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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. Which State government recently (in Dec'21) partnered with Indian School of Business (ISB) to empower the state's Forest Economy?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Assam
- 5) Nagaland

**Answer- 3) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:**

The **Jharkhand** Government partners with premier city-based B-school, Indian School of Business (**ISB**) to empower Jharkhand's forest economy & and create jobs and wealth through a sustainable development model.

**Implementation:**

- i. Pilot Approach:** The ISB team is planning to implement the initiative first as a pilot in the Gumla district, Jharkhand before taking it to other districts.
- ii.** It has also developed an action plan of creating incentives for local communities by establishing Community Forest Resource rights under the Forest Rights Act.

**2. In December 2021, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) formed a \_\_\_\_\_ task force under the Technology Innovation Group (TIG) on 6G technology, which includes the 'Task force on international Standards' headed by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 3; NG Subramaniam
- 2) 4; Bhaskar Ramamurthy
- 3) 6; NG Subramaniam
- 4) 3; Bhaskar Ramamurthy
- 5) 6; Abhay Karandikar

**Answer- 3) 6; NG Subramaniam**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**) formed a **6 task force** under the Technology Innovation Group (**TIG**) on **6G** technology.

**6 newly formed Task Force & their Chairpersons:**

- i.** Task force on Spectrum Policy - Abhay Karandikar
- ii.** Task force on Multi-Platform for Next Generation Networks - Bhaskar Ramamurthy.
- iii.** Task force on Multi-Disciplinary Innovative Solutions and Devices – Bharadwaj Amrutur.
- iv.** Task force on Devices – Kiran Kumar Kuchi.
- v.** Task Force Group for Financing Research And Development – Ashok Kumar Tiwari.
- vi.** Task force on international standards – NG Subramaniam.

The task forces will target to contribute to the International Mobile Telecommunications Standard 2030 (IMT) in the development of 6G.



**3. 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.

**4. Which of the following Points are correct with respect to the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) that was launched in December 2021?**

- A) ISM is the nodal agency responsible for setting up semiconductor wafers fabrication facilities in India.
- B) ISM will provide fiscal support of up to 50% of the project cost.
- C) Design Linked Incentive Scheme will offer an incentive of up to 50% of eligible expenditure and product deployment linked incentive of 4-6% on net sales for 5 years.

- 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:**

ISM is a specialized & independent business division within the Digital India Corporation which was launched by the **Ministry of Information Technology**.

i. Various schemes were launched with the mission, Under Semiconductor Fabs in India scheme the fiscal support of up to **50%** of the project cost.

ii. **Design Linked Incentive Scheme** will offer an incentive of up to 50 % of eligible expenditure and product deployment linked incentive of 4-6% on net sales for 5 years.

iii. The scheme for setting up of compound semiconductor/silicon photonics/sensor fabs and semiconductor assembly, testing, marking and packaging (ATMP) facilities the Fiscal support be around 30 percent of the capital expenditure investments.

**5. In December 2021, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched 24 bridge projects and 3 road projects in 4 States & 2 UTs that was constructed by which Organization?**

- 1) Border Roads Organization
- 2) Border Security Force
- 3) DRDO
- 4) National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd
- 5) Indian Army

**Answer- 1) Border Roads Organization**

**Explanation:**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced 24 bridge projects and 3 road projects implemented and managed by the **Border Roads Organization (BRO)** in four states and two union territories.

i. Out of the 24 bridges, 9 are in jammu and kashmir, 5 each in ladakh and himachal pradesh, 3 in uttarakhand and one each in sikkim and arunachal pradesh.

ii. Out of the 3 road projects, 2 are in ladakh and 1 is in west bengal.

iii. The Chisum-Demchok road at Umling La Pass holds the Guinness Record of the world's highest motorable road.

**6. 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.

**7. The Traditional New Year of Tibetan Buddhism called 'Losar Festival' was recently (in Jan'22) celebrated in which state ?**

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Assam
- 5) Tripura

Answer- **2) Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

The Losar Festival in **Ladakh** is celebrated at the onset of the New Year in the traditional schedule of **Tibetan Buddhism**. It is celebrated by the Buddhist Community in the Ladakh region.

i. The Losar is a Tibetan word which means '**New Year**'. It is a 15 day's festival, from the start of the Tibetan Lunar calendar, marking the 1st day of the 11 month in Tibetan Calendar.

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8. In January, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ launched a \_\_\_\_\_ days reading campaign called “Padhe Bharat” to encourage the reading habit among students till Grade 8.

- 1) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; 100
- 2) Ministry of Education; 50
- 3) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship; 50
- 4) Ministry of Education; 100
- 5) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship; 25

Answer- **4) Ministry of Education; 100**

**Explanation:**

Dharmendra Pradhan, **Union Minister of Education**, launched a **100-day** reading campaign “**Padhe Bharat**” to encourage the reading habit among students.

i. Padhe Bharat campaign will focus on children studying in Balvatika to **Grade 8**.

ii. The 100 days (14 weeks) reading campaign will be organized from **January 2022** to **April 2022**.

9. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of ‘One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency’ on \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) 5th; 1st January 2022
- 2) 1st; 31st December 2021
- 3) 2nd; 2nd January 2022
- 4) 3rd; 1st January 2022
- 5) 4th; 31st December 2021

Answer- **2) 1st; 31st December 2021**

**Explanation:**

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (**PGCIL**) celebrated the **first** anniversary of ‘One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency’ on **31st December 2021**.

i. On behalf of the occasion, 70 Sub-stations across India along with Regional Headquarters have been lit up in tricolour to mark this momentous achievement.

10. Which Ministry recently (in Jan’22) launched NEAT 3.0 - free of cost EduTech Solutions for Students?

- 1) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- 2) Ministry of Education
- 3) Ministry of MSME
- 4) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- 5) Ministry of Science & Technology

Answer- **2) Ministry of Education**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, **Ministry of Education** (MoE) launched **NEAT** (National Educational Alliance for Technology) **3.0**, a single platform to provide the best-developed Ed-tech solutions and courses to students.

i. He also launched **AICTE** (All India Council for Technical Education) prescribed technical books in **regional languages**.

ii. Under NEAT 3.0, more than 12 lakh socially and economically disadvantaged students received free ed-tech course coupons worth over Rs **253 crore**.



**11. 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.

**12. Which State became the 1st LPG enabled & Smoke Free state of India (in Jan'22) with the help of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) & Mukhya Mantri Grihini Suvidha Yojana (GSY)?**

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Gujarat

**Answer- 1) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Himachal Pradesh (**HP**) has become the **1st LPG** (Liquefied petroleum gas) **enabled & smoke free Indian state**.

i. This success is backed by the Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (**PMUY**) scheme and **HP Government's** Mukhya Mantri Grihini Suvidha Yojana (**GSY**).

ii. Under the Ujjwala Yojana, 1.36 lakh free domestic connections were given in the state at a cost of Rs 21.81 crore, while under the Grihini Suvidha Yojana, 3.23 lakh housewives were provided free gas cylinders at a cost of Rs 120 crore.

**13. Which of the following companies recently (in Jan'22) commissioned the largest & Single site solar power project in India with a capacity of 600 MWs in Bikaner, Rajasthan?**

- 1) Tata Power Solar
- 2) Vikram Solar
- 3) Jakson Group
- 4) Azure Power Global
- 5) Loom Solar

**Answer- 4) Azure Power Global**

### Explanation:

**Azure Power Global** commissioned a **600 Megawatts** Interstate Transmission System (ISTS) connected solar project allocated by Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) in **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.

i. This is the **largest solar power project in India**, owned and operated at a **single location** by any developer.

ii. The solar power generated from the project will be supplied to SECI at a tariff of Rs. 2.53 (approximately US 3.5 cents) per kWh for 25 years.

### About Azure Power Global:

**CEO & MD** – Ranjit Gupta

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**14. Recently (in Jan'22), a Special Postage Stamp was released to mark the 75th Platinum Jubilee celebration of which CSIR organization?**

- 1) Advanced Materials And Process Research (AMPRI)
- 2) National Physical Laboratory (NPL)
- 3) Central Building Research Institute (CBRI)
- 4) National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)
- 5) Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH)

Answer- **2) National Physical Laboratory (NPL)**

### Explanation:

Union Minister Jitendra Singh released a **Special Postage Stamp** commemorating the 75th Platinum Jubilee year of CSIR-NPL. **CSIR -National Physical Laboratory (NPL)**, New Delhi celebrated its **75th Platinum Jubilee year**.

- The foundation of NPL was laid by Former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on 4th January 1947.
- i. Jitendra Singh also dedicated the New Delhi-based '**LED Photometry Laboratory**' at CSIR-National Physical Laboratory to develop energy-efficient illumination technology.
- ii. Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravyas (**BNDs**) was launched to support the testing and calibration laboratories to increase quality assurance of gold, silver and other elements & also **Calibration Facility for Infusion Pump Analyzer** was also launched, the analyzer is used for testing the infusion pump

**15. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) partnered with The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF) to enhance the effectiveness of 'PM POSHAN Scheme'?**

- 1) UNDP India
- 2) UNICEF India
- 3) WFP India
- 4) FAO India
- 5) World Bank India

Answer- **3) WFP India**

### Explanation:

The UN's World Food Programme (**WFP**) in **India**, has partnered with The Akshaya Patra Foundation (**TAPF**) to enhance the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri – Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme

### i. Aim:

The partnership aims to enhance food safety and hygiene projects, capacity building of cooks-cum-helpers and nutritional quality of school meals.

16. 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**).

17. Which of the following Ministry recently (in Jan'22) launched 'Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)' programme along with NIUA & 15 leading Indian academic institutions?

- 1) Ministry of Rural Development
- 2) Ministry of Science & Technology
- 3) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
- 4) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- 4) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

**Explanation:**

As part of the nationwide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations, the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**), National Institute of Urban Affairs (**NIUA**) and **15 leading Indian academic institutions** has launched a 'Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (**SAAR**)' programme.

- i. Under the **SAAR** programme, there will be preparation of a compendium of **75** landmark urban projects under SCM.
- ii. These 75 projects in the compendium cover **47 Smart Cities** & the compendium will be launched in **June 2022**.

18. In January 2022, the Ministry of Science & Technology launched the 'theme of National Science Day (NSD) 2022'. Which of the following is the theme of NSD 2022?

- 1) S&T for a sustainable future
- 2) Radiation and Radioisotopes in Healthcare

- 3) S&T for specially Abled Persons
- 4) Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future
- 5) Make in India: S&T driven innovations

Answer- **4) Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future**

**Explanation:**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) **Dr Jitendra Singh** launched the **theme of National Science Day 2022** in New Delhi raising public appreciation of the scientific issues.

**i. Theme** – ‘Integrated Approach in Science and Technology (S&T) for Sustainable Future’.

**ii.** The Department of Science and Technology (DST) acts as a nodal agency to support, catalyze, and coordinate the celebration of NSD across India.

**ii.** National Awards for Science, SERB women excellence award & Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research (AWSAR) award were presented on NSD by the Department of Science (DST).

**About Department of Science (DST):**

The DST is under the Ministry of Science and Technology

**Secretary** – Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**19. Which state topped the list of the highest number of Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme till 31st December, 2021?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

**Telangana** has stood first among other states in India in the list of the highest number of Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus villages under the **Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II** programme till **December 31, 2021**.

**i.** Around 13,737 villages out of 14,200 villages in Telangana are on the ODF Plus list, which stands at 96.74 percent.

**ii.** Telangana is followed by Tamil Nadu with 4,432 villages, next by Karnataka with 1,511 villages.

**20. Which State recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Syntizen to provide life certificates to pensioners through video KYC?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Bihar
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **3) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**Syntizen**, a Digital Identity Solutions provider, has partnered with the **Odisha government** to provide a Video KYC solution in offering life certificates to 5 lakh pension seekers.

i. The state has become the first in the country to deploy a digital process which includes Aadhaar Validation for smoothening the process of obtaining a life certificate.

#### **About Syntizen:**

**Co-founder & chief Business Officer (CBO)** – Siddharth Kukatlapalli

**CEO** – Vamsi Kotte

**Establishment** – 2014

**Headquarters** – Hyderabad, Telangana

**21. Which District of Odisha recently (in Jan'22) declared itself as the 1st child marriage free district?**

- 1) Kandhamal
- 2) Ganjam
- 3) Jharsuguda
- 4) Jajpur
- 5) Khordha

**Answer- 2) Ganjam**

#### **Explanation:**

**Ganjam district** of Odisha has declared itself as the **1st child marriage free district** of Odisha.

i. The Ganjam administration has increased the reward for informing about the occurrence of child marriage from Rs 5000 to Rs 50000.

ii. Following the launch of the Nirbhaya Kadhi campaign, the district has prevented 45, 228 and 201 impending child marriages in 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

**22. 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.

**23. In January, 2022, The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) launched \_\_\_\_\_ food products of One District One Product (ODOP) brands under \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 7; PM-Kisan Sampada Yojana
- 2) 6; PM-Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises
- 3) 4; Antyodaya Anna Yojana
- 4) 4; PM-Kisan Sampada Yojana



5) 6; Antyodaya Anna Yojana

Answer- **2) 6; PM Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) launched **six** food products of One District One Product (**ODOP**) brands under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (**PMFME**) Scheme at Panchsheel Bhawan, New Delhi.

i. The six food brands are Amrit Phal, Cori Gold, Kashmiri Mantra, Madhu Mantra, Somdana, and Whole Wheat Cookies of Dilli Bakes.

**24. In which state 'Losoong festival' was celebrated (in Jan'22) to mark the beginning of the harvest season?**

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Tripura

Answer- **1) Sikkim**

**Explanation:**

**Losoong (Namsoong)** is annually celebrated across the Indian State of **Sikkim** on the 18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar, which also marks the beginning of the **harvest season**.

i. The losoong festival is celebrated as Sonam Losoong, by the Sikkimese Bhutia and as Namsoong by the Lepchas.

iii. This year, the Losoong (Namsoong) kick starts on **3rd January 2022**. The festival is also celebrated in Nepal and Bhutan.

**25. 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.

**26. In which city PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 2nd Campus of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) in January 2022?**

- 1) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Agartala, Tripura

3) Kolkata, West Bengal

4) Imphal, Manipur

5) Patiala, Punjab

Answer- **3) Kolkata, West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the **2nd** Campus of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) in Rajarhat New Town area of **Kolkata, West Bengal**.

i. The facility would assist in ensuring quality healthcare to the people of the poor and middle class.

**27. 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.

**28. 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.

**29. In which City the '9th edition of the North East Festival' was conducted in January 2022?**

1) Aizawl, Mizoram

2) Kohima, Nagaland

3) Imphal, Manipur

4) Guwahati, Assam

5) Agartala, Tripura

Answer- **4) Guwahati, Assam**

**Explanation:**

The **9th edition of the North East Festival** was held in Guwahati, Assam from **7th to 9th January 2022**.

i. The 9th edition of the North East Festival was inaugurated by **Jagdish Mukhi**, Governor of Assam on **7th January 2022**.

ii. The festival aimed to promote and highlight the commercial and tourism potential of the North East Region.

**30. Which state's National Health Mission (NHM) collaborated with Piramal Swasthya & Cisco to launch a pilot project called 'Niramay' to digitize the public healthcare delivery?**

1) Karnataka

2) Assam

3) Maharashtra

4) Odisha

5) West Bengal

Answer- **2) Assam**

**Explanation:**

National Health Mission (**NHM**), **Assam** in collaboration with **Piramal Swasthya**, a non-profit organization, and **Cisco** launched pilot project '**Niramay**' to digitize the public healthcare delivery in Assam.

i. The Project Niramay covers health and wellness centres, block primary health centres and district hospitals at three local districts – **Baksa, Barpeta, and Darrang**.

ii. This initiative is based on Piramal Swasthya's indigenous built-in well being expertise platform 'Accessible Medical Records through Integrated Technologies' (AMRIT).

**31. In which State/UT did PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated an 'MSME Technology Centre' (in Jan'22) at the cost of Rs 122 crore?**

1) Himachal Pradesh

2) Puducherry

3) Gujarat

4) Jammu & Kashmir

5) Chandigarh

Answer- **2) Puducherry**

**Explanation:**

On the occasion of the National Youth Day 2022, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated an '**MSME Technology Centre**', which will function under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**), in **Puducherry**.

i. The technology centre was built at a cost of **Rs 122 crore** with a focus on the Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (**ESDM**) Sector.

ii. He also inaugurated the '**Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam**', a modern auditorium with an open-air theatre in Puducherry.

**32. Which of the following Railway stations in Gujarat was recently (in Jan'22) renamed as the Ekta Nagar railway station by the Ministry of Railways?**

- 1) Somnath Railway Station
- 2) Porbandar Railway Station
- 3) Kevadiya Railway Station
- 4) Bhuj Railway Station
- 5) Rajkot Railway Station

**Answer- 3) Kevadiya Railway Station**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Railways approved the renaming of the **Kevadiya railway station** under the Vadodara division of Narmada district (Gujarat) as the **Ekta Nagar railway station**.

i. The new station code of Ekta Nagar railway station will use the station code **EKNR** and the numerical code of the station will be 08224620.

ii. The railway station is the key to reach the **World's tallest 'Statue of Unity'** (height 182 m) that is located in Kevadiya, Gujarat.

**33. Where did Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) recently (in Jan'21) launch India's 1st Mobile Honey Processing Van?**

- 1) Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Udupi, Karnataka
- 3) Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Siliguri, West Bengal
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Answer- 3) Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Vinai Kumar Saxena**, Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (**KVIC**), has launched **India's first Mobile Honey Processing Van** at **Sirora** village in **Ghaziabad**, Uttar Pradesh. This mobile honey processing unit can process up to 300 KG of honey in 8 hours.

i. The mobile van is designed by KVIC at its Multi-disciplinary Training Centre, Panjokhra, at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.

**34. Name the initiative that was recently (in Jan'22) launched by Indian Railways to track lost luggage of the passengers.**

- 1) Operation for Passengers Luggage
- 2) Operation Mission Amanat
- 3) Recover Amanat
- 4) Operation Luggage
- 5) Mission Recover Luggage

**Answer- 2) Operation Mission Amanat**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Railways launched a new '**Operation Mission Amanat**' initiative to track lost luggage of the passengers.

i. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Western Railway will help in getting back the lost luggage. It will ensure more safety and security of luggage and belongings of the passengers.

ii. Web portal name- <https://wr.indianrailways.gov.in/> in the tab of divisions under the link "Mission Amanat – RPF.

**35. Name the Indian Naval Ship that conducted a PASSEX (Passage Exercise) with Russian Federation Navy's destroyer Admiral Tributs at Cochin Port in January 2022.**

- 1) INS Brahmaputra
- 2) INS Arihant
- 3) INS Kochi
- 4) INS Sahyadri
- 5) INS Kalvari

Answer - **3) INS Kochi**

**Explanation:**

Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided-missile destroyer, **INS** (Indian Navy Ship) **Kochi**, has undertaken the international PASSEX (Passage Exercise) with Russian Federation Navy's destroyer Admiral Tributs at the port of Cochin in the Arabian Sea.

**36. Which country (in Jan'22) conducted a maritime exercise with the Indian Navy in Bay of Bengal that saw the participation of INS Shivalik & INS Kadmat?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) South Korea
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Japan

Answer - **5) Japan**

**Explanation:**

A Maritime Partnership Exercise was held between the Indian Navy and **Japan** Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) in the **Bay of Bengal** in a non-contact mode amid COVID-19.

- The Indian side was represented by INS Shivalik and INS Kadmat while JMSDF Ships Uraga and Hirado participated from the Japanese side.

**37. 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.



**38. Identify the points that are correct with respect to the 1st-ever 'Startup India Innovation Week' & the National Startup Awards (NSA) 2021.**

- A) The 2nd edition of National Startup Award were issued to 46 Startups**
- B) Department of Fisheries partnered with Startup India to inaugurated the 'Fisheries Startup Grand Challenge'**
- C) The Challenge aims to increase aquaculture productivity from the current national average of 3 tons to 5 tons per hectare**

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

**Answer - 3) All A, B & C**

**Explanation:**

**National Startup Awards (NSA) 2021**

i. Ministry of Commerce & Industry presented the NSA 2021 (the 2nd edition). Around **46 Startups** have been recognized as winners of NSA 2021 along with 1 incubator and 1 accelerator.

- **Repos** was awarded the National Startup Award 2021 in the Energy distribution category for their door-to-door delivery of fuel.

ii. The Department of Fisheries in association with Startup India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the '**Fisheries Startup Grand Challenge**' to provide a platform for the start-ups to showcase their innovative solutions within the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector.

- The programme also intends to increase aquaculture productivity from the current national average of 3 tons to **5 tons per hectare**

**39. 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.

**40. \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st Country to buy BrahMos Cruise Missiles under a USD 375 million deal to procure \_\_\_\_\_ batteries of the missile.**

- 1) Philippines; 3
- 2) Thailand; 3
- 3) South Korea; 5
- 4) Philippines; 5

5) Thailand; 5

Answer - **1) Philippines; 3**

**Explanation:**

The **Philippines** became the first country to buy the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system, boosting India's efforts to become a major exporter of defence hardware.

- The Philippines will acquire **3 batteries** of the BrahMos cruise missile from India's BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd for \$374.96 million.

**41. On 16th January 2022, to mark the 1st anniversary of India's COVID-19 vaccination drive, a Commemorative Postal Stamp was launched. What is the denomination of the Postal Stamp?**

- 1) Rs 1
- 2) Rs 10
- 3) Rs 50
- 4) Rs 5
- 5) Rs 100

Answer - **4) Rs 5**

**Explanation:**

Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, released the **Commemorative Postal Stamp** on completion of one year of the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination program, which was launched on 16th January 2021.

- The stamp of denomination **Rs 5**, features a health worker inoculating a senior citizen with Covaxin, a vaccine of Covid-19.

**42. 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.

**43. National e-Governance Division Organized \_\_\_\_\_ CISO Deep Dive Training program under \_\_\_\_\_ between January 17-22, 2022.**

- 1) 25th; CERT-In
- 2) 26th; Cyber Surakshit Bharat
- 3) 30th; Website Audit
- 4) 26th; CERT-In
- 5) 30th; Cyber Surakshit Bharat

Answer- **2) 26th; Cyber Surakshit Bharat**

**Explanation:**

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is organizing a 6-day long 26th CISO Deep Dive Training program under Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative on January 17-22, 2022.

**Aim of Training Program:**

To provide better understanding of emerging cyber threats, and best practices in cyber security.

**44. Who recently (in Jan'22) launched India's first Intelligent Chronic Disease Patients Habit Tracking System called 'Power MAP' developed by Madhavbaug?**

- 1) Smriti Zubin Irani
- 2) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 3) Nitin Gadkari
- 4) Jitendra Singh
- 5) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Answer- **3) Nitin Gadkari**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) inaugurated Madhavbaug's (Vaidya Sane Ayurved Labs Ltd), Power MAP, during a virtual ceremony. It is India's first Intelligent Chronic Disease Patients Habit Tracking System.

i. Madhavbaug is a medical service institution that treats chronic ailments like cardiac disease, diabetes, hypertension and obesity by amalgamating technology with Ayurveda.

