as the '102nd member of International Solar Alliance' (ISA)?

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Saint Vincent & Grenadines
- 3) South Africa
- 4) Antigua & Barbuda
- 5) China

Answer- **4) Antigua & Barbuda**

Explanation:

The Caribbean nation of **Antigua & Barbuda** joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as the **102nd member** by signing the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement, the India-led global green energy initiative.

i. K. J. Srinivasa became the High Commissioner of India to Guyana, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, and the 15-member CARICOM (Caribbean Community and Common Market) in 2019.

About International Solar Alliance (ISA):

ISA was jointly launched by India and France in **2015** during the 21st session of the United Nations Climate Change COP-21 in Paris, France to promote solar energy.

90. Which of the following Payment banks was recently (in Jan'22) added into the 2nd Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 to be recognised as a Scheduled Bank?

- 1) Jio Payments Bank
- 2) Paytm Payments Bank
- 3) Fino Payments Bank
- 4) India Post Payments Bank
- 5) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer- 5) Airtel Payments Bank

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted a **Scheduled Payment Bank status** to **Airtel Payments Bank** by including it into the **Second Schedule to the RBI Act, 1934**. With this inclusion, it becomes the 4th payment bank to get this status.

i. This status will help Airtel Payments Bank to explore new central and state government business opportunities.

91. Name the Indian Cricketer who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the 'Brand Endorser' of the Bank of Baroda.

- 1) Taniya Bhatia
- 2) Shafali Verma
- 3) Mithali Raj
- 4) Deepti Sharma
- 5) Punam Raut

Answer- 2) Shafali Verma

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda (BoB) appointed Indian Women's Cricketer **Shafali Verma** as the Brand Endorser of the bank.

i. Shafali Verma plays for the Indian women's national cricket team.

ii. In **2019**, Shafali became the youngest cricketer to play in a Women's Twenty20 International match for India.

Note – Previously in **2021**, Shafali Verma became the **1st Women Cricketer** to Hit 3 Sixes in a Test Match.

92. Who authored the book, "Mamata: Beyond 2021"?

- 1) Chaiti Narula
- 2) Sajjad Haider
- 3) Karma Paljor
- 4) Jayanta Ghosal
- 5) Nidhi Razdan

Answer- 4) Jayanta Ghosal

Explanation:

HarperCollins Publishers India is set to publish a new book titled **"Mamata: Beyond 2021"**, authored by political journalist **Jayanta Ghosal** and translated by **Arunava Sinha**.

i. The book will be published on 24th January 2022.

ii. The announcement about the release of the book was made on 5th January 2022, the birthday of Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister (CM) of West Bengal and the leader of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) party.

93. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the '19th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)' that was chaired by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav in January 2022?

- A) An action plan for reintroducing Cheetah in India was launched, through which 50 Cheetah will be introduced in India in the next 5-years.
- B) He also launched Water Atlas, mapping all the water bodies in the tiger bearing areas of India which include information about various Landscapes.
- C) He announced that, 14 Tiger reserves in India have received accreditation of the global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS).

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A
- 3) Only B
- 4) Only C
- 5) Only A & B

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

During the Meeting, **Bhupender Yadav** launched an action plan for the reintroduction, protection & conservation of **Cheetah**, with a total of **50** to be introduced in the next **5-years**, and 7 of them in 2022.
i. He also launched **Water Atlas**, mapping all the **water bodies** in the tiger bearing areas of India which include information about various **Landscapes**.
ii. He announced that **14 Tiger reserves** in India was received accreditation of the global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (**CA|TS**).

94. In January 2022, _____ became the 1st telecom company to launch an UPI autopay facility for both prepaid & postpaid subscribers in collaboration with NPCI?

- 1) MTNL
- 2) Reliance Jio
- 3) Vodafone Idea
- 4) Bharti Airtel
- 5) BSNL

Answer- 2) Reliance Jio

Explanation:

The National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) and **Reliance Jio** collaborated to announce the introduction of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) Autopay for the telecom industry.

i. **Reliance Jio** has become the **1st telecom company** to launch a UPI autopay facility for both **prepaid and postpaid** subscribers.

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

CEO & MD – Dilip Asbe

Establishment – 2008

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

95. In Which of the following CSIR's Organisations, India's 1st 'Open Rock Museum' was recently (in Jan'22) inaugurated by the Ministry of Science & Technology?

- 1) Structural Engineering Research Centre
- 2) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute
- 3) Unit for Research and Development of Information Products

- 4) National Geophysical Research Institute
- 5) Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology

Answer- **4) National Geophysical Research Institute**

Explanation:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's 1st '**Open Rock Museum**' at the campus of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – National Geophysical Research Institute (**CSIR-NGRI**), **Hyderabad**, Telangana & later addressed the Hyderabad Scientists at CSIR-NGRI.