**45. Which state recently (in Jan'22) partnered with the World Food Programme to improve the food security of farmers by strengthening their resilience to climate change?**

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The Government of **Odisha** and the UN World Food Programme (**WFP**) have partnered to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers of India by enhancing their resilience to climate change.

i. The agreement in this regard was signed by Dr M. Muthukumar, Director Of Agriculture & Food Production, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha, & Bishow Parajuli, Representative and Country Director, WFP in India over a virtual ceremony.

**46. Which Ministry recently (in Jan'22) inaugurated 'Digital Government Mission' to speed up Citizen Services Delivery through Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning?**

- 1) Ministry of Science & Technology
- 2) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
- 4) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- 5) Ministry of MSME

Answer- **3) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology**

**Explanation:**

As a next phase of e-governance, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) initiated a new project namely '**Digital Government Mission**' to speed up citizen services delivery through the help of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

**47. Name the Crowd source mobile App that was recently (in Jan'22) launched by Jitendra Singh on the foundation Day of India Meteorological Department.**

- 1) Weather Atlas
- 2) Public Observation
- 3) Weather Pointer
- 4) Climate forecast
- 5) Climate Atlas

Answer- **2) Public Observation**

**Explanation:**

On the foundation day (14th January 2022) of India Meteorological Department (**IMD**), the Minister of state (Independent Charge), Ministry of Earth Sciences, **Jitendra Singh**, launched the Crowd source mobile App '**Public Observation**' to improve the data reception and dissemination of weather forecasts which is available in 4 languages English, Hindi, Marathi, and Tamil.

**i. He also launched India's 1st Climate Hazard & Vulnerability Atlas** based on the 13 most hazardous meteorological events, which cause extensive damages and economic, human and animal losses.

**ii. 4 new Doppler weather radars (DWR)** were inaugurated by Jitendra Singh, to further improve the weather forecast system.

**48. 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.

**49. 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**.

**50. In January 2022, Who launched the 1st Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory (I-LAB) Covid-19 testing facility for NorthEast?**

- 1) Sarbananda Sonowal
- 2) Jitendra Singh
- 3) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 4) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- 5) Smriti Zubin Irani

Answer- **2) Jitendra Singh**

**Explanation:**

Dr **Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology launched the first of its kind Mobile Covid-19 testing facility, "**Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory (I-LAB)**", which is capable of performing both RT-PCR & ELISA for Northeast.

**i.** The lab was developed by **AMTZ** (Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone) with support from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

**51. In January 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Rs. 30 crore worth 'New Circuit House' in \_\_\_\_\_ & also launched Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore' on the occasion of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ascension Anniversary of Pitashri Prajapita Brahma.**

- 1) Bihar; 50th
- 2) Gujarat; 75th
- 3) Uttar Pradesh; 53rd
- 4) Gujarat; 53rd
- 5) Uttar Pradesh; 50th

Answer- **4) Gujarat; 53rd**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Circuit House **near Somnath Temple in Gujarat** through video conferencing. The Circuit House has been built at a cost of over Rs 30 crore.

**i.** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the launch of '**Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore**' **via** video conferencing. The launch event was held on the occasion of the **53rd** Ascension Anniversary of Pitashri Prajapita Brahma, Founding Father of Brahma Kumaris.



**52. In which city of Karnataka India's first AVGC Center of Excellence (CoE) launched in January 2022?**

- 1) Mysuru
- 2) Udupi
- 3) Bengaluru
- 4) Kalaburagi
- 5) Ballari

**Answer- 3) Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, Department of Electronics Information Technology Biotechnology and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka launched India's first AVGC Center of Excellence (CoE) (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics) in Mahadevapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka. AVGC CoE was launched with pioneering high technology digital media hub under its Innovate Karnataka initiative. It is funded by the Department of Electronics Information Technology Biotechnology and Science & Technology.

**53. Which of the following is recently (in Jan'22) declared as the 1st 'Milk Village' of Jammu & Kashmir?**

- 1) Sanchi Milk
- 2) Dynamix Dairy
- 3) Milma Milk
- 4) Snow Cap
- 5) Jerri hamlet

**Answer- 5) Jerri hamlet**

**Explanation:**

The administration of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has declared the Jerri settlement (Jerri hamlet) in Reasi district as the first 'Milk Village' of the Union Territory(UT).

i. At present the Jerri, the Milk Village, which houses 73 individual dairy units with 370 cows, provides financial security to the local farmers.

**54. 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.

**55. Identify the Organization that partnered (in Jan'22) with the Department of Food & Public Distribution to develop a roadmap for 'Online Storage Management' for Food grains.**

- 1) Food Corporation of India
- 2) FSSAI
- 3) APEDA
- 4) Both 2 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

**Answer - 1) Food Corporation of India**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Food and Public Distribution (**DoF&PD**) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution with its principal agency, Food Corporation of India (**FCI**) has developed a roadmap for the development of **Online Storage Management (OSM)**.

- OSM will act as a single source of information for all the food grains stored in India

**56. Which Ministry prepared the revised 'Rural Area Development Plan Formulation & Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines' that was released in January 2022?**

- 1) Ministry of Planning
- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

**Answer- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj**

**Explanation:**

Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj has released the revised Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (**RADPFI**) Guidelines **prepared** by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.

i. He called upon the Panchayati Raj Institutions to take RADPFI Guidelines as "Sankalp Patra " by leveraging an active ownership approach.

**57. 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.

**58. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ released ‘\$300 billion Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports by \_\_\_\_\_’, a roadmap & Vision Document 2.0 for the electronics sector.**

- 1) Ministry of Electronics and IT; 2025
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology; 2024
- 3) Ministry of Electronics and IT; 2026
- 4) Ministry of Science and Technology; 2026
- 5) Ministry of Electronics and IT; 2024

**Answer- 3) Ministry of Electronics and IT; 2026**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) released a **5-year** roadmap and Vision Document 2.0 for the electronics sector namely ‘\$300 billion Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports by **2026**’.

- i. It is prepared by MeitY and presented by India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA).
- ii. The document has envisioned \$300 billion electronics production which aims to increase India’s electronics export to \$120 billion (bn) by 2026 from the current \$15 bn.

**59. In which city of Kerala will the 1st Graphene Innovation Centre of India be established by the Digital University Kerala & Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology?**

- 1) Thrissur
- 2) Kochi
- 3) Thiruvananthapuram
- 4) Kozhikode
- 5) Kollam

**Answer- 1) Thrissur**

**Explanation:**

The Digital University Kerala (DUK) has announced partnership with the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) in **Thrissur, Kerala** to establish India’s first Graphene Innovation Centre in Kerala.

- i. The project will also receive a funding of Rs 86.41 crore from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, to set up India’s first ever Graphene Research and Development (R&D) incubator.

**60. Which State Government recently (in Jan’22) launched ‘Grama One’ in 12 districts to offer over 100 government services under a single platform?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Telangana
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Assam

**Answer- 2) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day i.e. January 26, 2022, the Chief Minister (CM) of **Karnataka**, Basavaraj Somappa Bommai, virtually launched ‘Grama One’ from Bengaluru (Karnataka) in 12 districts of Karnataka.

- i. It seeks to provide government services under one roof in rural areas. 100 government services are being offered under this.

ii. This service will be extended to all Gram Panchayats across all districts in Karnataka by the end of March 2022.

**61. Name the State Government that recently (in Jan'22) approved the creation of 13 New Districts.**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **1) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The State Government of **Andhra Pradesh** (AP) has given its approval to increase the number of districts in the state to 26 from the existing 13. The process for the creation of 13 new districts will be completed by Telugu New Year in April 2022.

i. The 13 new Districts with its Headquarters are-Manyam Dist – Parvathipuram, Alluri Sitharama Raju District – Paderu, Anakapalli – Anakapalli, Kakinada – Kakinada, Kona Seema – Amalapuram, Eluru – Eluru, NTR District – Vijayawada, Bapatla – Bapatla, Palnadu – Narsaraopeta, Nandyal – Nandyal, Sri Satyasai District – Puttaparthi, Annamayya District – Rayachoty, Sri Balaji Dist. – Tirupati.

**62. Which State recently (in Jan'22) launched 'Mana Ooru-Mana Badi' Programme to Strengthen Government Schools?**

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Telangana
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

The **Telangana** government will launch '**Mana Ooru-Mana Badi**' programme soon across Telangana with focus on improving the existing infrastructure and the quality of education in government schools.

i. The State Cabinet approved the programme during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister (CM) K Chandrashekhar Rao at Pragathi Bhavan with ~Rs 7,289 crore budget allocation which benefits 19.84 lakh children of 26065 schools.

ii. A Cabinet sub-committee chaired by Education Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy has been formed to study and prepare modalities for the new Act.

**63. Which State recently (in Jan'22) launched India 1st 'Brain Health Initiative' to Train Doctors in Mental Healthcare?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **2) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

K Sudhakar, Minister of Medical Education and Health of **Karnataka**, virtually launched Brain Health Initiative a first-of-its-kind initiative in India, undertaken by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in association with the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog).

i. On a pilot basis, the initiative was launched in Bengaluru, Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts.

**64. 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.

**65. In which city India's largest Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station was inaugurated by National Highway for Electric Vehicle (NHEV) in January 2022?**

1) Patna, Bihar

2) Gurgaon, Haryana

3) Ranchi, Jharkhand

4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Gurgaon, Haryana**

**Explanation:**

National Highway for Electric Vehicle (**NHEV**) inaugurated India's largest Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in Sector 52 of **Gurgaon, Haryana**, which has 100 charging points for four-wheelers.

i. The station has been installed and operated by Alektrify Private Limited.

**66. 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.

**67. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with the Indian Naval Placement Agency (INPA) to explore recruitment of Indian Navy's Veterans?**

- 1) Tata Capital Financial Service Ltd
- 2) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd
- 3) LIC Housing Finance Ltd
- 4) IIFL Home Finance Ltd
- 5) Bajaj Finance Ltd

Answer- **4) IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

**Explanation:**

A MoU has been inked between the Indian Naval Placement Agency (**INPA**) and IIFL (formerly India Infoline Limited) Home Finance Limited (**IIFL HFL**) to look into the opportunities for the recruitment of naval veterans.

- i. Through the MoU, the INPA will identify ex-servicemen/dependents candidates for relevant roles in IIFL HFL.

**68. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation on the birth anniversary of Pandit Jasraj (28th January 2022). Who is Pandit Jasraj?**

- 1) Author
- 2) Painter
- 3) Classical Dancer
- 4) Tribal Freedom Fighter
- 5) Classical Singer

Answer- **5) Classical Singer**

**Explanation:**

On the birth anniversary of legendary classical vocalist late Pandit Jasraj, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually launched the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation.

- i. The foundation aims to preserve India's rich heritage of arts and culture.
- ii. Padma Awardee Pandit Jasraj was a legendary **classical vocalist**, who belonged to the Mewati Gharana (musical apprenticeship lineage).

**69. In Which city Reliance Jio-BP recently (in Jan'22) opened 'one of India's largest Electronic Vehicle (EV) charging hubs'?**

- 1) Gurgaon, Haryana
- 2) Dwarka, New Delhi
- 3) Surat, Gujarat
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

**Answer- 2) Dwarka, New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

Jio-BP, a joint venture of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and energy supermajor BP, named Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML) has opened one of India's largest Electronic Vehicle (EV) charging hubs in Dwarka, Delhi with BluSmart as its primary customer.

i. The RBML aims to become a leading EV charging infrastructure player in India

**70. Which State/UT government recently (in Jan'22) launched a 'one-stop e-vehicle website' for the promotion and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs)?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Rajasthan

**Answer- 2) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The **Delhi government** launched a dedicated one-stop website, "**ev.delhi.gov.in**" for the promotion and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs).

i. The main features of the website – ev.delhi.gov.in – designed keeping in mind both buyers and manufacturers, include a 'charging stations explorer', 'EV calculator', 'EV search' and 'EV dashboard'.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. Which City recently (in Jan'22) opened '2 New driverless Metro lines' & retained its titles as the World's longest Metro line?**

- 1) New York, USA
- 2) Seoul, South Korea
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Shanghai, China
- 5) Berlin, Germany

**Answer- 4) Shanghai, China**

**Explanation:**

**Shanghai, China** has opened **2 new driverless metro lines** (Line 14 and Phase One of Line 18) and retained its titles as the **World's longest Metro line**. With the inclusion of the 2 new driverless lines, the total length of Shanghai's metro network is extended to 831 km.

**Note-** Shanghai is followed by **Beijing(China)** and **Delhi(India)** in the 2nd and 3rd spot on the list of cities with the largest metro network.

**2. 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.

**3. Which of the following is the Name of 'New Coronavirus Variant B.1.640.2', that was discovered in France?**

- 1) florona
- 2) CHI
- 3) Parvovirus
- 4) IHU
- 5) FPV

Answer- **4) IHU**

**Explanation:**

The Scientists of **France** have discovered a new variant of the Coronavirus, named **IHU – B.1.640.2 variant**.

- i. The new variant named IHU was discovered by the academics at the institute IHU Mediterranean Infection, Marseille, France.
- ii. The IHU variant contains 46 mutations (more than the Omicron) and 37 deletions resulting in 30 amino acid substitutions and 12 deletions.

**4. Recently (in Jan'22) a Joint Statement to Prevent Spread of Nuclear Weapons was signed between Nuclear Power Countries. Which of the following countries is 'NOT' one of the signatory?**

- 1) UK
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) India
- 5) USA

Answer- **4) India**

**Explanation:**

The 5 most powerful nations of the world, viz **China, France, Russia, the UK & the US** have agreed & signed a joint statement to prevent atomic weapons from spreading and to ensure a nuclear war is never fought.

- i. The 5 nuclear weapons states recognized by the **1968** Treaty of the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (**NPT**) and they were also the 5 permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. They are known as the P5 or the N5.
- ii. The joint statement represents a renewed commitment to prevent any confrontation from turning into a nuclear war.

**5. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the International Energy Agency 'Electricity Market Report' (as of Jan'22)?**

- A) India's Power demand is expected to grow at an annual rate of 7.8 % between 2022 & 2026 backed by rising consumption from residential & industrial segments.**
- B) India clocked the highest 10% Y-o-Y growth in power demand during the 2021 calendar year.**
- C) The majority of supply growth in 2021 to 2026 is expected in the United states, followed by China, India & Europe.**

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

Answer- **2) Only B**

**Explanation:**

India's **Power demand** is expected to grow at an annual rate of **6.5 %** between **2022 & 2024** backed by rising consumption from residential & industrial segments.

- i. India clocked the **highest 10%** Y-o-Y growth in power demand during the 2021 calendar year.
- ii. The majority of supply growth in **2021 to 2024** is expected in **China**, followed by **India, Europe & the United States**.

**6. 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.

**7. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the United Nation Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) 'Investment Trends Monitor' released in January 2022?**

- A) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to India in 2021 has decreased by 26% due to large Mergers & Acquisition (M&A) recorded in 2020.**
- B) Global FDI flows rebounded in 2021, which rose at 77% to an estimated USD 1.65 trillion from USD 929 billion in 2020.**

**C) FDI inflows in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) increased by 35%.**

- 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:**

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to **India** in 2021 has decreased by **26%** due to large Mergers & Acquisition (M&A) recorded in 2020

i. Global FDI flows rebounded in 2021, which rose at **77%** to an estimated USD 1.65 trillion from USD 929 billion in 2020.

ii. FDI inflows in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) increased by **35%**.

**8. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st black woman to appear on the US Currency.**

- 1) Shonda Rhimes
- 2) Maya Angelou
- 3) Simone Biles
- 4) Laverne Cox
- 5) Angela Davis

**Answer- 2) Maya Angelou**

**Explanation:**

American poet and civil rights activist **Maya Angelou** became the **first black woman** to be featured on the US Currency.

i. This is a part of the US's American Women Quarters Programme.

ii. Maya Angelou is known for her autobiography titled "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings".

**9. Which country will surpass China as the 3rd largest ethanol consumer of the world by 2026 according (In Jan'22) to the statement of the International Energy Agency (IEA)?**

- 1) Japan
- 2) India
- 3) South Korea
- 4) South Africa
- 5) Australia

**Answer- 2) India**

**Explanation:**

As per the statement of the International Energy Agency (IEA), India is on course to surpass China as the world's 3rd largest ethanol consumer by 2026.

i. IEA stated that ethanol demand in India tripled between 2017 and 2021 with consumption expected at 3 crore liters in 2021.

**10. In January 2022, India paid \_\_\_\_\_ in United Nations (UN) regular budget assessments for the year 2022.**

- 1) \$35.7 Million
- 2) \$59.5 Million
- 3) \$29.9 Million



4) \$14.8 Million

5) \$46.9 Million

Answer- **3) \$29.9 Million**

**Explanation:**

India has paid USD 29,990,679 (**\$29.9 Million**) in United Nations (UN) regular budget assessments for the year 2022.

i. As of 21st January 2022, 24 Member States of the UN have paid their regular budget assessments in full.

ii. India has signed up to the 2022 Honour Roll of 24 Member States out of 193 that have paid their UN Regular Budget Assessments in full.

**11. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare amended (in Jan'22) the guidelines of the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) to provide \_\_\_\_ subsidy to Agricultural Institutions for purchasing Drones for agricultural uses, this facility can be availed until \_\_\_\_.**

1) 100%; August 2023

2) 100%; March 2023

3) 50%; April 2022

4) 75%; June 2022

5) 75%; Jan 2023

Answer- **2) 100%; March 2023**

**Explanation:**

Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has amended the guidelines of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM) to provide a 100 percent grant (4 Lakh up to Rs 10 lakh) for Agriculture institutions to purchase drones for Farming and its allied activities.

i. The financial assistance and grants would be available until **March 31, 2023**.

ii, Aim – To promote precision farming in India and to make drone technology affordable to the stakeholders of this sector.

**12. Which Ministry recently (in Jan'22) notified a drone certification scheme (DCS) to Boost Indigenous Drone Manufacturing in India?**

1) Ministry of External Affairs

2) Ministry of Civil Aviation

3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

4) Ministry of Home Affairs

5) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer- **2) Ministry of Civil Aviation**

**Explanation:**

The **Ministry of Civil Aviation** (MoCA) has notified a drone certification scheme (DCS) to ensure minimum safety and quality requirements for boosting indigenous manufacturing of drones which is applicable to indigenous drone manufacturers, assemblers and importers.

i. The DCS was notified on 26th January 2022, under Rule 7 of the liberalized Drone Rules, 2021.

**Objective** – To provide safety and security criteria for drones with evaluation certificates by which the Government of India targets to make India the drone hub of the world by 2030.

## GOVT SCHEMES

1. The Ministry of Power completed \_\_\_\_ of distributing & selling LED lights & saved \_\_\_\_\_ kWh per annum energy (as of Jan'22) through Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme.

- 1) 7 years; 84 Billion
- 2) 5 years; 54 Billion
- 3) 7 years; 48 Billion
- 4) 4 years; 54 Million
- 5) 5 years; 84 Million

Answer- **3) 7 years; 48 Billion**

### Explanation:

The Power Ministry successfully completed **7 years** of distributing and selling LED lights under its flagship Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (**UJALA**) programme.

i. As on 5th January 2022, 47,778 Million (~48 Billion(Bn)) kilowatt hour (kWh) per annum energy has been saved.

ii. Under UJALA, the domestic manufacturing of LED bulbs has increased from 1 lakh per month to 40 million per month.

**Note-** UJALA initiative is the world's largest zero subsidy domestic lighting programme with more than 78 crore LEDs distributed across the country.

## VISITS

1. 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.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

**1. Which Company recently (in Dec'21) collaborated with SBI Cards & Payment Services Limited for Card Tokenization to Protect Cardholders' Data in local & international transactions?**

- 1) BharatPe
- 2) Paytm
- 3) Freecharge
- 4) PhonePe
- 5) MobiKwik

Answer- **2) Paytm**

**Explanation:**

SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (**SBICPSL**) has collaborated with **Paytm** to enable their cardholders to tokenize their cards on devices and make payments through Paytm.

- i. This card tokenization facility is available only on **Android NFC** (near field communication) **devices**.
- ii. Tokenization is the process of replacing the 16-digit payment card account number with a unique digital identifier known as a 'token' for mobile and online transactions.

**About SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBICPSL):**

**MD & CEO**– Rama Mohan Rao Amara

**Headquarters**– Gurugram, Haryana

**2. Which of the following is/are identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22 by IRDAI?**

- 1) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 2) General Insurance Corporation of India
- 3) New India Assurance
- 4) Both 1 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- **5) All 1, 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**), General Insurance Corporation of India (**GIC**) and **New India Assurance** continued to be identified by the Insurance Regulator and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (**D-SIIs**) for 2021-22.

- LIC, GIC, and New India Assurance were the D-SIIs from 2020-21.

**3. Name the company that recently (in Dec'21) launched "Digi Zone" in Mumbai to provide all insurance services online.**

- 1) General Insurance Corporation of India
- 2) Life Insurance Corporation
- 3) The Oriental Insurance Company
- 4) National Insurance Company
- 5) New India Assurance

Answer- **2) Life Insurance Corporation**

**Explanation:**

Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) of India has inaugurated "**Digi Zone**", at Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, Maharashtra, as part of its effort to enhance its digital footprint.

LIC's Digi Zone can be used by the customers to purchase policies online, pay the premium and avail of other services.

**4. Which Bank recently (in Dec'21) partnered with 'paisabazaar.com' to launch a 'Pre-Qualified Program' for unsecured loans?**

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

Answer- **4) Axis Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Paisabazaar.com** partnered with **Axis Bank** to launch a pre-qualified program for unsecured loans on its platform.

i. The pre-qualified program involves deep technology and analytics collaboration with banks and non-bank financiers, enabling customers to view customized and pre-qualified lending offers.

**5. In January 2021, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reconstituted \_\_\_\_\_ Members Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC) that will be headed by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 5; Madhabi Puri Buch
- 2) 10; S.Sahoo
- 3) 20; Madhabi Puri Buch
- 4) 10; Ajay Bhatt
- 5) 20; S.Sahoo

Answer- **5) 20; S.Sahoo**

**Explanation:**

Security Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) reconstituted **20** members Market Data Advisory Committee (**MDAC**) to recommend policy measures in areas like securities market data access and privacy. The MDAC will be chaired by **S.Sahoo**.

i. S Sahoo is a Professor at National Law University, Delhi & former chairperson, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

ii. The previous committee was headed by Madhabi Puri Buch, ex-whole time member of SEBI.

**6. 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%.

**7. Which company recently (in Jan'22) launched 'India's 1st Auto Exchange Traded Fund'?**

- 1) SBI Mutual Fund
- 2) HDFC Asset Management Ltd
- 3) Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd
- 4) Birla Sun Life Asset Management Ltd
- 5) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Ltd

Answer- **3) Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd**

**Explanation:**

Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (**NAM India**), the asset manager of Nippon India Mutual Fund (NIMF) launched a **New Fund Offer (NFO) for Nippon India Nifty Auto Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)**. It is **India's First** Auto sector ETF.

i. The scheme will provide exposure to top 15 companies of auto sectors such as automobiles 4 wheelers, automobiles 2 & 3 wheelers, auto ancillaries, and tyres.

ii. The Nippon Auto ETF will start operation from January 5, 2022 to January 14, 2022. The minimum investment amount required Rs 1,000 and in multiples of Re 1 aftermath.

**About Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited:**

**Chief Executive Officer-** Sundeep Sikka

**Head Office –** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**8. Name the Bank that recently (in Jan'22) got approval by RBI to commence International Remittance business under the Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS).**

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

Answer- **3) Fino Payments Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Reserve Bank of India** has approved **Fino Payments Bank** for commencing international remittance business under the Money Transfer Service Scheme (**MTSS**).

i. The approval will enable the customers of Fino Payments Bank to receive money sent from foreign countries.



### About Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS):

i. MTSS is a quick and easy way of transferring personal remittances from abroad to beneficiaries in India.

**9. 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.

**10. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) launched Unified Presentment Management System (UPMS) to simplify the Recurring Bill Payments in digital transactions?**

1) Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India

2) Reserve Bank of India

3) NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd

4) Securities and Exchange Board of India

5) NPCI International Payments Ltd

**Answer- 3) NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd**

#### **Explanation:**

**NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL)**, the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched a Unified Presentment Management System (**UPMS**), which will enable users to set up standing instructions on their recurring bill payments across all modes of digital payments.

### About Unified Presentment Management System (UPMS):

i. UPMS will be available to customers through the centralized infrastructure and application support provided by Bharat BillPay Central Unit (BBPCU).

ii. UPMS enables the providers of the digital payments ecosystem to run through this innovative feature in the sandbox environment of Bharat Bill Payments System (BBPS).

**11. 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.

**12. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 'Market-making scheme' introduced (In Jan'22) by RBI in order to provide liquidity in the secondary market?**

- A) RBI has introduced the Market-making scheme to promote retail participation in Government Securities by providing quotes to Retail Direct Gilt Account Holders (RDGAH).
- B) The Primary Dealers (PD) are allowed by RBI to present on the Negotiated Dealing System- Order Matching (NDS-OM) Platform to respond to buy/sell requests from RDGAHs throughout market hours.
- C) RBI has created a special Switch window for PDs to exchange the illiquid/semi-liquid securities acquired through the RFQ segment from the RDGAHs.

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

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

**Explanation:**

i. RBI has introduced the Market-making scheme to promote **retail participation** in **Government Securities** by providing quotes to Retail Direct Gilt Account Holders.

ii. The **Primary Dealers** are allowed by RBI to present on the Negotiated Dealing System- Order Matching (**NDS-OM**) **Platform** to respond to buy/sell requests from RDGAHs throughout market hours.

iii. RBI has created a **special Switch window** for PDs to exchange the illiquid/semi-liquid securities acquired through the RFQ segment from the RDGAHs.

**13. RBI recently (in Jan'22) cancelled the 'Certificate of Authorisation (CoA)' of which of the following Payment System Operators for regulatory non-compliance?**

- 1) A G Finance & Investment
- 2) Eko India Financial Services
- 3) Muthoot Vehicle & Asset Finance

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **5) Both 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of two Payment System Operators (PSOs) – **Muthoot Vehicle & Asset Finance, and Eko India Financial Services** for non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

i. The CoA was cancelled by RBI on 31st December 2021, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

ii. Following the CoA cancellation, the companies will not be able to transact the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments

**14. Which Banks recently (in Jan'22) announced to continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) by RBI?**

1) ICICI

2) HDFC

3) SBI

4) Both 1 & 3

5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- **5) All 1, 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

The RBI announced that **SBI, ICICI and HDFC banks** will continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (**D-SIBs**).

i. Therefore they will have to maintain additional Common Equity Tier 1 (**CET1**) capital ratios in the same manner prescribed in 2020.

ii. For SBI, the additional CET1 requirement is maintained at **0.6%** of the bank's risk weighted assets, while for HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank, the requirement is kept at 0.2%.

**15. RBI recently (in Jan'22) released Eligibility Criteria for Entities to become 'Specified Users' of Credit Information Companies (CIC).**

**Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Eligibility Criteria?**

**A) A specified user should be a company incorporated in India or a Statutory Corporation established in India.**

**B) The company should have a net worth of greater than Rs 5 Crore as per the latest audited balance sheet & should meet the requirement on a continuing basis.**

**C) The eligible criteria are issued under clause (A) of Regulation 3 of the CICs (Amendment) Regulations, 2006.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **1) Only A**

**Explanation:**

A specified user should be a company incorporated in **India** or a Statutory Corporation established in India.

- i. The company should have a **net worth of not less than Rs 2 crore** as per the latest audited balance sheet & should meet the requirement on a continuing basis.
- ii. The eligible criteria are issued under clause **(j)** of Regulation 3 of the CICs (Amendment) Regulations, **2021**.
- iii. The entity should have a certification from a Certified Information Systems Auditor certified auditor that it has a robust and secure information technology (IT) system in place

**16. 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

**17. Name the Company that recently (in Jan'22) launched a campaign called “#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao” to provide awareness about health insurance to save tax.**

- 1) SBI General Insurance
- 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- 3) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 4) Bharti Axa General Insurance
- 5) Aditya Birla Health Insurance

Answer- **1) SBI General Insurance**

**Explanation:**

**SBI General Insurance Company Ltd** launched a campaign titled ‘#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao’ to increase awareness around the need to buy health insurance to save tax.

**i.** It will also highlight the other benefits of opting for health insurance. The campaign is in a quirky Vox Pop format featuring anchor Rudraksh Singh aka Rudy.

**About SBI (State Bank of India) General Insurance:**

**MD & CEO**– Prakash Chandra Kandpal

**Tagline**– Suraksha Aur Bharosa Dono

**Headquarters**– Mumbai, Maharashtra

**18. RBI recently (in Jan'22) increased the threshold limit for Banks to maintain the Liquidity Coverage Ratio on deposits & funds received from non-financial small business customers from Rs 5 crore to \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Rs. 9 crore
- 2) Rs. 7.5 crore
- 3) Rs. 8 crore
- 4) Rs. 5.5 crore
- 5) Rs. 6.5 crore

**Answer- 2) Rs. 7.5 crore**

**Explanation:**

The **RBI** has increased the threshold limit for Banks to maintain the **Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)** on deposits and other 'extension of funds' received from non-financial small business customers from **Rs 5 crore to Rs 7.5 crore** (Increased by 50%).

- i. Objective:** To better align RBI's guidelines with the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) standard and enable banks to manage liquidity risk more effectively.
- ii.** The threshold limit will be applicable to all Commercial Banks other than Regional Rural Banks, Local Area Banks, and Payments Banks.

**19. 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.

**20. Which of the following Payment Banks recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Park+ to offer FASTag-based smart parking solutions?**

- 1) Paytm Payments Bank
- 2) Jio Payments Bank
- 3) Airtel Payments Bank



- 4) Fino Payments Bank  
5) India Post Payments Bank  
Answer- **3) Airtel Payments Bank**

**Explanation:**

Airtel Payments Bank and Park+ have collaborated to offer FASTag-based smart parking solutions to marquee commercial and residential properties across India. This partnership will utilize the reach of Airtel Payments Bank to digitize the parking ecosystem using FASTag associated with the vehicle.

**About Airtel Payments Bank:**

**CEO and MD**– Anubrata Biswas

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi

**21. 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.

**22. AIC STPINEXT Initiatives (STPINEXT) recently (in Jan'22) signed MoUs with \_\_\_\_\_ & Excelpoint Systems India to enhance the tech startup ecosystem in India.**

- 1) IndusInd Bank  
2) YES Bank  
3) ICICI Bank  
4) HDFC Bank  
5) State Bank of India

Answer- **4) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

AIC STPINEXT Initiatives (STPINEXT) has signed 2 **MoUs**, one with **HDFC Bank** and the other with **Excelpoint Systems India Pvt. Ltd.** to enhance the tech startup ecosystem in India.

- i. These MoUs are in line with supporting the startup ecosystem through STPI & STPINEXT.  
ii. STPI has announced to set up more than 25 Centres of Entrepreneurship(**CoEs**) in Specific domains spread across India.

### **AIC STPINEXT Initiatives:**

AIC STPINEXT Initiatives incorporated by the STPI is a section 8 company, which will act as a nodal agency and common implementation vehicle for several startups and entrepreneurial activities at the STPI.

**Note - STPINEXT** is a special purpose vehicle of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

**23. 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.

**24. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with Mecwin Technologies to finance Solar Pump-Sets for Farmers?**

- 1) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- 2) Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank
- 3) Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank
- 4) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank
- 5) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank

**Answer- 5) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**

### **Explanation:**

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), has signed a MoU with Mecwin Technologies (Tech) Ltd to introduce farmer-friendly solar-powered pump-sets using bank finance.

**i. Solar-powered pump-sets** will replace diesel pump-sets resulting in reduced carbon emissions.

**25. 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

**26. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) signed a co-lending agreement with Edelweiss Financial Services and ECL Finance to expand priority sector lending service?**

1) Bank of Maharashtra

2) Indian Bank

3) Bank of Baroda

4) Bank of India

5) Central Bank of India

**Answer- 2) Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

Edelweiss **Financial Services** and **ECL Finance** signed a co-lending agreement with **Indian Bank** to expand services under priority sector lending (PSL).

i. Indian Bank will provide capital support under PSL and Edelweiss Financial Services and ECL Finance will provide expertise on customer acquisition, credit assessment, servicing and robust technology which will help in expanding credit needs of customers.

**27. In January 2022, RBI extended its direction related to withdrawal limit on Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank for \_\_\_\_\_ term.**

1) 8 months

2) 6 months

3) 1 year

4) 4 months

5) 2 years

**Answer- 4) 4 months**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the validity of its directions by **4 months** for **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank** Niyamitha, Bengaluru (Karnataka) i.e. till May 10, 2022 from January 11, 2022.

i. The directions have been issued under **Section 35A** read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, **1949**.

ii. The withdrawal limit for depositors of the bank is capped at Rs 1 lakh per depositor during the entire duration.

**28. 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).

**29. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) partnered with LazyPay to launch LazyCard for Easy Credit Payment?**

- 1) RBL Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) SBM Bank
- 4) Citibank
- 5) DBS Bank

Answer- **3) SBM Bank**

**Explanation:**

**LazyPay**, a Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) solution by PayU Finance, announced its partnership with **SBM Bank India** to launch **LazyCard**, a prepaid payment instrument backed by a credit line that works on the Visa payment network.

i. LazyCard reaches over **62 million** pre-approved users of LazyPay, with a credit limit of up to **Rs. 5 lakh**.

**30. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) issued the industry's 1st letter of credit (LC) on the Government-backed Platform called Secured Logistics Document Exchange (SLDE)?**

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

Answer- **1) Axis Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Axis Bank** issued the industry's 1st letter of credit (**LC**) on the Secured Logistics Document Exchange (**SLDE**), a government-backed blockchain-enabled platform (launched in July 2021).

i. The deal, which was executed digitally on the SLDE platform, involved ArcelorMittal Nippon and Lalit Pipes & Pipes Limited (LPPL) (Axis bank's client). The bank released an LC on behalf of LPPL.

**31. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) got the Category I licence for inter-state trading in electricity in India by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)?**

- 1) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation
- 2) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam
- 3) THDC India Limited
- 4) Northeast Electric Power Company
- 5) Tata Power

Answer- **2) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam**

**Explanation:**

Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (**SJVN**) got the Category I licence for inter-state trading in electricity in India, which was granted by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). SJVN has a portfolio of more than 16,000 megawatt (MW), out of which 2,016.5 MW is under operation.

**i. Net worth Requirement:** An entity or person applying for a Category 'I' trading licence should have net worth of Rs 50 crore and should have maintained minimum current ratio and liquidity ratio of 1:1.

**32. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) launched the 'RuPay Select Contactless Debit' Card along with NPCI on its 79th Inauguration Day?**

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) UCO Bank
- 5) Canara Bank

Answer- **4) UCO Bank**

**Explanation:**

On the occasion of the **79th Inauguration Day** of the **UCO Bank**, it enter a partnership with **NPCI** to launch the '**UCO Bank RuPay Select Contactless Debit Card**' with a host of benefits for its premium/HNI (High Networth Individuals) customers.

**i.** The card offers an ATM withdrawal limit of **Rs 50000** along with a purchase of up to Rs 2 lakh at POS (Point of Sale) or E-Commerce.

**33. Federal Bank recently (in Jan'22) launched an online lending platform called 'federalinstaloans.com' to provide Instant Loan Approval up to Rs 50 lakh for \_\_\_\_\_ Sector.**

- 1) Agricultural
- 2) Food Processing
- 3) Education
- 4) Service
- 5) MSME

Answer- **5) MSME**

**Explanation:**

**Federal Bank** launched an online lending platform **federalinstaloans.com**, to ease credit approvals of up to **Rs 50 lakh** for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**) across India.

**i.** The platform enables borrowers to avail loans in less than 30 minutes digitally by simply uploading their income tax returns, bank account statement and online verification of GST details.

**34. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) signed a partnership agreement with Arthimpact Digital Loans (ARTH) to provide fintech solutions to Self-help Groups?**

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

Answer- **2) NABARD**

**Explanation:**

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) signed a partnership agreement with Arthimpact Digital Loans (**ARTH**) to provide end-to-end fintech (financial technology) solutions to support self help groups (**SHGs**).

i. ARTH will provide credit, payments and insurance solutions support to micro-MSME enterprises.

**35. Name the NBFC that recently (in Jan'22) tied up with IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd for Rs. 300 crore Co-lending agreement.**

- 1) Aditya Birla Finance
- 2) Bajaj Finance
- 3) Shrinithi Capital
- 4) Tata Capital Financial
- 5) HDB Finance Services

Answer- **3) Shrinithi Capital**

**Explanation:**

**Shrinithi Capital Private Limited**, a Non-Banking Financial Company tied-up with IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd to focus on co-lending facilities.

i. Shrinithi Capital Pvt Ltd has raised Rs. 300 crore as co- lending facility from IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd.

ii. The co lending facility worth of Rs. 300 crores is in the process of concluding as the 1st phase of merger agreement

**36. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ got approval from SEBI to launch derivatives on Nifty Midcap Select Index from 24 January, 2022.**

- 1) Calcutta Stock Exchange
- 2) National Stock Exchange
- 3) India International Exchange
- 4) Bombay Stock Exchange
- 5) Central Depository Services

Answer- **2) National Stock Exchange**

**Explanation:**

National Stock Exchange (**NSE**) has received approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) to launch derivatives on **Nifty Midcap Select Index**. The index will be available for trading from **24 January, 2022**.

i. Nifty Midcap Select Index intends to track the performance of a focused portfolio of 25 stocks within the Nifty Midcap 150 index.



**37. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the “Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes for 2020-21” released by RBI in January 2022?**

- A) The report has been prepared for the 5 month period from December 1, 2020, to April 31, 2021.
- B) The Report covers the activities under the Banking Ombudsman Scheme (BOS), Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies (OSNBFC) & the Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions (OSDT).
- C) The volume of complaints received under all the 3 Ombudsman Schemes increased by 22.27 percent.

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

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

**Explanation:**

The report has been prepared for the 9-month period from **July 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021**, in alignment with the Financial Year of RBI April – March.

i. The Report covers the activities under the Banking Ombudsman Scheme(**BOS**), the Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies (**OSNBFC**) and the Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions (**OSDT**).

ii. The volume of complaints received under all the 3 Ombudsman Schemes increased by **22.27 percent**.

**38. CDSL Ventures recently (in Jan’22) got approval from SEBI to set up an Accreditation Agency for \_\_\_\_\_ term with effect from 1st February 2022.**

- 1) 2 years  
2) 3 years  
3) 6 months  
4) 3 months  
5) 1 years

**Answer- 2) 3 years**

**Explanation:**

Central Depository Services Limited (**CDSL**) **Ventures Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of CDSL has received approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India's (**SEBI**) for setting up Accreditation Agency for a period of **3 years** with effect from 1st February 2022 for accreditation of eligible Investors.

**About Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL):**

i. Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) is India’s only listed depository, with an objective of providing depository services to all stock market participants.

**Founded - 1999**

**CEO & MD - Nehal Vora**

**Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra**

**39. Which of the following Mutual Funds was recently (in Jan'22) renamed as the "White Oak Capital Mutual Fund"?**

- 1) Axis Mutual Fund
- 2) YES Mutual Fund
- 3) Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund
- 4) IDBI Mutual Fund
- 5) Edelweiss Mutual Fund

**Answer- 2) YES Mutual Fund**

**Explanation:**

Yes Asset Management has been renamed as the White Oak Capital Asset Management with effect from 12th January 2022. In line with this, **Yes Mutual Fund** has been renamed as **White Oak Capital Mutual Fund**.

**i.** In November 2021, the White Oak Capital group announced the completion of the transaction to acquire the mutual fund business of Yes Bank.

**ii.** White Oak Group, founded by Prashant Khemka, former CIO of Goldman Sachs Asset Management's India Equity and Global Emerging Markets Equity businesses, provides investment management and advisory services for equity assets of over Rs 42000 crore.

**40. Which of the following companies recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with India INX to launch the first Bitcoin and Ethereum Futures exchange traded funds (ETFs) at GIFT City?**

- 1) Torus Kling Blockchain
- 2) Kling Trading India
- 3) Angel One Limited
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

**Answer- 4) Both 1 & 2**

**Explanation:**

The **Torus Kling Blockchain IFSC** and **Kling Trading India** signed a MoU with India INX to launch the first Bitcoin and Ethereum Futures exchange traded funds (ETFs) in India.

**i.** These funds will become **India's first crypto** backed futures outside of the United States (US).

**ii.** Under the agreement, Torus Kling Blockchain IFSC also launched Metaverse US-listed large-cap discount certificates.

**iii.** The ETF futures will be launched under a sandbox construct of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).

**41. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Marwadi Financial Services to offer 3-in-1 Savings Account to Customers?**

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

**Answer- 2) NSDL Payments Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Marwadi Financial Services** has joined hands with **NSDL Payments Bank** to offer 3-in-1 savings bank accounts with features of savings, demat (Dematerialised Account) and trading accounts to boost its customer experience.

i. This partnership will also allow NSDL Payments Bank to access Marwadi's clients and expand its customer base.

**42. What is the total loan provided by RBI (as of Jan'22) to Sri Lanka for overcoming its Forex Crisis?**

- 1) USD 900 million
- 2) USD 100 million
- 3) USD 750 million
- 4) USD 290 million
- 5) USD 870 million

Answer - **1) USD 900 million**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended over US\$ 900 million loan facilities to Sri Lanka, comprising Asian Clearing Union (ACU) settlement of over USD 500 million and currency Swap of USD 400 million.

- This funding will aid Sri Lanka to overcome the forex crisis and shortage of almost all essential commodities due to a shortage of dollars to pay for the imports.

**43. Identify the Asset Management Company (AMC) that recently (in Jan'22) signed an agreement with First Trust Advisors to launch a global Fund of Funds (FoF).**

- 1) Franklin Templeton
- 2) ICICI Prudential
- 3) HDFC Mutual Fund
- 4) SBI Mutual Fund
- 5) Reliance Mutual Fund

Answer - **2) ICICI Prudential**

**Explanation:**

ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC) signed an agreement with First Trust Advisors, an US-based company to launch a global Fund of Funds (FoF).

**44. Which organisation partnered with Google Pay (in Jan'22) to offer instant loans upto Rs 3 lakhs to Small Merchants?**

- 1) Indifi Technologies
- 2) Easyleadz
- 3) Fiserv
- 4) IndiaLends
- 5) Scoreme Solutions

Answer - **1) Indifi Technologies**

**Explanation:**

**Indifi Technologies** has joined hands with Google Pay (GPay), to offer instant loans to eligible small merchants on the GPay platform.

- The loans will be in the range of Rs 2.5 to Rs 3 lakh.

**45. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the SEBI Settlement Proceedings Regulations, 2022 (as of Jan'22)?**

- A) The timeline for filing settlement applications was increased to 120 days from 50 days to make the system more efficient.
- B) Proceeding conversion factor (PCF) values were rationalized as 0.40 to 1.50 to encourage the filing of settlement applications.
- C) SEBI has amended SEBI (FPI) Regulations, 2022 to provide an exemption from strict enforcement of the regulations.

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

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

**Explanation:**

The timeline for filing settlement applications was reduced to **60 days** from **180 days** to make the system more efficient.

- i. Proceeding conversion factor (PCF) values were rationalized as **0.40 to 1.50** to encourage the filing of settlement applications.
- ii. SEBI has amended SEBI (FPI) Regulations, 2022 to provide an exemption from strict enforcement of the regulations.

**46. 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.

**47. Name the Bank that recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Lendingkart to provide Loan upto Rs. 10 Lakhs to MSME sectors.**

- 1) Canara Bank
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) Bank of India
- 4) Bank of Baroda
- 5) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer- **1) Canara Bank**

**Explanation:**

Fintech company **Lendingkart** announced a co-lending partnership with **Canara Bank** to provide low-cost business loans of up to Rs. 10 lakh to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

i. The loans will be originated and sanctioned through the digital platform 'Lendingkart 2gthr' using 'zero touch' technology.

**48. Which company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay to launch 'ClickPay' service to the customers?**

- 1) MobiKwik
- 2) Razorpay
- 3) PhonePe
- 4) Freecharge
- 5) Paytm

Answer- **1) MobiKwik**

**Explanation:**

**MobiKwik**, a mobile wallet Fintech company, partnered with **NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL)** to launch '**ClickPay**' service to its customers.

i. With this, the customers of MobiKwik can pay recurring online bills, such as mobile, gas, water, electricity, DTH, insurance and loan EMIs using their mobile phone.

**49. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) recently (in Jan'22) received financial assistance of ₹650 crore from SIDBI to support small NBFC's?**

- 1) Jana SFB
- 2) AU SFB
- 3) Capital SFB
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **4) Both 1 & 2**

**Explanation:**

Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**) sanctioned financial assistance of around ₹650 crore to AU Small Finance Bank (**AUSFB**) and Jana Small Finance Bank (**JSFB**).

i. The Small Finance Banks will use this assistance to support small-sized non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and micro finance institutions (MFIs) and micro entrepreneurs.

**50. In January 2022, which country received a USD 500 million Line of Credit (LOC) from the Indian Government to purchase petroleum products?**

- 1) Mauritius
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) South Korea

Answer- **4) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

The **Indian** Government offered a USD **500 million** Line of Credit (**LOC**) to help **Sri Lanka** for purchase of petroleum products as it is struggling with fuel and energy crisis.

i. Recently (in Jan'22), **RBI** also extended over **US\$ 900 million loan** to Sri Lanka utilized that are being utilized by the latter to build up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports.