- i. The Rock Museum aims at educating the masses about several lesser known facts about the Rocks.
- ii. Dr Jitendra Singh also released **Earthquake Risk Maps** developed by CSIR-NGRI for Lucknow and Dehradun Cities.

96. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the cabinet approval in January 2022?

- A) The Cabinet approved the Rs 12,031.33 cr scheme on Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) in 7 states.
- B) MoU between India & Turkmenistan on disaster management & an agreement between India & Spain on cooperation & mutual assistance in Customs Matters were approved.
- C) Signing of MoU between India & Nepal to construct a bridge over Mahakali River at Dharchula in India and Dharchula in Nepal.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

The Cabinet approved the **Rs 12,031.33cr** scheme on Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) in **7 states**, for a period of 5-years.

- i. MoU between **India & Turkmenistan** on **disaster management** & agreement between **India & Spain** on cooperation & mutual assistance in **Customs Matters** were approved by the cabinet.
- ii. Cabinet also approved the MoU between **India & Nepal** to construct a bridge over **Mahakali River** at Dharchula in India and Dharchula in Nepal to improve diplomatic relations.

97. Which of the following countries has 'Not participated' in the multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise called 'Sea Dragon 22' that was held in Guam, in the western Pacific?

- 1) Russia
- 2) India
- 3) USA
- 4) Canada
- 5) Australia

Answer- **1) Russia**

Explanation:

The US Navy Seventh Fleet announced the beginning of the multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise, '**Sea Dragon 22**' in Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in the western Pacific.

- i. The six nations that are participating in the exercise are the **US, Australia, Canada, India, Japan and South Korea**.
- ii. The P-8 Poseidon Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) with Patrol Squadron (VP) – 47 and Tridents of VP- 26 will Join the exercise.

About Sea Dragon 22:

i. It is a US – led exercise that focuses on ASW training and maritime security challenges in the Indo – Pacific region. The exercise includes 270 hours of in-flight training.

98. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the recent (in Jan'22) IRDAI steps towards Motor, Property Insurances & surety Norms?

- A) IRDAI set up motor insurance & Property Insurances in 'Institute of Insurance & Risk Management (IIRM) & National Insurance Academy (NIA) to promote loss prevention in the insurance Industry.**
- B) New Surety norms - IRDAI (Surety Insurance Contracts) Guidelines, 2022 was set up by IRDAI under the section 14 (2) (i) of IRDA Act, 1999.**
- C) IRDAI also decided to form an advisory committee under the chairmanship of the NIA director to develop standard survey/inspection.**

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A
- 3) Only B
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) Only B & C

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

IRDAI set up motor insurance & Property Insurances in 'Institute of Insurance & Risk Management (IIRM) & National Insurance Academy (NIA) to promote loss prevention in the insurance Industry.

- i. IRDAI (Surety Insurance Contracts) Guidelines, 2022 was set up by IRDAI under the section 14 (2) (i) of IRDA Act, 1999.
- ii. IRDAI also decided to form an advisory committee under the chairmanship of the NIA director to develop standard survey/inspection.

99. In January 2022, _____ was appointed as new secretary general (SG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) for _____ Terms.

- 1) Bolat Nurgaliyev; 3 years
- 2) Vladimir Norov; 5 years
- 3) Zhang Ming; 3 years
- 4) Vladimir Norov; 2 years
- 5) Zhang Ming; 5 years

Answer- 3) Zhang Ming; 3 Years

Explanation:

The senior Chinese diplomat, **Zhang Ming** was appointed as the new secretary general (SG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Zhang Ming succeeded the former diplomat from Uzbekistan, Vladimir Norov, who completed his term on 31st December 2021.

- i. Zhang Ming will hold the post of SG of the SCO for a term of **3 years**.

100. The Chinese 'Artificial Sun'-EAST recently (in Jan'22) set a 'new World Record' for a continuous high-temperature plasma operation for _____ at _____degrees Celsius.

- 1) 2056 Sec; 50 Million
- 2) 990 Sec; 70 Million
- 3) 1056 Sec; 50 Million
- 4) 990 Sec; 100 Million
- 5) 1056 Sec; 70 Million

Answer- **5) 1056 sec; 70 million**

Explanation:

The experimental advanced superconducting tokamak (**EAST**), which is known as the **Chinese 'Artificial Sun'** has achieved a continuous high-temperature plasma operation for **1056 seconds** at a stunning **70 million degrees Celsius**. This sets a new world record for the longest time of operation of its kind in the world.

i. The EAST is located at the Institute of Plasma Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (ASIPP) in Hefei, Anhui Province, China.

ii. **Goal of EAST:** To create nuclear fusion like the Sun, using deuterium abundant in the sea to provide a steady stream of clean energy.

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