**51. 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.

**52. In January 2022, Which Bank & Equirus Wealth collaborated with SCUBE Capital to launch a 'US dollar offshore fund' to customers?**

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

Answer- **3) Federal Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Federal Bank** and Equirus Wealth in collaboration with SCUBE Capital, a global fund management company based out of Singapore, have launched a 'US dollar offshore fund' for their customers.

i. Only the customers of Federal Bank (both NRI (Non-Resident Indian) and Resident) could invest in the fund. It offers a portfolio return (internal rate of return (IRR)) guidance of ~ USD 6.50 percent per annum with a fund tenor of 3 years from the date of fund closure with an option to extend by one year.

**53. As per the RBI – Digital Payments Index released (in Jan'22), the digital payments increased by \_\_\_\_\_ % to 304.06 in Sept' 21 when compared to 217.74 in Sept'20.**

- 1) 20.43%
- 2) 10.76%
- 3) 39.64%
- 4) 26.97%
- 5) 48.75%

Answer- **3) 39.64%**

**Explanation:**

RBI released the RBI – Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) for September 2021, as per the index the digital payments increased by **39.64 percent** to **304.06** as against 217.74 in September **2020**.

**54. 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.

**55. 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.

**56. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the RBI's Overnight variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) in January 2022?**

- A) VRRR auctioned for Rs 50,000 crore under liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) to infuse liquidity, instead of its usual fixed-rate overnight reverse repo window.
- B) The weighted average call money rate touched 4.3587% showing liquidity stress & this is 1st VRRR auction since March 2021.
- C) RBI notified Rs 50,000 crore amount to lend the banking system for a day & got bids for Rs 65,700 crore.

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

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

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**57. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) signed a MoU with GIFT SEZ to Boost Financial Services at IFSC?**

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

**Answer- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Explanation:**

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (**KMBL**) signed a **MoU** with Gujarat International Finance Tec-city – Special Economic Zone (**GIFT SEZ**) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GIFT-City, to improve customer's overall financial services offerings.

**58. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) launched a new Fixed Deposit scheme called 'Platina FD'?**

- 1) Suryoday SFB
- 2) Ujjivan SFB
- 3) Utkarsh SFB
- 4) Janalakshmi SFB
- 5) Equitas SFB

**Answer - 2) Ujjivan SFB**

**Explanation:**

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) launched 'Platina Fixed Deposit' (FD), offering interest of 15 basis points (bps) higher than the regular term deposit rates provided by Ujjivan SFB.

**About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB):**

**MD & CEO-** Ittira Davis

**Headquarters-** Bangalore, Karnataka

**59. 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.

**60. Name the NBFC that recently (in Jan'22) partnered with 'One97 Communications' to provide lending products to merchant partners & consumers.**

- 1) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd
- 2) India Infoline
- 3) Fullerton India
- 4) Bajaj Finance Ltd
- 5) Muthoot Finance Ltd

**Answer- 3) Fullerton India**

**Explanation:**

Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) **Fullerton India** and **One97 Communications**, parent company of Paytm, have joined hands to provide lending products to merchant partners and consumers.

**i.** Under this partnership, Paytm Postpaid/buy-now-pay-later or innovative merchant loan products will be offered to consumers on the Paytm platform while utilizing Fullerton's risk assessment capabilities, and understanding of the segment.

**61. 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.

**62. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Hitachi Payment to develop a new Fintech platform for MSME in India?**

- 1) Capital Float
- 2) Clix Capital
- 3) Lendingkart
- 4) Indipaisa
- 5) U GRO Capital

**Answer- 4) Indipaisa**

**Explanation:**

**Hitachi Payment Services** partnered with **Indipaisa** to develop a new Fintech platform for India's 63 million Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**).

**Objective** – To offer a high-quality digital platform for fintech services at affordable prices for the Indian MSME market.

**63. 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.

**64. In January 2022, RBI conducted an Overnight variable rate repo (VRR) auction worth \_\_\_\_\_, to banks under its Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).**

- 1) Rs 50,000 crore
- 2) Rs 85,000 crore
- 3) RS 55,500 crore
- 4) Rs 65,000 crore
- 5) Rs 75,000 crore

Answer- **5) Rs 75,000 crore**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) offered overnight liquidity to the banking system of India with Rs **75,000 crore** against banks bid of around Rs 1.37 lakh crore through variable rate repo (**VRR**) auction under liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) and 25th January 2022 will be the date of reversal.

The auction will be conducted on Core Banking Solutions (CBS) (e-Kuber) platform with Rs.1 crore as minimum bid amount for the auction and the allotment would be in multiples of Rs.1 crore.

**65. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Lendingkart Technologies to provide MSME Loan?**

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Bank of India
- 3) Bank of Maharashtra
- 4) Bank of Baroda
- 5) Indian Bank

Answer- **3) Bank of Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**Lendingkart Technologies** Private Limited, a subsidiary of Lendingkart Finance, partnered with **Bank of Maharashtra** (BoM) to co-lend business loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) at low rates.

Aim – To make economical credit available to MSME borrowers which is powered by the 'zero touch' technology platform Lendingkart '2gthr'.

**66. 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.

**67. Which Small Finance Bank recently (in Jan'22) amalgamated with the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank)?**

- 1) Ujjivan SFB
- 2) Equitas SFB
- 3) Unity SFB
- 4) Capital SFB
- 5) A U SFB

Answer- **3) Unity SFB**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) announced the Government of India's approval for the amalgamation of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (**PMC Bank**) with Unity Small Finance Bank limited (**USFBL**), the 12th SFB of India.

i. The amalgamation came into force from **25th January 2022**.

ii. As per the amalgamation scheme, USFBL must transfer the amount received from the Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) to all eligible depositors of PMC Bank as an amount equal to the balance in their deposit accounts up to **Rs 5 lakh**, within a 90-days.

**68. Name the Company that recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Policybazaar.com to Offer Insurance Cover for Homemakers.**

- 1) Kotak Life Insurance
- 2) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- 3) SBI Life Insurance
- 4) HDFC Life Insurance
- 5) Max Life Insurance

Answer- **5) Max Life Insurance**

**Explanation:**

Max Life Insurance Company Limited (**Max Life**) has partnered with **Policybazaar.com** to offer its '**Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan**' on Policybazaar platform as an independent Insurance cover to homemakers.

i. Under the current insurance cover, the homemakers of the household with an annual income of over **Rs. 5 lakh** between **18 and 50 years** are eligible to buy the independent insurance cover from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 49 lakhs

**69. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with the Agri-tech start-up 'FAARMS' to offer Digital Insurance solutions to Farmers?**

- 1) Aviva Life Insurance
- 2) Reliance General Insurance
- 3) Exide Life Insurance
- 4) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- 5) Aegon Life Insurance

Answer- **2) Reliance General Insurance**

**Explanation:**

**FAARMS**, the Agri-tech start-up, partners with Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. (**RGICL**) and introduced customized digital insurance solutions for the rural population especially the farmers.

i. The partnership will enable the farmers and any individual from rural areas to easily access and choose from a range of health and cattle insurance on the FAARMS app through their smartphones.

**70. 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.

**71. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with India Infoline Securities Limited (IIFL) facilitating investment in the Stock Market?**

- 1) Mobikwik
- 2) Razorpay
- 3) LendingKart
- 4) Alphaniti
- 5) Coverfox

Answer- **4) Alphaniti**

**Explanation:**

**Alphaniti**, a Fintech company, partnered with India infoline Securities Limited (**IIFL**) to allow investors to invest and trade in stock offerings.



**i. Aim** – To allow direct investments by offering high-quality products at affordable costs through big data, deep domain expertise and technology for both India and the US markets across multiple asset classes.

**72. 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

**73. 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.

**74. RBI recently (in Jan'22) imposed a withdrawal restriction of Rs 1 lakh to Which banks ?**

- 1) Janata Cooperative Bank
- 2) Saraswat Cooperative Bank
- 3) Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank
- 4) Bharat Cooperative Bank
- 5) NKGSB Cooperative Bank

**Answer- 3) Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh including a cap of Rs 1 lakh on withdrawals.

- i. RBI issued the directions in the exercise of powers vested in it under sub section (1) of Section 35 A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act (As Applicable to Cooperative Societies), 1949.
- ii. The directions under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 would remain in force for a period of 6 months from the close of business on 28th January 2022 and are subject to review.

**75. 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.

## ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

**1. Government of India approved the issuance of 19th tranche of electoral bonds in January 2022.**

**Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Electoral Bonds?**

- A) The 19th tranche comes ahead of assembly elections in 5 states in 2022 - Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Goa.
- B) State Bank of India is the only authorized bank to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 specialized branches
- C) The Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced with the Finance Bill in 2017, later notified as the 'Electoral Bond Scheme 2018', making the 1st sale in March 2018.

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

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

**Explanation:**

Government approved the issuance of the **19th tranche** of electoral bonds on the account of **assembly elections** in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Goa.

- i. **State Bank of India** is **only authorized bank** to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 specialized branches

ii. The Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced with the **Finance Bill in 2017** while in 2018 it is notified as the '**Electoral Bond Scheme 2018**', making the first sale in March 2018.

**2. According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's Fiscal Deficit was decreased to \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of November 2021 (April-November).**

- 1) 50.7%
- 2) 46.2%
- 3) 52.0%
- 4) 42.7%
- 5) 48.9%

Answer- **2) 46.2%**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with India's Controller General of Accounts (**CGA**), the Central Government's fiscal deficit at the end of November 2021 (April-November) **decreased to 46.2%** due to revenues and rise in tax collections. It was 135.1% in November 2020.

i. In actual terms, the deficit stood at Rs 6.95 lakh crore against the annual estimate of Rs 15.06 lakh crore for FY22 or 6.8% of GDP.

**Note-** This was the lowest Central Government's deficit since FY98 in percentage terms of the full year's fiscal deficit

i. India Ratings expects fiscal deficit in FY22 to be 6.6% of GDP.

**3. In accordance with RBI's Balance of Payments (BoP) data, India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) for Q2 FY22 was \_\_\_\_\_ of GDP.**

- 1) 1.0%
- 2) 1.1%
- 3) 1.3%
- 4) 2.0%
- 5) 1.5%

Answer- **3) 1.3%**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Balance of Payments (BoP) data** for July-September 2021 (**Q2FY22**), India's Current Account Deficit (**CAD**) was **USD 9.6 billion** or **1.3% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product)**.

i. India's current account surplus stood at USD 6.6 billion or 0.9% of GDP in the April-June 2021 quarter (Q1FY22).

ii. The current account records the value of exports and imports of both goods and services along with international transfers of capital.

**4. In January 2022, CryptoWire launched India's 1st Global Index of Cryptocurrencies called \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) CIW5
- 2) 15IC
- 3) IWC5
- 4) ICW5
- 5) IC15

Answer- **5) IC15**

### Explanation:

India's 1st index of cryptocurrencies named 'IC15' was launched by **CryptoWire** to empower knowledge on the cryptocurrency and blockchain ecosystem.

- i. IC15 Index which is a rule-based broad market index by market capitalization will measure the performance of **15** widely traded liquid cryptocurrencies listed on exchanges across the world.
- ii. It will monitor the crypto assets such as Bitcoin, Ethereum, Binance coin, Solana, Cardano, Ripple, Terra, Dogecoin, and Shiba inu.

### About CryptoWire:

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**MD & CEO** – Jigish Sonagar

### 5. According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India Achieved the Highest Export of \_\_\_\_\_ in December 2021.

- 1) USD 20.56 Billion
- 2) USD 56.89 Million
- 3) USD 37.29 Billion
- 4) USD 29.8 Million
- 5) USD 49.92 Billion

Answer- **3) USD 37.29 Billion**

### Explanation:

As per the data of the **Ministry of commerce and industry**, India's merchandise export in December 2021 was about **USD 37.29 billion**, the highest ever monthly exports achievement.

- i. So far in FY22 (i.e. from April to December 2021) the exports rose by 48.85 percent to 299.74 billion dollars (over USD 201.37 billion in April-December 2020).
- ii. In FY22 (April-December, 2021) India has seen USD 179 billion services exports. India is expected to achieve the USD 400 billion merchandise exports target for FY22.

### 6. 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.

### 7. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) partnered with Hughes Communications India Private Limited (HCIPL) to provide satellite broadband services in India?

- 1) Vodafone Idea
- 2) Reliance Communications

- 3) Jio
- 4) Bharti Airtel
- 5) BSNL

Answer- **4) Bharti Airtel**

**Explanation:**

**Bharti Airtel Limited** and Hughes Communications India Private Limited (**HCIPL**), LLC (Hughes) announced a joint venture (JV) to provide satellite broadband services in India. The JV is Operational as HCIPL.

i. HCIPL will combine the Very Small Aperture Terminal (**VSAT**) business of both companies.

**About Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT):**

VSAT is a **two-way Satellite ground station** that transmits and receives data from satellites that provides satellite-based internet and telecom access to individuals and enterprise customers.

**Note-** HCIPL will hold a 67 percent stake in the joint venture, while Airtel will hold a 33 percent stake.

**8. Which company recently (in Jan'22) launched a Mega Bond sale & claimed it to be the largest-ever foreign currency bond issuance from India?**

- 1) Aditya Birla Group
- 2) Mahindra Group
- 3) Adani Group
- 4) L & T Group
- 5) Reliance Industries

Answer- **5) Reliance Industries**

**Explanation:**

**Reliance Industries Ltd** (RIL) launched a mega bond sale as it desired to raise USD 3 to 5 billion from offshore investors.

i. The sale is claimed as the **largest-ever foreign currency bond issuance from India** and 2022's first fundraising by an Indian company.

**About the Bonds:**

i. RIL has raised USD 4 billion by issuing US dollar bonds in three tranches of – 10 years, 30 years and 40 years.

ii. The bonds have been priced at 120 basis points (bps), 160 bps and 170 bps over the respective US Treasuries benchmark.

**9. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) selected by the Ministry of External Affairs to implement the 2nd Phase of the passport seva programme (PSP)?**

- 1) Infosys
- 2) Wipro
- 3) TCS
- 4) HCL Technologies
- 5) Tech Mahindra

Answer- **3) TCS**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**) selected Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (**TCS**) for implementing the **2nd phase** of the passport seva programme (**PSP**) –India's largest mission-critical e-governance programme.

i. TCS has been involved as a service provider in the Passport Seva Project for over **10 years**.

ii. In the second phase, TCS will refresh existing facilities and systems, and develop innovative new solutions for issuance of e-passports.

**Ministry of External Affairs (MEA):**

**Union Minister** – S Jaishankar (Constituency – Gujarat)

**Minister of State (MoS)** – V Muraleedharan (Constituency – Maharashtra), Meenakshi Lekhi (New Delhi, Delhi)

**10. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for FY22 that was released in January 2022?**

**A) The Ministry of Finance released the FAE of National Income at both Constant & Current Prices for FY22.**

**B) The growth in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or GDP at Constant Prices stood at 9.2% in FY22.**

**C) Per capita net national income in real terms is estimated to be Rs 1,07,589 crore in FY22, higher than Rs 1,06,975 crore in FY20.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Both A & B

5) Both B & C

**Answer- 2) Only B**

**Explanation:**

The National Statistical Office (**NSO**), Ministry of statistics and planning implementation (**MOSPI**) released the **FAE** of National Income at both Constant (2011-12) and Current Prices for FY22.

**i.** The growth in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or GDP at Constant Prices stood at **9.2%** in FY22.

**ii.** Per capita net national income in real terms is estimated to be Rs 1,06,975 crore in FY22, lower than Rs 1,07,589 crore in FY20.

**11. As per SBI's Ecowrap Report, India's Real GDP to grow up to \_\_\_\_\_ in FY22.**

1) 9.2%

2) 8.5%

3) 7.6%

4) 9.5%

5) 8.2%

**Answer- 4) 9.5%**

**Explanation:**

As per the report of State Bank of India's (**SBI**s) economic research team **Ecowrap**, India's Gross Domestic Product (**GDP**) growth in FY22 was estimated to be revised to around **9.5 percent**.

**Nominal GDP growth:**

**i.** The nominal GDP growth stands at 17.6 percent in FY22, which is the second-highest nominal growth achieved, compared to 19.9 percent in 2010-11 and 17.1 percent growth in 2006-07.

**About State Bank of India (SBI):**

**Chairman** – Dinesh Kumar Khara

**Establishment** – 1st July 1955

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra



**12. As per IHS Markit Ltd report (in Jan'22), \_\_\_\_\_ will become Asia's second-largest economy by 2030 by overtaking Japan.**

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) Philippines
- 3) India
- 4) Hong Kong
- 5) South Korea

**Answer- 3) India**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with IHS Markit Ltd report, **India** will overtake Japan as **Asia's second-largest economy by 2030**. India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is also projected to surpass that of Germany and the United Kingdom (UK) to rank as world's No.3.

i. Currently, India is the sixth-largest economy in the world, behind the United States (US), China, Japan, Germany and the UK.

ii. India's nominal GDP measured in USD terms projected an increase from \$2.7 trillion in 2021 to \$8.4 trillion by 2030.

**13. Which company recently (in Jan'22) signed an agreement with India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (India INX) to allow Indian clients to access the Russian market?**

- 1) Acron Group
- 2) Sova Capital
- 3) Alerus Financial
- 4) Alphabet
- 5) Pfizer

**Answer- 2) Sova Capital**

**Explanation:**

India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (**India INX**) signed an agreement with **Sova Capital**, an International Clearing Member of Moscow Exchange (**MOEX**), through its wholly owned subsidiary India INX Global Access IFSC, to allow Indian clients to access the Russian market.

i. The partnership will provide connection to all India INX Members and their clients to access all instruments on **MOEX**.

ii. **India INX Global Access IFSC Ltd** has launched a platform through which Indian clients can trade foreign stocks.

**About Sova Capital:**

Sova Capital is a United Kingdom (UK)-based and FCA-regulated broker dealer **Establishment** – 2007(as Otkritie Capital International Limited)

**Headquarters** – London, UK

**CEO** – Sergey Sukhanov

**14. Which country's Power Exchange Ltd recently (in Jan'22) signed an energy trading agreement with India's Manikaran Power Ltd to sell electricity?**

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Sri Lanka

Answer- 4) Nepal

**Explanation:**

Nepal Power Exchange Ltd (NPEL) signed an energy trading agreement with India's Manikaran Power Ltd to sell electricity produced by the domestic private sector to India through India's Manikaran Power.

- i. This is the **first** agreement between the private sectors of India and Nepal to facilitate power trading.
- ii. The agreement was signed during Nepal Power Market Summit 2022, which was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- iii. The agreement will allow Nepal to sell **500** Megawatt (MW) of electricity to India in the initial phase.

**15. Recently (In Jan'22) Ind-Ra, Citibank & ICICI Bank have announced revised estimates of India's GDP for FY22. What was the GDP forecast projected by Ind-Ra?**

- 1) 9%
- 2) 9.7%
- 3) 8.3%
- 4) 8.7%
- 5) 9.3%

Answer- 5) 9.3%

**Explanation:**

**Citigroup Inc.,** India Ratings & Research Private Limited (**Ind-Ra**) & **ICICI Bank Ltd.,** have lowered India's Gross Domestic Product estimates after the FAE of National Income at both Constant (2011-12) and Current Prices for FY22 released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MOSPI) In January, 2022.

| Rating Agency | Revised Projection |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Citibank      | 9%                 |
| India Ratings | 9.3%               |
| ICICI Bank    | 9.6%               |

**16. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the "Global Economic Prospects Report" that was released in January 2022?**

- A) The Report was released by the World Bank & predicts South Asian region to grow by 7.6% in 2022
- B) Global growth is expected to increase from 3.1 % in 2021 to 6.5 % in 2022.
- C) India's annual growth is projected at 8.3% in 2021, 8.7% in 2022 & 6.8% in 2023.

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

Answer- 4) Only A & C

**Explanation:**

Report was released by the **World Bank** & predicts South Asian region to grow by 7.6% in 2022

- i. Global growth is expected to **decline** from **5.5 percent in 2021** to **4.1 percent in 2022**.
- ii. India's annual growth is projected at **8.3% in 2021, 8.7% in 2022** & 6.8% in 2023.

**17. 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.

**18. In January 2022, UBS Securities revised India's GDP forecast to \_\_\_\_\_ from 9.5 % for FY22.**

- 1) 9.2%
- 2) 9.3%
- 3) 9.0%
- 4) 8.9%
- 5) 9.1%

**Answer- 5) 9.1%**

**Explanation:**

Switzerland based brokerage **UBS Securities** has revised India's growth forecast for the current financial year (FY22) downwards to **9.1 percent** from **9.5 percent** due to increased cases in Omicron infections, closely equal to the recent NSO forecast to 9.2 percent.

**i.** FY23 as it has revised the real GDP forecast upwards to 8.2 percent from 7.7 percent.

**Other GDP Forecasts for FY22:**

- World Bank - 8.3 percent
- Reserve Bank of India - 9.5 percent

**19. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with South Korea's POSCO to Explore Business in Steel & Renewable Energy?**

- 1) Bajaj Group
- 2) Tata Group
- 3) L&T Group
- 4) Adani Group
- 5) Reliance Industries

**Answer- 4) Adani Group**

**Explanation:**

**Adani Group** has signed a non-binding **MoU** with **POSCO**, a South Korean steel-making company, to explore business cooperation opportunities in sectors like Steel, Renewable energy and others.

The investment under the MoU is estimated to be up to **USD 5 billion (~Rs 37000 crore)**.

### About POSCO:

POSCO (formerly Pohang Iron and Steel Co., Ltd) was launched on 1st April 1968.

**CEO-** Jeong-Woo Choi

**Headquarters-** Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk, Republic of Korea(South Korea)

**20. As per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), India's Inflation rate is \_\_\_\_\_ in December 2021, which is highest in the last 5 months.**

- 1) 6.06%
- 2) 5.59%
- 3) 8.47%
- 4) 7.46%
- 5) 6.44%

Answer- **2) 5.59%**

### **Explanation:**

As per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (**MoSPI**), India's benchmark inflation rate, measured by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**), firmed up to **5.59 percent** year-on-year in December 2021 (highest in 5 months) from 4.91 percent in November 2021.

i. Thus the CPI has remained within the RBI's tolerance level for the 6th consecutive month.

### About Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)

**Ministers of state (independent Charges)** - Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurugram, Haryana)

**21. 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.**

**22. Which of the following country recently (in Jan'22) launched Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with India?**

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) United Kingdom
- 3) China
- 4) Indonesia

5) United States

Answer- **2) United Kingdom**

**Explanation:**

The government of the United Kingdom (**UK**) launched free trade agreement (**FTA**) **negotiations** with India. This negotiation was described as a “golden opportunity” to put British businesses at the “front of the queue” of the Indian economy.

i. Under the negotiations, the UK wants an agreement to remove barriers and to cut tariffs on exports of British-made cars and Scotch whisky. The first round of negotiations was agreed to begin on 17 January 2022.

ii. It boosts bilateral trade by up to GBP 28 billion a year by 2035 and increases wages by up to GBP 3 billion across the UK.

**23. As per the data of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India’s merchandise exports in December 2021 has increased to \_\_\_\_\_ on an annual basis to USD 37.81 billion.**

1) 40.9%

2) 38.91%

3) 35.8%

4) 33.7%

5) 42.5%

Answer- **2) 38.91%**

**Explanation:**

As per the data of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**) India’s merchandise exports in December 2021 increased to **38.91** percent on an annual basis to USD 37.81 billion, the highest-ever monthly figure.

**24. 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.

**25. Which Company recently (in Jan’22) launched 2 new programmes called Leap Ahead & Leap Innovation Network to identify market opportunities for startups?**

1) Flipkart

2) Amazon

3) JioMart

4) Snapdeal

5) Reliance Digital

Answer- **1) Flipkart**

**Explanation:**

On the occasion of the National Startup Day 2022 (January 16), **Flipkart** announced the evolution of Flipkart Leap, Flipkart's flagship startup accelerator programme, to identify wider and relevant market opportunities for its selected startups.

i. The Flipkart Leap has evolved into 2 new programmes: **Flipkart Leap Ahead (FLA)** and **Flipkart Leap Innovation Network (FLIN)**.

**26. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) signed a MoU with the NIF Incubation and Entrepreneurship Council (NIFentreC) to empower Grassroot Entrepreneurs?**

1) Flipkart

2) Wipro

3) TCS

4) Amazon India

5) Microsoft

Answer- **4) Amazon India**

**Explanation:**

**Amazon India** signed a MoU with the NIF Incubation and Entrepreneurship Council (**NIFentreC**), a technology business incubator hosted by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) to Empower Grassroot Entrepreneurs local economy, and livelihoods across rural India.

i. **Signatories** – The MoU was signed by Er Rakesh Maheshwari, Executive Director, NIFentreC, and Sumit Sahay, Director, Amazon Seller Services Private Limited (ASSPL).

**27. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) signed a 6-year distribution agreement with OneWeb to provide satellite broadband services across India?**

1) Lumen Technologies

2) EchoStar

3) Hughes Network Systems

4) Viasat

5) AT&T

Answer- **3) Hughes Network Systems**

**Explanation:**

Bharti Airtel Group-backed **OneWeb**, a global communications company and **Hughes Network Systems** have signed a 6-year distribution agreement to provide satellite broadband services across India.

i. The service will be provided by Hughes Communications India Private Ltd.

**28. In January 2022, India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) estimated India's GDP growth at \_\_\_\_\_ in FY23.**

1) 7.8%

2) 7.6%

3) 6.9%

4) 7.2%

5) 8.2%

Answer- **2) 7.6%**



**Explanation:**

India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) estimated India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in **FY23 at 7.6 percent**, which will be 9.1 percent higher than the FY20 (pre-COVID-19) level.

i. The size of the Indian economy was expected to be 10.2 percent lower than the FY23 GDP trend value.

**29. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) signed an agreement with the Fluence to set up a joint venture (JV) to provide Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) solutions in India?**

- 1) Vikram Solar
- 2) ReNew Power
- 3) Azure Power
- 4) Suzlon Energy
- 5) Tata Power

**Answer- 2) ReNew Power**

**Explanation:**

**ReNew Power** has signed an agreement with the United States (US) based **Fluence** to form a 50:50 joint venture (JV) to provide **BESS (Battery Energy Storage System)** solutions to customers of the Indian market.

i. It will provide a solution to ReNew, with 150 MWh (megawatt hour) BESS required for its 300 MW (Mega Watt) peak power project in Karnataka.

**30. Name the company that recently (in Jan'22) signed a pact with the University of Oulu, Finland to accelerate research in 6G Technology.**

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

**Answer- 3) Jio Platforms**

**Explanation:**

Jio Platforms (JPL) signed a pact with the University of Oulu, Finland, to accelerate research and standardization in 6G technology.

i. JPL and the University of Oulu will collaborate in Research and Development (R&D) of aerial and space communication, holographic beamforming, 3D-connected intelligence in cybersecurity, microelectronics, and photonics.

**31. Which country recently (in Jan'22) became the World's largest exporter of Cucumber and Gherkins?**

- 1) UAE
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Nepal
- 4) India
- 5) Sri Lanka

**Answer- 4) India**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that **India** has exported \$114 million worth of Cucumber & Gherkins in April-October 2021 to become the **World's largest exporter of Cucumber and Gherkins**.

- i. In the financial year 2020-21 (FY21), India crossed the export of worth \$200 million of agricultural processed product, pickling gherkins, cucumber or cornichons.
- ii. India had shipped over 2,23,515 tonnes of cucumber and gherkins worth \$223 million in FY21.

**32. International Monetary Fund Recently (in Jan'22) projected India's Gross Domestic Product to \_\_\_\_\_ for FY22.**

- 1) 8.5%
- 2) 7.8%
- 3) 8.8%
- 4) 9%
- 5) 9.5%

Answer- **4) 9%**

**Explanation:**

The International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) of January 2022 has downgraded India's economic growth forecast to **9%** for **FY22** (ending on March 31, 2022) from 9.5% projected in October 2021.

- i. IMF also projected a GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth of India at 7.1% for FY23 (April 2022 to March 2023).
- ii. This IMF estimate for India's growth is lower than the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) prediction of 9.5% and India's National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) estimate of 9.2% in FY22.

**33. Which country recently (in Jan'22) set up \$150-million worth Venture Capital along with India to boost Start-up Ecosystem?**

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) South Korea
- 3) Japan
- 4) Israel
- 5) UAE

Answer- **5) UAE**

**Explanation:**

The Chairman of Startup Committee of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) & HCL founder, Dr Ajai Chowdhry launched the **India-United Arab Emirates (UAE) Venture Capital (VC) Fund** of worth \$150 million from the India Pavilion at EXPO2020 Dubai, UAE.

- i. The VC aims to promote growth and investment on startups in India & UAE. It will be funded by investors across UAE, India and members of GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries.

**34. 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.

**35. 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.

**36. 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.

## MoUs AND AGREEMENTS

**1. Which of the following Organizations recently (in Dec'21) signed an MoU with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini- Nation First Policy Research Centre (RMP-NFPRC) to strengthen the development of Tribal Population?**

- 1) TRIFED
- 2) National Cooperative Development Corporation
- 3) National Cooperative Union of India
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 1 & 3

**Answer- 1) TRIFED**

**Explanation:**

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (**TRIFED**) signed a MoU with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini- Nation First Policy Research Centre (**RMP-NFPRC**) to leverage knowledge, expertise and institutional strengths.

- i. This MoU was signed to assess and review several government schemes like **Van Dhan Yojana**.
- ii. Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce (**MSP for MFP**) scheme, is another key scheme of TRIFED, established under 'The Forest Rights Act' of **2005** which aims to provide fair prices to tribal gatherers of forest produce.

**2. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha (IPICOL) for the production of eco-friendly fuels in Odisha?**

- 1) ONGC
- 2) GAIL
- 3) HPCL
- 4) SAIL
- 5) NTPC

**Answer- 2) GAIL**

**Explanation:**

The Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha (**IPICOL**) signed an MoU with **GAIL** India for the production of eco-friendly fuels in Odisha.

- i. Both entities will cooperate in the areas of green hydrogen, green ammonia and renewable energy (solar/wind).

**3. In January 2022, NHPC Limited signed an agreement with GEDCOL to form a joint Venture to set up a 500 MW floating solar power project in which state?**

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Rajasthan

**Answer- 4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

NHPC Limited has signed a promoter's agreement with Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha Ltd (GEDCOL) to form a JV for setting up a 500-megawatt (MW) floating solar power project in **Odisha**.

- i. In this, NHPC will hold a 74% stake, while GEDCOL holds 26%.
- ii. The JV will have an authorized share capital of Rs 500 crore divided into 50 crore shares of Rs 10 each.

**4. The Jammu & Kashmir government recently (in Jan'22) signed a MoU with LuLu Group International to establish the Food Processing and Logistics hub in \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Baramulla
- 2) Srinagar
- 3) Anantnag
- 4) Kupwara
- 5) Budgam

Answer- **2) Srinagar**

**Explanation:**

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government signed a MoU with LuLu Group International to establish the Food Processing and Logistics hub in **Srinagar**.

- i. The LG inaugurated the Jammu and Kashmir promotion week at the LuLu Hypermarket in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- ii. The GI-tagged saffron of J&K was launched at LuLu Hypermarket.

**5. 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.

**6. Which country recently (in Jan'22) signed an agreement with India to redevelop the Strategic Trincomalee Oil Tank Complex?**

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Philippines
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Indonesia

**Answer- 3) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

**Sri Lanka** signed an agreement with **India** to jointly redevelop the strategic World War II-era **Trincomalee Oil Tank Complex**, commonly known as the Trinco Oil Tank Farm in Srilanka's eastern port district of Trincomalee for a lease period of 50 years.

i. The 85 tanks out of the 99 tanks will now be under the Sri Lankan control which was previously under the control of India.

**About Trincomalee Oil Tank Complex:**

i. The facility, built by the British during World War II as a refueling station with 99 storage tanks that has the capacity of 12,000 kilolitres each.

ii. It has the oil storage capacity of nearly 8 million barrels of oil

**7. Which of the following countries recently (in Jan'22) signed a defence treaty called Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) to counter china?**

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Japan
- 3) Australia
- 4) Both 1 & 3
- 5) Both 2 & 3

**Answer- 5) Both 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

**Japan and Australia** signed a 'landmark' defence treaty named the Reciprocal Access Agreement (**RAA**) to counter China's expansionary military and economic policies.

i. The treaty or RAA will enhance the interoperability and cooperation between the two countries.

ii. It is the second deal signed between Japan & Australia after Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD).

**About Japan:**

**Currency-** Japanese Yen

**Capital-** Tokyo

**Prime minister** – Fumio Kishida

**8. In January 2022, Karnataka Government signed an MoU with LNG Alliance to set up its 1st Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Belagavi
- 2) Bhubaneswar
- 3) Mangaluru
- 4) Mysuru
- 5) Vijayapura

**Answer- 3) Mangaluru**



**Explanation:**

The **government of Karnataka** and the **LNG Alliance** have signed a MoU to set up Karnataka's 1st Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal in Mangaluru, Karnataka.

- i. The terminal will be developed in association with the New Mangalore Port Trust (**NMPT**) with an investment of Rs **2250 crore**.
- ii. The LNG alliance has proposed to develop an LNG import terminal with an initial capacity of 4 Million Tons Per Annum (MTPA) with the potential for expansion up to 8 MTPA in line with the estimated demand increase over the next 2 decades.

**9. Which state government recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to set up a 'Rs.2000 Crore Dairy Joint venture'?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Assam
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- **2) Assam**

**Explanation:**

The **Assam** Government signed an MoU with National Dairy Development Board (**NDDB**) for holistic dairy development to set up a Joint venture (**JV**) worth Rs.2000 Crore which aims at processing 10 Lakh liters of milk through 6 new milk processing units in 7 years.

- i. The JV will be guided, monitored and mentored by NDDB.

**Other Launch:**

Purabi Dairy expansion project is launched under World Bank-funded Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transportation Project (APART) which would increase its production capacity from 60 to 150 thousand liters per day (TLPD).

**10. Name the State/UT that recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with Century Financial for 100 million USD Investment.**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **3) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

The Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) government signed a **MoU** with **Century Financial**, which will invest **USD 100 million** in J&K.

- i. The event was presided over by the Lieutenant Governor of J&K – **Manoj Sinha**.
- ii. **Signatories:** The MoU was signed by Principal Secretary, Industries of J&K, Ranjan Prakash Thakur and Bal Krishen, Owner of Century Financial.

**11. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with Technology Development Board (TDB) to provide clean drinking water at lower price?**

- 1) Patanjali Divya Jal
- 2) Evocus

- 3) Alkalen
- 4) Swajal Water
- 5) Kinely

Answer- **4) Swajal Water**

**Explanation:**

A MoU was signed between Technology Development Board (**TDB**), a statutory body of the Department of S&T and **Swajal Water Private Limited** to provide clean drinking water at a lower price than the market price.

i. Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh launched Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) driven Start-Up by Indian Institute Technology (**IIT**) **alumni** for water purification through innovative technology with financial support from TDB.

**12. Which State government recently signed (in Jan'22) an MoU with Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to invest Rs 5.955 lakh crore in various projects under the Investment Promotion Activity (IPA)?**

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

The Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) signed a MoU with the **Government of Gujarat** of investment **Rs 5.955 lakh** crore in various projects as part of the Investment Promotion Activity (**IPA**) for **Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2022**.

i. RIL will help in setting up **100 GW Renewable Energy Power Plant** and **Green Hydrogen Eco-System** in Gujarat in a 10-15 years span.

ii. A 100 GW renewable energy power project started in Kutch, Banaskantha and Dholera of Gujarat.

**About Reliance Industries Limited (RIL):**

**CEO-** Mukesh Ambani

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharasht

**13. Which Bank signed an MoU (in Jan'22) with IIM Kozhikode's - Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) to launch a start-up funding scheme 'IndSpring Board'?**

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) State Bank of India

Answer - **4) Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

As part of the Start-up India Innovation Week, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode's (IIMK) business incubator, Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (**LIVE**), and **Indian Bank** has signed an MoU to launch a start-up funding scheme '**IndSpring Board**' to support early-stage start-ups with loans up to **Rs 50 crore**.

**14. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) signed a MoU with the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) to Promote Good Governance Across All Programmes and Schemes?**

- 1) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy
- 2) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- 3) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy Of Administration
- 4) Indian Institute of Governance and Leadership
- 5) Indian Statistical Institute

**Answer- 2) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj**

**Explanation:**

The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (**NIRDPR**) has signed a MoU with the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), New Delhi to promote inclusive good governance, strengthen local institutions and effective implementation of government programmes.

**15. Which University recently (in Jan'22) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship to link Vocational Education & Training with Higher Education?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University
- 2) Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University
- 3) Indira Gandhi National Open University
- 4) Netaji Subhas Open University
- 5) Dr B R Ambedkar Open University

**Answer- 3) Indira Gandhi National Open University**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (**MSDE**) signed a 10-year long MoU with Indira Gandhi National Open University (**IGNOU**) to further strengthen the vocational and technical training framework.

**i.** This MoU is on the lines of **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.4.**

**ii. A Project Steering Committee** with representatives from both **MSDE** and **IGNOU** will monitor and review the progress of the programme.

**iii.** Under this partnership, 32 NSTIs, more than 3,000 Government ITIs, 500 PMKKs and nearly 300 JSS will join hands with IGNOU as Registration Centers, Examination Centers and Work Centers for hands-on training.

**16. 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.

**17. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) signed a MoU with the Insurance Institute of India (III) for Capacity Building of Insurance Sectors?**

- 1) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority
- 4) International Financial Services Centers Authority
- 5) India International Exchange

Answer- **4) International Financial Services Centers Authority**

**Explanation:**

The International Financial Services Centers Authority (**IFSCA**) signed a **MOU** with the Insurance Institute of India (**III**) for capacity building of insurance professionals in International Financial Services Centers (IFSCs).

**About Insurance Institute of India (III):**

Insurance Institute of India formerly known as Federation of Insurance Institutes (J.C. Setalvad Memorial).

**Parent Ministry**– Ministry of Finance

**President**– Devesh Srivastava

**Headquarter**– Mumbai, Maharashtra

**18. 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.

**19. Name the Company that recently (in Jan'22) signed a partnership agreement with NAFED to train FPOs of Maharashtra in Quality Assessment of Pulses.**

- 1) Marico Limited
- 2) AgNext Technologies
- 3) Mondelez India
- 4) Vadilal Industries
- 5) LT Foods

Answer- **2) AgNext Technologies**

**Explanation:**

**AgNext Technologies** signed a **partnership agreement** with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (**NAFED**) to organize a virtual training and awareness programme for the **FPOs** (Farmer Producer Organizations) of Maharashtra on pulse quality assessment.

**20. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) signed a MoU with India's Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for advancement in Global Human Health?**

- 1) Elles Bougent
- 2) ANCIC
- 3) Institut Pasteur
- 4) Fondation Napoléon
- 5) Agessa

Answer- **3) Institut Pasteur**

**Explanation:**

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**) (India) and **Institut Pasteur** (France) signed a **MoU** towards advancement in **Global Human Health**.

**i. Aim** – To develop scientific & technological (S&T) cooperation and networking in advanced and emerging areas of Human Health between scientists and institutes/laboratories of CSIR and Institut Pasteur and its international network.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

**1. Who was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar by replacing Tripurari Sharan?**

- 1) Rajeeva Swarup
- 2) Atul Prasad
- 3) P. Ravi Kumar
- 4) Amir Subhani
- 5) B. P. Gopalika

Answer- **4) Amir Subhani**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the General Administration Department of Bihar's notification, **Amir Subhani**, appointed as the **new Chief Secretary of Bihar** w.e.f. January 1, 2022 succeeding **Tripurari Sharan** who retires on December 31, 2021.

**i.** Prior to this, Amir Subhani was serving as **Bihar's development commissioner**. He will retire in **April 2024**.

**2. In December 2021, Mohamed Hussein Roble, Prime Minister of \_\_\_\_\_ country was suspended by the President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed for the allegation of corruption.**

- 1) Uganda
- 2) Rwanda
- 3) Somalia
- 4) Sudan
- 5) Belize

**Answer- 3) Somalia**

**Explanation:**

**Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed**, President of Somalia, widely known as Farmaajo, has suspended **PM Mohamed Hussein Roble** over allegations of corruption, misuse of public land and trade allegations over the holding up of parliamentary elections.

i. The president has also suspended Brigadier General Abdihamid Mohamed Dirir, the commander of the Somali Navy.

ii. The PM and the marine forces commander are suspended until corruption investigations are complete.

**3. 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.**

**4. Prime Minister (PM) Abdalla Hamdok Al-Kinani recently (in Jan'22) announced resignation after facing Political deadlock & protests. He was the PM of which country?**

- 1) Belize
- 2) Somalia
- 3) Sudan
- 4) Rwanda
- 5) Uganda

**Answer- 3) Sudan**

**Explanation:**

The PM of **Sudan, Abdalla Hamdok Al-Kinani** announced resignation due to political deadlock and protests in the capital city Khartoum, Sudan. This protest comes amid Sudan's political transition to democracy.



- i. Previously, Abdalla Hamdok was appointed as the Prime Minister of Sudan, after the overthrow of Dictator Omar al-Bashir who ruled the country for 30 years.
- ii. The protest arose against the deal signed by the PM in November 2021 for **sharing of power with the army**.

#### About Abdalla Hamdok:

He became the **15th** PM of Sudan in 2019, Prior to which, He served as the Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

#### **5. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the New Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) by succeeding Rajiv Ranjan Mishra?**

- 1) D.P. Mathuria
- 2) G Asok Kumar
- 3) Ashok Kumar Singh
- 4) Binod Kumar
- 5) Pravin kumar

Answer- **2) G Asok Kumar**

#### **Explanation:**

The Additional Secretary under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, **G Asok Kumar** was appointed as the **new Director General** of National Mission for Clean Ganga (**NMCG**) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. He succeeded Director General, Rajiv Ranjan Mishra.

i. He is popularly known as '**the Rain Man of India**' for his excellent work in rainwater harvesting under the "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign.

#### Awards:

- He received the SKOCH Award for Public Services in 2021

#### **6. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the '1st woman Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)' of ONGC?**

- 1) Roopa Kudva
- 2) Alka Mittal
- 3) Roshni Nadar
- 4) Aruna Jayanthi
- 5) Soma Mondal

Answer- **2) Alka Mittal**

#### **Explanation:**

The Human Resources (HR) Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), **Alka Mittal** was appointed as the **1st woman** Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of **ONGC**, on additional charge.

i. Alka Mittal succeeded Subhash Kumar who retired on December 31 2021.

ii. She will hold the position as the CMD for **6 months** or until a regular appointment for the post is announced.

iii. She was appointed HR Director of ONGC in December 2018 and she was also the 1st woman to hold the post as a full-time director in the board of ONGC's history.

#### **7. 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.

**8. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the 'new Executive Directors (ED) of RBI' with effect from 3rd January 2022?**

- 1) Deepak Kumar
- 2) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- 3) Rajeshwar Rao
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **4) Both 1 & 2**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **Deepak Kumar**, Chief General Manager, Department of Information Technology, RBI and **Ajay Kumar Choudhary**, Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Supervision, RBI, as the **new Executive Directors (ED) of RBI** with effect from 3rd January 2022.

**9. Who was recently (in Jan'22) Re-appointed as the Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)?**

- 1) Ashok Gulati
- 2) Vijay Paul Sharma
- 3) Naveen Prakash Singh
- 4) Biplab Dasgupta
- 5) Ramesh Chand

Answer- **2) Vijay Paul Sharma**

**Explanation:**

The Central government has reappointed **Vijay Paul Sharma** as **Chairman** of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (**CACP**) after he resigned in May 2021 completing his five-year term (2016-2021).

**About Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:**

**Union Minister-** Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, Madhya Pradesh)

**Minister of State-** Shobha Karandlaje (Udupi Chikmagalur, Karnataka), Kailash Choudhary (Barmer, Rajasthan)

**10. 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**.

**11. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the 'Ambassador of the All Women Match Official Team' by Legends League Cricket (LLC)?**

- 1) Jhulan Goswami
- 2) Deepti Sharma
- 3) Smriti Mandhana
- 4) Mithali Raj
- 5) Harmanpreet Kaur

**Answer- 1) Jhulan Goswami**

**Explanation:**

Legends League Cricket (LLC) appointed **Jhulan Goswami** as an **Ambassador to its All Women Match Official Team** to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives of the LLC and to increase participation of women in cricket.

i. The LLC set up an All Women Match Official Team for the League. This is the first of its all women official teams that would officiate an entire men's league.

ii. The All Women Match Official Team will have female umpires and match referees from all across the world.

**12. Name the personality from India who recently (in Jan'22) named as 'the new Chair of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee' for 2022.**

- 1) Ajai Malhotra
- 2) TS Tirumurti
- 3) Syed Akbaruddin
- 4) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- 5) Vikas Swarup

**Answer- 2) TS Tirumurti**

**Explanation:**

India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), **TS Tirumurti** will Chair the United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee (UNCTC) for 2022.

i. India will make efforts in strengthening the multilateral response to counter-terrorism.

### **About United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee (UNCTC):**

- i. The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UN CTC) consisted all 15 members (Permanent and Non-permanent) of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Note – Currently, India is a non-permanent member of the UNSC, and its term ends on 31st December 2022.
- ii. It was established by Resolution 1373 on 28 September 2001 as counter measure of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York (United states).
- iii. The committee has another arm Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), established in 2004 for its support.

### **13. Who was recently (in Jan'22) elected as the new president of the Chile Constitutional Assembly?**

- 1) Isabel Godoy
- 2) Maria Elisa Quinteros
- 3) Sebastian Piñera
- 4) Patricia Politzer
- 5) Harry Jurgensen

Answer- **2) Maria Elisa Quinteros**

#### **Explanation:**

The members of the Chilean constitutional assembly have elected epidemiologist **Maria Elisa Quinteros** as the **new president of the assembly** which is tasked to draft the new Constitution of the Republic of Chile.

- i. Maria Elisa Quinteros will replace Indigenous Mapuche professor and activist Elisa Loncon, the inaugural president of the constitutional assembly.

### **About the Chilean constitutional assembly:**

- i. The Constitutional Convention is the constituent body of Chile, which is in charge of drafting a new Political Constitution of the country following the approval of the national election held in October 2020.
- ii. The constitutional assembly has 9 months, extendable for an additional 3 months, to draft the new constitution.

### **14. 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

**15. 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.

**16. In January 2022, who was named as the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan?**

- 1) Hermes Lima
- 2) Daniel Ortega
- 3) Sergio Mattarella
- 4) Petr Fiala
- 5) Alikhan Smailov

**Answer- 5) Alikhan Smailov**

#### **Explanation:**

Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev nominated **Alikhan Smailov** as the **PM of Kazakhstan** and the lower house of parliament also voted in favour of him during a session that broadcasted live on state television.

- i. Alikhan Smailov was appointed as the acting Prime Minister on 5 January 2022 following the resignation of the Askar Mamin Cabinet during the ongoing violent 2022 Kazakh protests.
- ii. Alikhan Smailov has served as First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2019.

**17. Who won the Presidential election of Nicaragua (in Jan'22) to take over his 5th Presidential term?**

- 1) Daniel Ortega
- 2) Abdalla Hamdok
- 3) Rumen Radev
- 4) Sergio Mattarella
- 5) Petr Fiala

**Answer- 1) Daniel Ortega**

#### **Explanation:**

Nicaraguan President **Daniel Ortega**, leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), was sworn in for a new presidential term. This marks his **5th term and 4th consecutive term as the President of Nicaragua**. He will remain in the office until January 2027.

**18. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Adani Powers with effect from 11th January 2022.**

- 1) Mahesh Singh
- 2) Shersingh B Khyalia
- 3) Samarendra Nath Roy
- 4) Mohammed Shayin
- 5) P. C. Meena

**Answer- 2) Shersingh B Khyalia**

**Explanation:**

The Board of Directors of Adani Power Limited (APL), a subsidiary of Adani Group, approved the appointment of **Shersingh B Khyalia** as the **CEO of Adani Powers** with effect from 11th January 2022.

**About Adani Power Limited (APL):**

**CEO-** Shersingh B Khyalia

**Headquarters-** Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Incorporated** on 22nd August 1996

**19. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of RenewBuy?**

- 1) Shah Rukh Khan
- 2) RajKummar Rao
- 3) Kartik Aaryan
- 4) Ayushmann Khurrana
- 5) Kriti Sanon

**Answer- 2) RajKummar Rao**

**Explanation:**

RenewBuy has appointed **RajKummar Rao** as the brand ambassador for its 1st 360-degree consumer advertisement campaign that highlights consumer's insurance needs.

**Other Initiatives:**

BikeWo, Hyderabad-based electric two-wheeler charging infra provider appoints movie actor Venkatesh Daggubati as its Strategic Investor and Brand Ambassador, as it aims to install 20,000 Electric Vehicle(Ev) charging points across India by 2025.

**20. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the Economic Counsellor & Head of Research Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by succeeding Gita Gopinath?**

- 1) Enrico Moretti
- 2) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
- 3) Thomas Piketty
- 4) Emmanuel Saez
- 5) Yuriy Gorodnichenko

**Answer- 2) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas**

**Explanation:**

University of California-Berkeley economist **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas** has been appointed as the Economic Counsellor and Head of Research Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

**i.** He will succeed Gita Gopinath, who is set to join the IMF's management team as First Deputy Managing Director.

**ii.** He is also Program Director of International Finance and Macroeconomics at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).



**21. 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.

**22. 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.

**23. In January 2022, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) was appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as India's Chef de Mission for Commonwealth Games 2022 & \_\_\_\_\_ as India's Chef de Mission for Asian Games 2022.**

- 1) Rakesh Anand; Sandip Pradhan
- 2) Bhupender Singh Bajwa; Rakesh Anand
- 3) Rakesh Anand; Bhupender Singh Bajwa
- 4) Bhupender Singh Bajwa; Sandip Pradhan
- 5) Rakesh Anand; Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.

Answer- **3) Rakesh Anand; Bhupender Singh Bajwa**

**Explanation:**

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced the appointment of **Rakesh Anand** as India's Chef de Mission for Commonwealth Games 2022 (**CWG 2022**) and **Bhupender Singh Bajwa** was appointed as India's Chef de Mission for **Asian Games 2022**.

- i. The CWG 2022 games will be organized in Birmingham, United Kingdom (UK) from July 28 to August 8, 2022 and Asian Games 2022 will be organized in Hangzhou, China from September 10 to 25, 2022.
- ii. Rakesh Anand is IOA senior vice-president ; Bhupender Singh Bajwa is President of the Wushu Association of India.

**24. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as the Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) by succeeding Dr A Sakthivel.**

- 1) Sekhar Sashi Edayath
- 2) Shailesh Suresh kumar
- 3) Suresh Deviprasad
- 4) Narendra Kumar Goenka
- 5) Arunkumar Sajjan kumar

**Answer- 4) Narendra Kumar Goenka**

**Explanation:**

**Narendra Kumar Goenka**, Founder and MD of Texport Industries Pvt Ltd took charge as the **Chairman** of the **AEPC**, under the aegis of the Ministry of Textile by succeeding Padma Shri Dr A Sakthivel, who has served as the AEPC Chairman since January 2020.

i. Dr A Sakthivel is the Chairman and MD of Poppys Knitwear Pvt. Ltd

**25. 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.

**26. 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).

**27. 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.

**28. The Universal Acceptance Steering Group was recently (in Jan'22) appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as its UA Ambassador.**

- 1) Divya Gokulnath
- 2) Ritesh Agarwal
- 3) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- 4) Aman Masjide
- 5) Sachin Bansal

**Answer- 3) Vijay Shekhar Sharma**

**Explanation:**

Vijay Shekhar Sharma was appointed as UA Ambassador by the Universal Acceptance Steering Group.

Vijay Shekhar Sharma is the founder of Paytm.

i. **Universal Acceptance Steering Group**, is an international organization that works on developing and recommending standards for languages script which are not currently used for accessing the internet.

ii. The group is supported by the global internet body, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (**ICANN**).

**29. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the 17th Chairman of the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) Limited?**

- 1) Balvinder Singh Nakai
- 2) A.K Yadav
- 3) Sheesh Pal Singh
- 4) Dileep Sanghani
- 5) US Awasthi

**Answer- 4) Dileep Sanghani**

**Explanation:**

The board of Directors of the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (**IFFCO**) Limited has elected **Dileep Sanghani**, the former cabinet Minister of Gujarat as the **17th Chairman of IFFCO**.

i. The elections were held due to the demise of incumbent chairman Balvinder Singh Nakai.

- ii. He has been serving as the Vice-Chairman of IFFCO since 2019. & serving as the Chairman of the Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (GUJCOMASOL) since 2017.
- iii. He is also serving as the President of the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), the apex body of the Cooperatives in India, since 2021.

**30. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the independent Chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity SFB) by RBI?**

- 1) V. N Kaul
- 2) Rajiv Mehrishi
- 3) Vinod Rai
- 4) Gyan Prakash
- 5) Shashi Kant Sharma

**Answer- 3) Vinod Rai**

**Explanation:**

RBI approved the appointment of former comptroller and auditor general (CAG) of India, Vinod Rai as independent chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity SFB).

**Other appointed board members** – Former central bank official Sandip Ghose; former chairman and managing director of Syndicate Bank and former deputy managing director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) Basant Seth; and former RBL Bank chairman Subhash Kutte.

**31. 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.

**32. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) for a period of 3 years?**

- 1) Romila Thapar
- 2) Raghuvendra Tanwar
- 3) Ram Sharan Sharma
- 4) Tapan Raychaudhuri
- 5) Irfan Habib

**Answer- 2) Raghuvendra Tanwar**

**Explanation:**

The government of India (GoI) has appointed **Raghuvendra Tanwar**, Professor emeritus of Kurukshetra University (KU), as the chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) for a **period of 3 years** from the day he assumes office or until further orders.

**33. Name the President of Armenia who recently (in Jan'22) resigned from office due to the country's national crisis.**

- 1) Serzh Sargsyan
- 2) Armen Sarkissian
- 3) Robert Kocharyan
- 4) Alen Simonyan
- 5) Levon Ter-Petrosyan

**Answer- 2) Armen Sarkissian**

**Explanation:**

The President of Armenia, **Armen Sarkissian** has resigned from his presidential position because his office was unable to influence policy during times of national crisis. He became President in 2018.

i. Armenia's political crisis followed the war between Armenia and its rival Azerbaijan for control of the disputed **Nagorno-Karabakh region**.

**34. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the chairperson of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) Adjudicating Authority ?**

- 1) Ajay Gupta
- 2) Vijendra Singh
- 3) Athish Matur
- 4) Vinodanand Jha
- 5) Abhisekh Kumar

**Answer- 4) Vinodanand Jha**

**Explanation:**

The Union Finance Ministry appointed **Vinodanand Jha** as the chairperson of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (**PMLA**) **Adjudicating Authority**, New Delhi, Delhi till the completion of his tenure i.e. upto 22nd June 2023.

**About Vinodanand Jha:**

i. Vinodanand Jha was appointed as the chairperson after he retired from service as the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax in Pune, Maharashtra.

ii. He has been serving as the Member (Finance and Accounts) in the Adjudicating Authority under PMLA, 2002 since September 2018.

**35. Who was recently (In Jan'22) appointed as the '1st female judge' of Pakistan's Supreme Court?**

- 1) Hina Jilani
- 2) Asma Jahangir
- 3) Anusha Rahman
- 4) Ayesha Malik
- 5) Fahmida Naz

**Answer- 4) Ayesha Malik**

**Explanation:**

Justice **Ayesha Malik** has been sworn in as **Pakistan's 1st female Supreme Court judge** in Islamabad, Pakistan. Pakistan's Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed administered the oath of office to Ayesha Malik.

i. Justice Ayesha Malik has served as the judge at the Lahore High Court, the second-highest court in the judicial system for around 2 decades.

**36. Who was recently (in Jan'22) appointed as the 'Chairman of IIFL Finance' with effect from 1st April, 2022?**

- 1) Rajnish Kumar
- 2) Arun Kumar Purwar
- 3) Pratip Chaudhuri
- 4) Janki Vallabh
- 5) Arundhati Bhattacharya

**Answer- 2) Arun Kumar Purwar**

**Explanation:**

**IIFL Finance**, a non-banking finance company (NBFC) backed by Fairfax and Capital Group appointed former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) **Arun Kumar Purwar** as its **new Chairman** with effect from April 1, 2022.

- i. He also worked as Chairman of Indian Bank Association (IBA) during 2005-2006.
- ii. Currently he is working for Tadas Wind Energy Pvt and Eroute Technologies.

**37. Name the Personalities who was recently (in Jan'22) named as the new 'Chairman & Managing Director' of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL).**

- 1) G Rajendran
- 2) Neelesh Khulbe
- 3) N Ramachandran
- 4) Pushp Kumar Joshi
- 5) Nishi Vasudeva

**Answer- 4) Pushp Kumar Joshi**

**Explanation:**

**Pushp Kumar Joshi** was recommended by the PESB (Public Enterprises Selection Board) as the new Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (**HPCL**), third largest oil refining and fuel marketing company.

- i. He will succeed Mukesh Kumar Surana, who superannates on April 30 2022.
- ii. Pushp Kumar Joshi, currently serves as the Director of Human Resources at HPCL since 2012.

**38. 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.



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**1. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Sahitya Akademi Award 2021?**

**A) Mwdai Gahai received Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 for Raktachandan**

**Poetry in Konkani Language.**

**B) Tamil Language writer - 'Ambai' received Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 for short stories called 'Civappuk Kazuttu Tan Oru Paccaip Paravai'.**

**C) Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 is annually announced by the Ministry of Culture in 20 languages.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

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

**Explanation:**

**Mwdai Gahai** received Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 for **Khora Sayao Arw Himalay Poetry in Bodo Language.**

**i. In Tamil Language Ambai** received Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 for short stories called **Civappuk Kazuttu Tan Oru Paccaip Paravai.**

**ii. Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 was announced by the Ministry of Culture for 20 languages.**

**2. In December 2021, Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar & Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2021 were announced by the Ministry of Culture. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Winner of Yuva Puraskar & Bal Sahitya Puraskar Award 2021?**

1) Gautam Daimary for Bodo poetry called 'Jiu Gwnang Soho'

2) Kuna Hansdah for Santali Novel called 'Sagai Ganade'

3) Sunirmal Chakraborty for Bengali short stories called 'Batakesto Babur Chhata'

4) Digaraj Brahma for Odia Poetry called 'Geeta Kahe Mitara Katha'

5) All the Above

**Answer- 5) All the Above**

**Explanation:**

Gautam Daimary for Bodo poetry called 'Jiu Gwnang Soho'

- Kuna Hansdah for Santali Novel called 'Sagai Ganade'
- Sunirmal Chakraborty for Bengali short stories called 'Batakesto Babur Chhata'
- Digaraj Brahma for Odia Poetry called 'Geeta Kahe Mitara Katha'

**3. 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**.

**4. Name the Bank that recently (in Jan'22) won the 'UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021' for Best Automation under the category of Crisis for Business Continuity.**

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) South Indian Bank
- 3) RBL Bank
- 4) Karnataka Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer- **2) South Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

The South Indian Bank (**SIB**) won the **UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021** for **Best Automation under 'Crisis for Business Continuity'**.

- i. The SIB improved its Robotic Process Automation capabilities during the time of pandemic.
- ii. The UiPath Automation Excellence Awards aim to recognise the change-makers of automation. The 2021 edition of the award recognises contribution of the individuals and organizations across **India and South Asia** (Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal) for bringing change through transformative automation projects.

**5. Who recently won (in Jan'22) the '1st-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology'?**

- 1) Vedant Sharmaa
- 2) Rajat Nayar
- 3) Anupam V Kapil
- 4) Swetta Jumaani
- 5) JC Chaudhry

Answer- **5) JC Chaudhry**

**Explanation:**

India's one of the top numerologists, **JC Chaudhry** has achieved the **1st-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology & the first world record of 2022** by educating about ancient science to around 6000 participants, enthusiasts of numerology joined from the US, UK, Middle East, & India.

- i. The Guinness World Record London office has opened a new category, "Numerology" for this achievement.
- ii. The initiative was organized by Chaudhry Nummero Pvt Ltd (**CNPL**) and the **Indian Institute of Numerology**.

**6. Which organization recently (in Jan'22) won the Silver SKOCH Award 2021 under the category of Governance in the 78th SKOCH Summit?**

- 1) Central Drugs Testing Laboratory
- 2) Forensic Science Laboratory
- 3) National Chemical Laboratory
- 4) Defence Food Research Laboratory
- 5) National Physical Laboratory

## Answer- 2) Forensic Science Laboratory

### Explanation:

The **Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)** – Forensic Service, Delhi, has won the **SKOCH Award 2021(Silver)** in the Governance category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children.

- i. The award was presented during the **78th SKOCH Summit** held on 6th January 2022.
- ii. The summit was organized with the theme **“State of Governance”**.
- iii. **SKOCH Awards**: The SKOCH award, instituted in 2003 is the highest civilian honour in India conferred by an independent organization to recognise the people, projects and institutions that work to build a better India.

## 7. Which state won the 1st Prize in the ‘3rd National Water Awards-2020’ under Best State category?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Tamil Nadu

### Answer- 1) Uttar Pradesh

### Explanation:

**Uttar Pradesh** (UP) has been awarded first prize in the Best State category in 3rd National Water Awards-2020.

- i. The award was announced by Union **Minister of Jal Shakti** Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- ii. Uttar Pradesh was followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu (TN).
- iii. **Muzaffarnagar** in Uttar Pradesh received the **best district award** in the northern zone followed by Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar in Punjab.

## 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Arts and Crafts Village Organization was recently (in Jan’22) awarded with the ‘International Craft Award for 2021’ by the World Crafts Council International.

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Pondicherry

### Answer- 4) Kerala

### Explanation:

The Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization (**KACV**) from Kovalam was awarded with the **‘International Craft Award for 2021’** for the best craft village in the world by the World Crafts Council International.

- i. It is the only award India received in the non-individual category.
- ii. The KACV was established by the Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society (UL CCS) for the State Tourism Department of Kerala.

### About World Crafts Council International:

i. The organization is affiliated to UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

**President-** Saad Hani Al-Khudumi

**Founded-** 1964

**9. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 79th edition of the Annual Golden Globe Awards (2022) in California, USA)?**

**A) Jane Campion won the Best Director Motion Picture for ‘The Power of the Dog’ & became the 3rd female Director ever to win the Golden Globes.**

**B) Actor Oh Young-soo won his first-ever Golden Globe under the Best Actor-Motion Picture Drama category for his performance in Being the Ricardo**

**C) Nicole Kidman was awarded with the Best Actress for Motion Picture Drama for her performance in ‘Being the Ricardos’**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & C

5) Only B & C

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

**Explanation:**

**Jane Campion** won the Best Director Motion Picture for “**The Power of the Dog**” & became the **3rd female director** ever to win the Best Director award at the Golden Globes.

i. Actor **Will Smith** won his first-ever Golden Globe under the **Best Actor-Motion Picture Drama** category for his performance in “King Richard.”

ii. The Golden Globe awards are annually presented by the **Hollywood Foreign Press**

**Association(HFPA).**

iii. Nicole Kidman was awarded with the Best Actress for Motion Picture Drama for her performance in ‘Being the Ricardos’

**10. Name the personality who was recently (in Jan’22) selected to the ICMR’s Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award for 2020.**

1) Nirav J Dave

2) Suresh Kumar Nayak

3) Satish Adiga

4) Balram Bhargava

5) Anil Kumar

Answer- **3) Satish Adiga**

**Explanation:**

Indian Council of Medical Research (**ICMR**) has selected **Satish Adiga**, Professor in Clinical Embryology at Kasturba Medical College (KMC) under the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), for the **Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award for 2020.**

i. He heads the fertility programme at KMC Manipal, Karnataka The award recognises his contribution to the field of In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF). Subhas Mukherjee was the creator of India’s first child using IVF.

**11. Name the Bank that was recently (in Jan'22) named as the 'Best Private Bank' in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021.**

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

Answer- **5) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

**HDFC Bank** was named as the '**Best Private Bank**' in India at the '**Global Private Banking Awards 2021**' which was organized by Professional Wealth Management (**PWM**) in a virtual ceremony.

i. The award was given for contributing to accelerate key trends, including digitalisation, communication and investment in environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies.

**12. Which Indian Airport secured 8th rank Globally under the large airports category in the 'On-Time Performance Review 2021 Airlines and Airports' report by Cirium?**

- 1) Pune International Airport
- 2) Chennai International Airport
- 3) Mangalore International Airport
- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- 5) Kempegowda International Airport

Answer- **2) Chennai International Airport**

**Explanation:**

As per the report released by **Cirium** titled 'the **On-Time Performance Review 2021** Airlines and Airports', the **Chennai International Airport** has ranked globally **8th** under the large airports category, and is the only Indian Airport to enter the top 10 positions of the list.

i. The first 3 positions have been acquired by United State's Miami Airport, Japan's Fukuoka Airport, and Haneda Airport.

ii. Cirium analyzed about 70 international routes taken by flights at Chennai airport and the 'On-Time Departure' were about 89.32 percent.

**13. Which of the following companies recently (in Jan'22) received Global Women's Health Tech Awards 2022?**

- 1) NIRAMAI
- 2) InnAccel
- 3) Baxter International
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **4) Both 1 & 2**

**Explanation:**

NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt. Ltd.(**NIRAMAI**) and InnAccel Technologies Pvt. Ltd.(**InnAccel**), startups supported by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council(**BIRAC**), under the Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**), have received the World Bank Group(**WBG**), International Finance Corporation(**IFC**) and the Consumer Technology Association(**CTA**)'s **Global Women's Health Tech Awards 2022**.

i. World Bank Group in partnership with The Consumer Technology Association (CTA) launched the Global Women's Health Tech Awards in August 2021.

**Winners of 2022 Global Women's Health Tech Awards:**

- Antiva Biosciences, Inc.
- UE LifeSciences
- NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt. Ltd.
- InnAccel Technologies Pvt Ltd.

**14. Name the West Indies Captain who was recently (in Jan'22) received Knighthood from England's Prince William for his services toward Cricket.**

- 1) Daren Sammy
- 2) Jason Holder
- 3) Denesh Ramdin
- 4) Floyd Reifer
- 5) Clive Lloyd

Answer- **5) Clive Lloyd**

**Explanation:**

The Former West Indies Captain **Clive Lloyd** received **Knighthood** from **Prince William**, the Duke of Cambridge at Windsor Castle, for his services towards the game of cricket.

i. Clive Lloyd led the West Indies to victory over Australia at Lords in the final of the **inaugural Cricket World Cup** tournament in **1975**.

ii. On the same day, England's world cup-winning captain **Eoin Morgan** was awarded with CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Prince William for his services towards the game of cricket.

**15. In January 2022, Minister of State for Education Subhas Sarkar launched Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) 2021 – 2022, where he announced the newly increased award money under the Samagra Shiksha scheme to \_\_\_\_\_ per school.**

- 1) Rs. 100,000
- 2) Rs. 90,000
- 3) Rs. 80,000
- 4) Rs. 60,000
- 5) Rs. 70,000

Answer- **4) Rs. 60,000**

**Explanation:**

The Minister of State for education Subhas Sarkar launched the **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) 2021 – 2022**, underlining the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene. The schools will be assessed through an online portal & mobile app in 6 sub-categories: Water, Sanitation, Hand Washing with soap, Operation and Maintenance, Behaviour Change and Capacity Building.

i. SVP was 1st introduced in 2016-17, under the Department of School Education and Literacy.

ii. The Ministry has increased the award money from **Rs. 50,000/-** to **Rs. 60,000/-** per school, under the **Samagra Shiksha scheme**.



**16. Name the Actress who recently (in Jan'22) received the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022 for her performance in Bajrangi Bhaijaan.**

- 1) Ahsaas Channa
- 2) Harshaali Malhotra
- 3) Zaira Wasim
- 4) Meher Vij
- 5) Naisha Khanna

Answer- **2) Harshaali Malhotra**

**Explanation:**

Hindi actress **Harshaali Malhotra** has been honoured with the **12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022** for her performance as Munni, a mute girl from Pakistan, in the 2015 film **Bajrangi Bhaijaan** starring Salman Khan.

i. She received the award from Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra during the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Awards 2022 ceremony organized in the memory of Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, on the occasion of the upcoming 73rd Republic Day.

ii. Managing Director of Kedia Securities **Dr. Vijay Kedia** also received the Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Awards 2022.

**17. Name the bank that received IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the "Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation".**

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) State Bank of India

Answer - **2) Axis Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Axis Bank** & CRMNEXT Solution won the IBS Intelligence (IBSi) Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2021 for the "Best CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System Implementation".

**About Axis Bank:**

**MD & CEO** – Amitabh Chaudhry

**Tagline** – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**18. 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.

**19. Who recently (in Jan'22) won the Mrs World 2022 held in Las Vegas, Nevada, US?**

- 1) Navdeep Kaur
- 2) Shaylyn Ford
- 3) Kate Schneider
- 4) Jaclyn Stapp
- 5) Debanjali Kamstra

Answer- **2) Shaylyn Ford**

**Explanation:**

**Shaylyn Ford** from the United States of America (**USA**) was chosen as the winner of **Mrs World 2022**. The event was organized in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States (US).

**i.** Mrs Jordan – Jaclyn Stapp & Mrs UAE – Debanjali Kamstra were named as the runners up of the competition.

**ii.** She became the **8th American woman** to win the title of Mrs. World.

**20. Name the Indian women cricketer who was recently (in Jan'22) named in the ICC Women's T20I team of the year 2021.**

- 1) Smriti Mandhana
- 2) Mithali Raj
- 3) Jhulan Goswami
- 4) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 5) Shafali Verma

Answer- **1) Smriti Mandhana**

**Explanation:**

Indian cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** was named in the **2021 ICC** (International Cricket Council) **Women's T20I team of the year**.

**i.** Smriti Mandhana is India's highest scorer who scored 255 runs at an average of 31.87 in 2021.

**ii.** It is also the **3rd time** Smriti Mandhana won the title for the T20I team of the year after 2018 (opener) and 2019 (number three).

**Note-** No Other Indian Player named in Men's as well Women's List.

**21. Who recently (in Jan'22) won the 2022 Genesis Prize for his efforts in the development of the COVID-19 Vaccine?**

- 1) Robert Kraft
- 2) Jonathan Henry Sacks
- 3) Natan Sharansky
- 4) Albert Bourla

5) Steven Spielberg

Answer- **4) Albert Bourla**

**Explanation:**

The Genesis Prize Foundation has named Dr **Albert Bourla**, Chief Executive Officer(CEO) and Chairman of Pfizer as the 2022 **Genesis Prize Laureate** for his efforts in leading the development of the COVID-19 vaccine.

i. The Genesis Prize, dubbed the “Jewish Nobel”, carries a cash prize of **USD 1 Million**.

ii. The President of Israel Isaac Herzog will present the Genesis Prize to Dr Albert Bourla at a ceremony in Jerusalem which is set to be held on **29th June 2022**.

**22. Name the Organization that recently (in Jan'22) won the gold medal in QS-Wharton Reimagine Education Award 2021 under the the Arts and Humanities Category.**

1) Virasat Foundation

2) Rhapsody Music Foundation

3) Indian Classical Music & Arts Foundation

4) Neemrana Music Foundation

5) Mehli Mehta Music Foundation

Answer- **2) Rhapsody Music Foundation**

**Explanation:**

Chennai-based **Rhapsody Music Foundation** has won the **QS-Wharton Reimagine Education Award 2021 (gold)** under the Arts and Humanities.

i. Reimagine Education Award is considered as the Oscar in the Education space. which is ranked number 1 in Asia and in the world.

ii. Rhapsody – Creative Intelligence Delivered receives two Gold Awards. It has won the Regional Award – Asia and the Discipline Award for Arts & Humanities.

**23. Which of the following personalities recently (in Jan'22) topped the list of 'Most Popular World Leaders' with 71 % of rating?**

1) Joko Widodo

2) Fumio Kishida

3) Narendra Modi

4) Kim Boo-kyum

5) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Answer- **3) Narendra Modi**

**Explanation:**

According to the global rating survey released by the **Morning Consult Political Intelligence**, Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** has topped the list of Most Popular World Leaders 2021. He topped the global rating amongst world leaders with an approval rating of 71%.

**24. Name the Indian cricketer(s) who was included in the ICC Men's Test team of the Year for 2021.**

1) Rohit Sharma

2) Rishabh Pant

3) Ravichandran Ashwin

4) Both 1 & 2

5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

**Explanation:**

Indian opener **Rohit Sharma**, wicketkeeper-batter **Rishabh Pant**, and off-spinner **Ravichandran Ashwin** were included in the **ICC Men's Test team of 2021** by the International Cricket Council (ICC).  
i. The India players **Mithali Raj** and **Jhulan Goswami** were included in the ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year for 2021 by the International Cricket Council.

**25. 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'.

**26. In January 2022, Jahnvi 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:**

**Jahnvi 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).

**27. Which was selected as the "Children's Word of the Year 2021" by Oxford University Press?**

- 1) Pandemic
- 2) Anxiety
- 3) Vaccine
- 4) Challenging
- 5) Isolate

Answer - 2) Anxiety

**Explanation:**

As a part of its annual "Oxford Children's Language Report 2021: the language of wellbeing in the wake of a global pandemic", the Oxford University Press (OUP), has declared '**Anxiety**' as the **Children's Word of the Year 2021**.

**28. 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.

**29. 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 Vinodraj 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

**30. 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**.

**31. In the 2021 edition of International Cricket Council (ICC) awards, \_\_\_\_\_ named as the Emerging Men's Cricketers of the Year 2021 & \_\_\_\_\_ as ICC Umpire of the Year.**

1) Zeeshan Maqsood; Bruce Bricknell

2) Janneman Malan; Marais Erasmus

3) Zeeshan Maqsood; Tom Brooks

4) Babar Azam; Marais Erasmus

5) Janneman Malan; Tom Brooks

Answer- 2) Janneman Malan; Marais Erasmus

**Explanation:**

South African (SA) opener **Janneman Malan** and Pakistan pacer **Fatima Sana** were named as the **Emerging Cricketers of the Year 2021** across men's and women's international cricket respectively.

i. SA's **Marais Erasmus**, a member of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires is named as **ICC Umpire of the year**.

**32. 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:**

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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 |

**33. Which of the following is Not correct with respect to 2022's Padma Bhushan awardees and their field?**

- 1) Sundar Pichai - Trade and Industry
- 2) Rajiv Mehrishi - Civil Service
- 3) Pratibha Ray - Literature and Education
- 4) Rashid Khan - Art
- 5) Ghulam Nabi Azad - Sports

**Answer- 5) Ghulam Nabi Azad - Sports**

**Explanation:**

- Ghulam Nabi Azad - Public Affairs
- Sundar Pichai - Trade and Industry
- Rajiv Mehrishi - Civil Service
- Pratibha Ray - Literature and Education
- Rashid Khan - Art

There are 17 awards for Padma Bhushan 2022.

**34. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Padma Shri Award 2022?**

**A) There are a total 107 Padma Shri Awards for the year 2022.**

**B) Olympian PV Sindhu & Paralympian Mariyappan Thangavelu were named for the award Padma Shri in the field of Sports.**

**C) Subbanna Ayyappan & Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay were named for the award Padma Shri in the field of Science and Engineering.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

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**35. In January 2022, Major General Y P Khanduri, Directorate of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) of \_\_\_\_\_ was awarded with the Prime Minister's Banner at the Republic Day Camp.**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi honoured the Maharashtra Directorate of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) with the Prime Minister's Banner at the Republic Day Camp(RDC).

- i. Major General Y P Khanduri, Additional Director General, NCC Directorate, Maharashtra received the PM Banner from PM Modi.
- ii. Senior Under Officer Siddhesh Jadhav was the banner bearer and Cadet Captain Nikita Khot was the trophy bearer.
- iii. The 2022 RDC for NCC culminated with a rally at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi.

**36. 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.

**37. Which of the following Tiger reserves in India recently (in Jan'22) won the TX2 award 2022 for doubling their tiger populations since 2010?**

- 1) Kamlang Tiger Reserve
- 2) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- 3) Orang Tiger Reserve
- 4) Pench Tiger Reserve
- 5) Corbett Tiger Reserve

Answer- 2) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

**Explanation:**

India's **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR)** in Erode, Tamil Nadu, and **Nepal's Bardiya National Park** have jointly won the **TX2 award 2022** for doubling their tiger populations since 2010.

- i. The award was given for STR after its tiger numbers doubled to 80 from 25 tigers in 2011.
- ii. The Bardiya National Park (Nepal ) has increased the tiger population by almost five-fold from less than 20 tigers in 2009 to 87 in 2018 (as per the tiger census).
- iii. The award for Tiger Conservation Excellence was presented to Khata Forest Conservation Area in Nepal

## SUMMITS, CONFERENCES

1. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the International Conference of Academic Institutions (ICAI) 2022 held at Gujarat in January 2022?

A) During ICAI 2022, 2nd edition of the Student Start-up and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0) was launched in Ahmedabad to help school students in innovations

B) 30 MoUs were signed in the higher and technical education sector in Gujarat during the conference.

C) Australia, Canada, Norway, the UK and France have joined as partner countries for this conference.

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:**

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ii. Australia, Canada, Norway, the UK and France have joined as partner countries for this conference.

2. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 24th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2020-21 that was held at Hyderabad, Telangana in January 2022?

A) NCeG 2020-21 was organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), MeitY in association with the Telangana Government.

B) During the conference 26 awards were presented where Chhattisgarh's state labour department won Golden award for e-Shramik Seva under the 'Universalizing Access including e-Services'

C) Hyderabad Declaration on e-Governance was adopted, which includes the Integration of all State/District portals with CPGRAMS.

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A

3) Only B

4) Only C

5) Only A & B

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

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ii. **Hyderabad Declaration** on e-Governance was adopted, which includes the Integration of all State/District portals with **CPGRAMS** (Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) for seamless Redressal of Public Grievances..

3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 16th edition of 'India Digital Summit (IDS) 2022'?

- A) The Ministry of Science and Technology addressed the 16th IDS 2022 with the theme of "Startups in India".
- B) The Summit was organized by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) in virtual mode.
- C) During the summit a report named - "Creating 10 million Digitally Enabled Microentrepreneurs" was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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

Answer- 5) Only B & C

**Explanation:**

**Ministry of Commerce & Industry** addressed the 16th IDS 2022 with the theme of **Supercharging Startups**.

- i. The Summit was organized by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
- ii. During the summit, **Creating 10 million Digitally Enabled Microentrepreneurs** reports was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- iii. He also unveiled '**LEAP**' ("Leverage, Encourage, Access & Promote") as the way forward for Startups.

4. 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 Trader 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

**5. Which Country partnered with the Global Tiger Forum to conduct the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference (AMC) on Tiger Conservation?**

- 1) South Korea
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) India
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) Malaysia

**Answer - 5) Malaysia**

**Explanation:**

The 4th Asia Ministerial Conference (AMC) on tiger conservation was held in hybrid mode which was organized by the Government of Malaysia and coordinated by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF).

- The AMC adopted the Kuala Lumpur Joint Statement which listed 14 commitments.

**6. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 1st India-Central Asia Summit that was held in January 2022?**

**A) PM Narendra Modi hosted the Summit virtually with the Presidents of 3 Nations- Afghanistan, Tajikistan & Khorasan.**

**B) The 1st India- Central Asia coincides with the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India & Central Asian Countries.**

**C) An India-Central Asia Secretariat in New Delhi will be set up to support the Summit mechanism by organizing it every 2 years.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

PM Narendra Modi hosted the Summit virtually with the Presidents of 5 Nations- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan & Uzbekistan.

**i.** The 1st India- Central Asia coincides with the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India & Central Asian Countries.

**ii.** An India-Central Asia Secretariat in New Delhi will be set up to support the new mechanism.

## COMMITTEE AND MEETING

**1. 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.

**2. India-Sri Lanka recently (in Jan'22) extended the Programme of Cooperation (POC) on S&T for \_\_\_\_\_ terms, during the 5th Joint Committee on S&T (Science & Technology) Cooperation**

- 1) 6 years
- 2) 3 years
- 3) 5 years
- 4) 2 years
- 5) 4 years

Answer- **2) 3 years**

**Explanation:**

**India-Sri Lanka 5th Joint Committee on S&T Cooperation** held virtually which was co-chaired by Sanjeev K Varshney (India) & Mrs. Deepa Liyange (Sri Lanka).

**i.** During the meeting, India and Sri Lanka extended the existing Programme of Cooperation (POC) on S&T for **three more years**.

**3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022?**

**A) The India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022, was approved during the 2nd ASEAN Digital Ministers (ADGMIN) Meeting that was held virtually.**

**B) ADGMIN Meeting was co-chaired by Devusinh Chauhan (India) & H.E. Admiral Tin Aung San (Myanmar).**

**C) The ADGMIN is an annual meeting of Telecom Ministers of 10 ASEAN and dialogue partner countries.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The 2nd ASEAN Digital Ministers (**ADGMIN**) Meeting approved the India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022.

**i.** ADGMIN Meeting was co-chaired by **Devusinh Chauhan** (India) & H.E. Admiral **Tin Aung San** (Myanmar).

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## INDEX

**1. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) released a report called "Code of Practice for Securing Consumer Internet of Things (IoT)" to secure consumers IoT devices & ecosystem?**

- 1) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- 2) All India Council for Technical Education
- 3) Technology Development Board
- 4) Telecommunication Engineering Centre
- 5) Cellular Operators Association of India

**Answer- 4) Telecommunication Engineering Centre**

**Explanation:**

A Telecommunication Engineering Centre (**TEC**), under Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**), **Ministry of Communications**, has released a report '**Code of Practice for Securing Consumer Internet of Things (IoT)**' a baseline requirement aligned with global standards and best practices to secure Consumer IoT devices.

- i. It is released for the use by IoT device manufacturers, Service providers/ system integrators and application developers etc.
- ii. As per the projection of the report, there may be **26.4 billion IoT devices** in service globally by **2026**.

**Note-** As per the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP) 2018 released by DoT, an ecosystem is needed for 5 billion connected devices by 2022.

**2. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Q2FY22 of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) report released in January 2022?**

- A) Total employment in the nine non-farm sectors is approximately 3.10 crore which is higher than the 3.08 crore from the first round of QES.
- B) Overall percentage of female workers stood at 32.1%, higher than 29.3% during Q21FY22 of QES.
- C) Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) released the Q2FY22 of QES survey, a part of All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES).

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

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3. As per the 'Henley's Passport Index Q1-2022 Global Ranking', India was ranked as the \_\_\_\_\_ **Most Powerful Passport** while \_\_\_\_\_ shared the top spot along with Singapore.

- 1) 84th; Japan
- 2) 90th; Germany
- 3) 84th; Italy
- 4) 90th; Japan
- 5) 79th; Germany

Answer- **1) 84th; Japan**

**Explanation:**

As per the '**Henley Passport Index: Q1 2022 Global Ranking**', released by Henley & Partners, **India** has been ranked as **84th Most Powerful Passport** with the visa-free travel to 60 countries while **Japan** tops the list for the **4th consecutive year** by allowing visa-free travel to 192 countries. The index has been **topped by Japan & Singapore**

- i. The index and its contents are based on data provided by the International Air Transport Authority (**IATA**).
- ii. India shares the 84th position with Mauritania & Tajikistan.

4. 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**

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- iii. In terms of forest cover as percentage of total geographical area Mizoram tops the lists followed by Arunachal Pradesh.

5. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 17th Edition of 'Global Risks Report 2022'?

- A) The 17th Edition of Global Risks Report 2022 was released by the World Health Organization.
- B) Developing economies will have fallen 3.5 % below their pre-pandemic expected GDP growth by 2024.
- C) Youth disillusionment, digital inequality, Fracture of interstate relations, Debt crises in large economies & Failure of technology governance are the top 5 risks for India.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B

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

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

**Explanation:**

**The World Economic Forum (WEF)** released the report titled “The 17th Global Risks Report 2022, prepared in partnership with Marsh McLennan, SK Group and Zurich Insurance Group.

**i. Developing economies** (excluding China) will have fallen **5.5%** below their pre-pandemic expected GDP growth By 2024, while advanced economies will have surpassed it by 0.9%—widening the global income gap. The global economy was expected to be **2.3%** smaller by 2024.

**ii.** Youth disillusionment, digital inequality, Fracture of interstate relations, Debt crises in large economies & Failure of technology governance are the **top 5 risks for India**.

**6. 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:**

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**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.

**7. Name the Organization that released the report ‘Banking on Electric Vehicles in India’, suggesting the inclusion of E-vehicles under Priority Sector Lending.**

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) NITI Aayog
- 3) RMI India
- 4) Only 2 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer - **4) Only 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India released a report titled ‘**Banking on Electric Vehicles in India- A Blueprint for Inclusion of EVs in Priority Sector Lending Guidelines**’.

- It has proposed the government to include Electric Vehicle (EVs) in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) priority-sector lending (PSL) guidelines to boost retail lending for EVs

**8. Which International organisation collaborated with University of Oxford to launch 'G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 report'?**

- 1) United Nations Development Programme
- 2) European Union
- 3) G20
- 4) United Nations Environment Programme
- 5) IUCN

**Answer - 1) United Nations Development Programme**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and University of Oxford has released the 'G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 report', which reveals that in India around 67 percent of the young population under the age of 18 years considers climate change a global emergency, compared to about 58 percent adults.

**9. Identify the Organization that released the report titled 'Inequality Kills' during the 2022 Davos Agenda.**

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Greenpeace
- 3) World Economic Forum
- 4) Oxfam
- 5) UNICEF

**Answer - 4) Oxfam**

**Explanation:**

As per the report of Oxfam titled 'Inequality Kills' released on the WEF's Davos Agenda 2022 summit, inequality is contributing to the death of at least 21,000 people each day, or one person every 4 seconds.

- The World Economic Forum also released a report called, 'BiodiverCities by 2030 Initiative'.

**10. 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.

**11. Which organization recently (in Jan'22) released the 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' report that revealed that Advances in Digitalization led to Increased Cybersecurity incidents?**

- 1) World Economic Forum
- 2) World Bank
- 3) International Monetary Fund
- 4) Asian Development Bank
- 5) United Nations Development Programme

Answer- **1) World Economic Forum**

**Explanation:**

The annual report titled '**Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022**' which was released by the World Economic Forum (**WEF**) during the virtual **Davos Agenda summit 2022** revealed that advances in digitalization and their growth due to the COVID-19 have led to increasingly frequent, costly, and damaging cyber incidents.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

## ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

**1. In December 2021, CCI gave approval to Worldone Pvt Ltd for acquiring 96.42% stake in which Company?**

- 1) Essar Steel India Ltd
- 2) VISA Steel Ltd
- 3) Tata Steel Ltd
- 4) Jindal Power Ltd
- 5) Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd

**Answer- 4) Jindal Power Ltd**

### **Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) has approved the acquisition of a **96.42%** stake in Jindal Power Limited (**JPL**), a subsidiary of Jindal Steel & Power Limited (**JSPL**), by **Worldone Private Limited**.

i. The proposed combination is in line with JSPL's strategic objective to bring down its debt and to reduce the firm's carbon footprint as part of its broader ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) objectives.

ii. The Proposed Combination is notifiable to the CCI under **Section 5 (a) of the Competition Act, 2002**.

### **About Jindal Power Limited (JPL):**

**Chairman**– Anil Kumar Jha

**MD**– Kamal Kumar Agarwal

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi

**2. Which company recently (in Dec'21) signed an agreement to acquire 100% share in Faradion Limited for £100 million?**

- 1) Tata Power Company Ltd
- 2) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd
- 3) Reliance New Energy Solar Ltd
- 4) Indraprastha Power Generation Company Ltd
- 5) Adani Power Ltd

**Answer- 3) Reliance New Energy Solar Ltd**

### **Explanation:**

Reliance New Energy Solar Limited (**RNESL**) has signed a definitive agreement to acquire **100 %** shareholding in **Faradion Limited** through secondary transactions for a total value of British Pound Sterling (GBP) 94.42 million based on an enterprise value of **£100 million**.

i. RNESL has also agreed to subscribe to new equity shares of Faradion for an aggregate of GBP 31.59 million.

ii. Reliance will use Faradion's state-of-the-art technology at its proposed fully integrated energy storage giga-factory as part of the Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex project at Jamnagar, Gujarat.



**3. Which Bank recently (in Dec'21) announced to acquire around 10% Stake in the India International Clearing Corporation (IICC)?**

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

**Answer- 4) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

State Bank of India (SBI) is set to acquire around **10% stake** in the India International Clearing Corporation (IICC).

i. Under this Acquire, it will clear and settle index and single stock derivatives, currency derivatives and debt securities.

ii. SBI is expected to complete up to a 9.95% stake subject to a maximum investment of Rs 34.03 crore, in IICC by March 2022.

**Note-** IICC is the first international clearing corporation set up at GIFT-IFSC that acts as a central counterparty providing clearing and settlement and risk management services.

**4. Name the Company that recently (in Dec'21) announced to acquire 100% stake in Allyis India & Green Investments LLC.**

- 1) Cognizant
- 2) Wipro
- 3) Tech Mahindra
- 4) HCL Technologies
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

**Answer- 3) Tech Mahindra**

**Explanation:**

**Tech Mahindra** announced that its subsidiary, Tech Mahindra (Americas) Inc. is set to acquire **100 %** equity shares in **Allyis India Private Ltd and Green Investments LLC**, a holding company for United States (US) based Allyis Group.

i. Tech Mahindra will pay USD 125 million (~INR 900 crore) including employment and performance earnout.

**About Tech Mahindra:**

**CEO & MD-** C. P. Gurnani

**Incorporated-** 1986

**5. In January 2022, NTPC Limited acquired a 5% equity stake in which of the following companies?**

- 1) Kirloskar Electric Company Ltd.
- 2) Indian Energy Exchange Limited
- 3) Power Finance Corporation Ltd
- 4) Power Exchange India Ltd
- 5) Havells India Ltd

**Answer- 4) Power Exchange India Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**NTPC Limited** is set to acquire up to **5%** of the equity stake in Power Exchange India Limited (**PXIL**).

- i. PXIL is **India's first** institutionally promoted power exchange, that provides electricity trading solutions and connects buyers as well as sellers.
- ii. This acquisition is in line with the intention of the government to increase the share of the spot power market to 25% of the total electricity supply in India by 2023- 2024.
- iii. According to the data on the portal of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), the authorized share capital of the PXIL is Rs 120 crore and the paid-up capital is Rs 58.47 crore.

**About NTPC Limited:**

**Chairman & MD**– Gurdeep Singh

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi

**Incorporated**- 7th November 1975

**6. Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd recently (in Jan'22) purchased a 25.8% stake in \_\_\_\_\_ for USD 200 Million?**

- 1) Zomato
- 2) Foodpanda
- 3) Bigbasket
- 4) Blinkit
- 5) Dunzo

Answer- **5) Dunzo**

**Explanation:**

Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) has purchased a 25.8% stake in Bengaluru-based startup **Dunzo** Digital Private Limited with an investment of USD 200 Million (~ Rs 1489 crore).

- i. Dunzo has raised USD 240 million in a round of funding where the investment was led by RRVL.

**About Reliance Retail Ventures Limited(RRVL):**

**Chairman & Managing Director(CMD)**– Mukesh Ambani

**Headquarters**– Mumbai, Maharashtra

**7. 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.

**8. In January 2022, Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) acquired a \_\_\_\_\_ stake in Addverb Technologies for USD 132 million.**

- 1) 54%
- 2) 62%
- 3) 49%
- 4) 59%
- 5) 50%

Answer- **1) 54%**

**Explanation:**

Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (**RRVL**), the retail unit of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has acquired a **54% stake** (majority stake) in **Addverb Technologies** Private Limited, a Noida based robotics startup, for **USD 132 million**.

i. With this investment, RIL has become a strategic partner of Addverb Technologies.

**9. In January 2022, Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) divested \_\_\_\_\_ of its equity stake in Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 7.56%; Indian Oil Corporation
- 2) 4.93%; Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- 3) 5.68%; Gas Authority of India Limited
- 4) 4.93%; Indian Oil Corporation
- 5) 5.68%; Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited

Answer- **4) 4.93%; Indian Oil Corporation**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Energy Exchange (**IEX**) divested **4.93%** of its equity stake in Indian Gas Exchange (**IGX**) to **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**.

i. IGX is India's first natural gas exchange that has been set up to promote gas trading in the country. Its promoters are IEX and National Stock Exchange (NSE).

**10. In January 2022, CCI approved \_\_\_\_\_ acquisition Share in GlaxoSmithKline Asia Private Limited (GSKAPL) by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Overseas Limited & GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare UK Trading Limited.**

- 1) 85.4%
- 2) 65.5%
- 3) 50%
- 4) 100%
- 5) 78.4%

Answer- **4) 100%**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of a shareholding in GlaxoSmithKline Asia Private Limited (GSKAPL) by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Overseas Limited (GSKCHOL) and GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare UK Trading Limited (GSKCHUKTL) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

i. The proposed transaction involves the collective acquisition of **100%** shares in GSKAPL by GSKCHOL and GSKCHUKT.

**11. In January 2022, CCI approved the acquisition of shares of \_\_\_\_\_ by Generali Participations Netherlands N.V (GPN), thereby increasing its share in the company to 71%.**

- 1) Go Digit General Insurance
- 2) Navi General Insurance
- 3) Future Generali India Life Insurance
- 4) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 5) Liberty General Insurance

**Answer- 3) Future Generali India Life Insurance**

**Explanation:**

CCI has approved the acquisition of shares of Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Limited (**FGLIC**) by Generali Participations Netherlands N.V (GPN); this acquisition will increase its shareholding 49% to approximately 71%.

## DEFENCE

**1. 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.**

**2. Identify the Organization that recently (in Jan'22) signed its 1st contract with Anadron Systems to receive a Maneuverable Expendable Aerial Target Under Make-II.**

- 1) Indian Army
- 2) Indian Navy
- 3) ISRO
- 4) HAL
- 5) DRDO

**Answer- 1) Indian Army**

**Explanation:**

The **Indian Army** has signed its first contract with **Anadron Systems Pvt Ltd** under **Make-II** for Maneuverable Expendable Aerial Target, for Army Air Defence and Indian Air Force. The contract worth Rs 96 crore is the first contract with the private sector aimed at Atmanirbhar Defence’.

**3. Which Company recently (in Jan’22) got selected by the Indian Armed Force for supplying the single-shot anti-armour weapon - AT4?**

- 1) Pindad
- 2) Famo
- 3) CASA
- 4) Saab
- 5) Almaz-Antey

Answer- **4) Saab**

**Explanation:**

Swedish defence company ‘**Saab**’ had been selected by the **Indian Armed Force** through a competitive programme for the supply of **single-shot anti-armour weapon AT4**.

i. AT4 will be used by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force.

**About Saab:**

**Establishment** – 1937

**Headquarters** – Stockholm, Sweden

**President & CEO** – Micael Johansson

**4. Indian Navy aircraft P-8I recently (in Jan’22) participated in the ASW Exercise Sea Dragon-22 in which city?**

- 1) Osaka, Japan
- 2) Guam, USA
- 3) Medan, Indonesia
- 4) Kazan, Russia
- 5) Abu Dhabi, UAE

Answer- **2) Guam, USA**

**Explanation:**

**P-8I** long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft of the **Indian Navy** have participated in the multinational Anti-Submarine Warfare (**ASW**) **Exercise Sea Dragon-22** held at **Guam, United States (USA)**.

i. Sea Dragon is an annual multinational high-end exercise hosted by the US Navy.

**5. 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

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. Which INS recently inducted the indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III aircraft (in Jan'22) to Boost Maritime Security?**

- 1) INS Baaz
- 2) INS Jarawa
- 3) INS Kardip



4) INS Utkrosh

5) INS Kohassa

Answer- **4) INS Utkrosh**

**Explanation:**

The Indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) **MK III aircraft** was formally inducted at **INS Utkrosh** by Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) Lieutenant General Ajai Singh at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar to boost maritime security.

i. The ALH MK III aircraft is manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) in order to boost the security of Andaman & Nicobar.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**1. Name the Country that recently (in Dec'21) tested-fire around 10 new Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missiles' from Frigate & Submarine.**

1) Germany

2) Russia

3) USA

4) Israel

5) China

Answer- **2) Russia**

**Explanation:**

**Russia** successfully test-fired around **10 new Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missiles** from a frigate and other two missiles from a submarine.

i. The Zircon missile would be capable of flying at nine times the speed of sound and have a range of 1,000 kilometers (620 miles).

ii. The deployment of the missiles will elevate the capability of Russia's military power.

iii. The Tsirkon Cruise Missile will join Avangard glide vehicles and the air-launched Kinzhal (Dagger) missiles in Russia's hypersonic arsenal.

**2. 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.

**3. Name China's Lunar lander that found the 1st-Ever on-site evidence of water in rocks & soil on the moon surface in January 2022.**

- 1) Chang'e 1
- 2) Pioneer 1
- 3) Chang'e 5
- 4) Luna E-1
- 5) Beresheet

Answer- **3) Chang'e 5**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the peer-reviewed journal **Science Advances**, China's **Chang'e 5** lunar lander has found the first-ever on-site evidence of water in rocks and soil of the surface of the moon.

**i.** As per the journal, the lunar soil at the landing site contains less than 120 parts-per-million water or 120 grams water per ton, and a light, vesicular rock carries 180 ppm, which is much drier than that on Earth.

**ii.** As per the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), water content can be estimated since the water molecule or hydroxyl absorbs at a frequency of about **3 micrometers**.

**4. In January 2022, India tested-fired an advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile from which INS?**

- 1) INS Imphal
- 2) INS Visakhapatnam
- 3) INS Vela
- 4) INS Kolkata
- 5) INS Vikramaditya

Answer- **2) INS Visakhapatnam**

**Explanation:**

**India** successfully test-fired an advanced sea to sea variant of **BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile** from **INS Visakhapatnam** warship off the west coast. The missile hit the designated target ship precisely at the maximum range.

**5. Which Organization recently (in Jan'22) flight tested the final deliverable configuration of the Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)?**

- 1) Indian Army
- 2) Bharat Electronics
- 3) HAL
- 4) ISRO
- 5) DRDO

Answer- **5) DRDO**

**Explanation:**

The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) successfully flight tested the final deliverable configuration of the Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (**MPATGM**) at a range in Southern India.

- i. It is indigenously developed anti-tank missile low weight (15kg) , fire and forget missile and is launched from a man portable launcher, integrated with thermal sight.
- ii. The successful launch of the low-weight missile derived from the Nag Anti-Tank Guided Missile is a boost to the development of advanced technology-based defence systems

**6. Name the Organization that was recently (in Jan'22) Conducted Qualification Tests of Cryogenic Engine for a duration of 720 seconds under Gaganyaan programme.**

- 1) HAL
- 2) Bharat Electronics
- 3) ISRO
- 4) DRDO
- 5) Bharat Dynamics

Answer- **3) ISRO**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) successfully conducted the qualification test of Cryogenic Engine for Gaganyaan programme for a duration of **720 seconds** at ISRO Propulsion Complex (**IPRC**), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

- i. The Qualification test ensures the reliability and robustness of the cryogenic engine for induction into the human-rated launch vehicle for Gaganyaan.
- ii. This engine will undergo **4 more tests** for a cumulative duration of 1,810 seconds.

**7. Which country recently (in Jan'22) launched its 1st Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation from Cape Canaveral, United States?**

- 1) South Korea
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Australia
- 4) India
- 5) China

Answer- **2) South Africa**

**Explanation:**

**South Africa** launched the indigenously developed first Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation from Cape Canaveral in the United States (US) as part of SpaceX's Transporter-3 mission.

- i. The Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation consists of three nanosatellites and is funded by the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) of the country.
- ii. The full MDASat constellation consists of nine cube satellites.

**8. Which country's Paramilitary Revolution Guards launched (in Jan'22) their first solid-fuel satellite carrier rocket into space?**

- 1) Turkey
- 2) Lebanon
- 3) Syria
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) Iran

Answer - **5) Iran**

**Explanation:**

Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard launched its first solid-fuel satellite carrier rocket into space that is made of a cost-efficient composite material instead of metal.

**9. 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.

**10. Name the Country that recently (in Jan'22) conducted the flight test of the Arrow-3 ballistic missile along with the United States.**

- 1) Brazil
- 2) South Korea
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Israel
- 5) Russia

Answer- **4) Israel**

**Explanation:**

Israel & the United States (US) successfully conducted the flight test of the Arrow-3 ballistic missile interceptor outside the Earth's atmosphere.

- i. It was developed in a joint project between Israel's Missile Defense Organization and the American Missile Defense Agency.
- ii. The Arrow-3 weapon system was manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries

**11. Which Organisation in India developed the New Version of 'BrahMos supersonic cruise missile' that was recently (in Jan'22) tested fired by India?**

- 1) Defence Research & Development Organization
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 3) Indian Space Research Organization
- 4) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 5) Bharat Dynamics Limited

Answer- **1) Defence Research & Development Organization**

**Explanation:**

**India** successfully test-fired a new version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile at Chandipur, off Odisha coast. The missile is equipped with new technological developments and precision.

- i. The launch was conducted by Brahmos Aerospace in close coordination with the teams of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- ii. The BrahMos is a universal long range supersonic cruise missile system developed by Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) and the Russian Federation's **NPO Mashinostroyeniya**.

**12. In January 2022, ISRO from the ISRO Propulsion Complex in \_\_\_\_\_, successfully conducted a 25 sec test run of its High Thrust \_\_\_\_\_ engine which will be used in Gaganyaan mission.**

- 1) Bangalore, Karnataka; CE-20
- 2) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu; Vikas
- 3) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu; CE-20
- 4) Trivandrum, Kerala; Vikas
- 5) Trivandrum, Kerala; CE-20

**Answer - 2) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu; Vikas**

**Explanation:**

ISRO successfully tested its liquid propellant-based High Thrust **Vikas** engine which is to be used under the Gaganyaan mission. The test was conducted at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in **Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**.

- On 20th January 2022, the high thrust Vikas Engine successfully underwent a qualification test for a duration of 25 seconds.

**13. Name the Jupiter-like gaseous Exoplanet that was recently(in Jan'22) discovered using NASA's TESS Telescope.**

- 1) TOI-2180 b
- 2) HD 209458 b
- 3) PHA 7482 (1994 PC1)
- 4) HD 100655 b
- 5) TOI-10083 b

**Answer - 1) TOI-2180 b**

**Explanation:**

Tom Jacobs of Bellevue, Washington (United States-US) has discovered a new gaseous planet called 'TOI-2180 b' from NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, or TESS. The finding was published in the Astronomical Journal.

- A Potentially Hazardous Asteroid (PHA) 7482 (1994 PC1) passed safely close to the Earth's orbit on January 18, 2022

**14. 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”.

**15. In which constellation is 'WASP-103b' - the newly discovered potato shaped exoplanet located?**

- 1) Hercules
- 2) Pegasus
- 3) Virgo
- 4) Orion
- 5) Andromeda

Answer - **1) Hercules**

**Explanation:**

Astronomers have announced that the Potato shaped planet, initially discovered in 2014, named WASP-103b is located in the constellation “**Hercules**”, at a distance of about 1,800 light-years from the solar system.

**16. Name the revamped version of Mobile App that was recently (in Jan'22) launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.**

- 1) MyScheme
- 2) My HealthScheme
- 3) Myapp for Health
- 4) MyCGHS
- 5) MyHealth

Answer- **4) MyCGHS**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya virtually launched the revamped version of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) website ([www.cghs.gov.in](http://www.cghs.gov.in)) and mobile app, ‘**MyCGHS**’ with multiple user friendly features.

i. The Website was developed in accordance with GIGW (Guidelines for Indian Government Websites), in compliance with 3Us - Usable, User-Centric and Universal Accessibility.

ii. The eSanjeevani Teleconsultation facility is now directly linked to the CGHS website.

**17. 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.

**18. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ launched National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Research Portal in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Ministry of Science & Technology; Gujarat
- 2) Ministry of Education; Karnataka
- 3) Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers; New Delhi
- 4) Ministry of Science & Technology; Karnataka
- 5) Ministry of Education; New Delhi

**Answer- 3) Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers; New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

Union **Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers** Mansukh Mandaviya launched National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (**NIPER**) Research Portal in New Delhi.

- i.** Aim – To spread information about all the NIPERs research activities, patents filed and Publication information at one place.
- ii.** The Department of Pharmaceuticals has created this Research Portal to capture the research activities of all seven NIPERs and to enhance industry–Academia collaboration.

**19. Name the App that was recently (in Jan'22) launched by the Lok Sabha secretariat to make Live Parliament Proceedings accessible to Citizens.**

- 1) DigiIndia Sansad
- 2) Citizens' Sansad
- 3) Digital Sansad
- 4) App Sansad
- 5) Parliament Sansad

**Answer- 3) Digital Sansad**

**Explanation:**

The Lok Sabha secretariat has launched a new app, '**Digital Sansad**', an initiative of Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, to make the Parliament proceedings accessible to the public at large.

- i.** The app helps in accessing services such as checking personal updates like status of their notices, House bulletins, and so on.
- ii.** The citizens can now easily access general information on MPs, on budget speeches since 1947, House discussions from 12th Lok Sabha to 17th Lok Sabha.

## SPORTS

**1. Cricketer Quinton de Kock recently (in Dec'21) announced his retirement from Test Cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?**

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

Answer- **4) South Africa**

**Explanation:**

**South African cricketer** (wicketkeeper & Batsman) **Quinton de Kock** has announced his retirement from Test Cricket with immediate effect. He has committed to play international limited-overs cricket (white-ball cricket).

**i.** He has been **twice** named the South African Cricketer of the Year in **2017** and **2020**.

**ii.** He has **Captained** the South African Cricket team (the Proteas) in One Day International (**ODI**) and **T20I** between **2018** and **2021**.

**2. Which Cricket team won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021-22 that was held at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Rajasthan ?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Himachal Pradesh** cricket team won its **maiden** Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021-22 or 20th season of the Vijay Hazare Trophy title after defeating Tamil Nadu in the finals that was held.

**i. Shubham Arora** of Himachal Pradesh was adjudged as the Player of the Match for his majestic hundred in the final.

**ii.** It is Himachal's **first-ever** domestic title & HP team defeated Tamil Nadu team by 11 Runs and also used VJD method (V Jayadevan system) to win.

**3. Cricketer Mohammad Hafeez recently (in Jan'22) announced his retirement from International Cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?**

- 1) Ireland
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) West Indies
- 4) South Africa
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- **5) Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

**Pakistan** all-rounder **Mohammad Hafeez**, who captained his national team in every format of the game, has announced his retirement from international cricket.

i. He represented Pakistan in 392 international matches in which he scored 12,789 runs and took 253 wickets.

**4. Cricketer Bhanuka Rajapaksa recently (in Jan'22) announced his retirement from International Cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?**

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Australia
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Afghanistan
- 5) South Africa

Answer- **1) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

**Sri Lankan** Cricketer **Bhanuka Rajapaksa** announced his retirement from International cricket with immediate effect, due to personal reasons.

i. He has represented the country in 5 ODIs (One Day International) and 18 T20Is, scoring a total of 409 across formats

**5. Who recently (in Jan'22) won the 'World Rapid Chess Champion of 2021'?**

- 1) Ian Nepomniachtchi
- 2) Magnus Carlsen
- 3) Nihal Sarin
- 4) Nodirbek Abdusattorov
- 5) Alireza Firouzja

Answer- **4) Nodirbek Abdusattorov**

**Explanation:**

**Nodirbek Abdusattorov**, from Uzbekistan, won the **World Rapid Chess Champion of 2021** by defeating Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia) in a tiebreaker and dethroning Magnus Carlsen, the current World Number 1.

i. The Uzbeki Grand Master (GM), received the **Mard Uglon** ("Brave Son") Presidential medal.

ii. Abdusattorov's first success was the 2012 World Youth Championships Under-8 division, in which he won.

iii. Abdusattorov has ranked as high as fourth in the world for juniors at standard time controls, and as of January 2022 is the overall second-best ranked player in Uzbekistan.

**6. Where will All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD) host the 1st World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship in January 2023?**

- 1) Guwahati, Assam
- 2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 3) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 4) Bangalore, Karnataka
- 5) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

**Explanation:**

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (**ICSD**) gave the approval to All India Sports Council of the Deaf (**AISCD**) to host the **1st World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship in Kerala** from January 10 to 20, **2023**.

- i. The World Deaf T20 cricket championship will be organized in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, where it is expected to see participants from 8 countries.
- ii. This championship was planned to be conducted in 2020, moved to 2023 due to COVID outbreak.

**7. Cricketer Danushka Gunathilaka recently (in Jan'22) announced his retirement from Test Cricket. Which country did he represent in Test Cricket?**

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) India
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **4) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

**Sri Lanka** Cricket (SLC), a National Cricket Association of Sri Lanka had announced, the Country's opening batsman, **Danushka Gunathilaka**, announced retirement from Test cricket at the age of 30 to focus on white-ball formats.

- i. Overall, in 44 ODIs, he has scored 1,520 runs at an average of 36.19, while in T20Is, he has 568 runs in 30 matches at a strike rate of 121.62.

**8. 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

**9. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the "2022 Adelaide International 1 tournament" that was held at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre, Adelaide, Australia?**

- A) Rohan Bopanna & Ramkumar Ramanathan pair from India have won the Men's Doubles Category.
- B) Marcelo Melo (Brazil) won the Men's Singles Category against Gael Monfils (France).
- C) Darija Jurak (Croatia) won the Women's Singles Category against Andreja Klepac (Slovenia).

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

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **1) Only A**

**Explanation:**

**Rohan Bopanna & Ramkumar Ramanathan** From India wins 2022 Adelaide International 1 trophy under **Men's Doubles** Category.

i. **Gael Monfils (France)** won the 2022 Adelaide International 1 under **Men's Singles Category** against Karen Khachanov (Russia).

ii. **Ashleigh Barty (Australia)** won the 2022 Adelaide International 1 under **Women's Singles** Category against Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)

The 2022 Adelaide International 1 was hosted from 3rd to 9th January 2022 followed by the Adelaide International 2 tournament from 9th to 15th January 2022 held at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre, Adelaide, Australia.

**10. Who won the Melbourne Summer Set 1 trophy 2022 under Men's Singles Category held at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne in January 2022?**

- 1) Marcelo Melo
- 2) Aleksandr Nedovyesov
- 3) Rafael Nadal
- 4) Maxime Cressy
- 5) Neal Skupski

Answer- **3) Rafael Nadal**

**Explanation:**

**Rafael Nadal**, (Spain) defeats American Maxime Cressy in the Men's Singles final of the Melbourne Summer Set 2022 Set 1, ATP 250 in "Hard-Court" at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne.

i. This is Nadal's 89th career singles title and first title in Australia since 2009.

ii. Rafael Nadal has won a record 20 Grand Slam singles titles which ties him with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Nadal has also won 36 Masters 1000 titles.

**11. 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.

**12. Which state will host the Khelo India Games in 2023?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat

- 3) Telangana
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **4) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

Karnataka Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports, K.C. Narayana Gowda announced that **Karnataka** will host the next Khelo India Games in **2023**.

**i. Khelo India Games for 2021** is scheduled to be held in February 2022 at **Panchkula, Haryana**.

**13. 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.

**14. India recently (in Jan'22) withdrew from Asian Under-22 Boxing Championship due to the Global Pandemic. Where is the Tournament scheduled to be held at?**

- 1) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Answer- **5) Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**Explanation:**

The Boxing Federation of India (**BFI**) pulled out of the **Asian Under-22 Championships** for men and women in Tashkent, Uzbekistan due to the global pandemic.

**i.** The championship will be held from January 20 to 30, 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan organized by Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC).

**About Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC):**

President- Anas Al otaiba

**15. Which of the following points is incorrect with respect to the Yonex-Sunrise India Open 2022?**

- 1) The Tennis tournament was held at K.D.Jadhav Indoor Hall in New Delhi, India
- 2) Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan won the Women's Singles Title



- 3) India's Lakshya Sen won his 1st Super 500 title by winning the Men's Singles title in 2022 India Open
- 4) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty from India had won the Men's doubles title
- 5) All are Correct

Answer - **1) The Tennis tournament was held at K.D.Jadhav Indoor Hall in New Delhi, India**

**Explanation:**

The Yonex-Sunrise India Open 2022, a **badminton** championship, was held from 11th to 16th January 2022 at the K.D.Jadhav Indoor Hall in New Delhi, India that had a total prize pool of USD 400,000.

- **Lakshya Sen (India)** secured his maiden Super 500 title by winning the India Open 2022 against world champion Loh Kean Yew (Singapore) in the men's singles final.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the Men's doubles title
- Women's Singles title was won by Busanan Ongbamrungphan (**Thailand**)

**16. Which Company recently (in Jan'22) became the new title sponsor & official technology consulting partner of 'Toronto Waterfront Marathon'?**

- 1) Accenture
- 2) HCL Technologies
- 3) Infosys
- 4) TCS
- 5) Wipro

Answer- **4) TCS**

**Explanation:**

Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (**TCS**) signed a partnership agreement with **Canada Running Series (CRS)** to become the new title sponsor & official technology consulting partner of Toronto Waterfront Marathon and Virtual Race through November 2026.

- i. Under the agreement TCS and CRS aim to modernize marathon running in Canada through a new official **race app** with **AR** (Augmented Reality) features.
- ii. It will also build the first of its kind '**environmental impact calculator**' that will enable runners and spectators to track and offset their environmental impact.

**17. 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

**18. Which country recently (in Jan'22) won its 8th Asian Cricket Council (ACC) U-19 Asia Cup 2021 by defeating Sri Lanka?**

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) India
- 4) UAE
- 5) Bangladesh

**Answer- 3) India**

**Explanation:**

**India** under 19 cricket Team led by Yash Dhull has won its 8th Asian Cricket Council (ACC) U-19 Asia Cup 2021 by defeating Sri Lanka by 9 wickets at the match held at Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates(UAE).

i. The ACC U-19 Asia Cup is organized by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

**19. Which State/UT won the 2022 National Women's Ice Hockey Championship that was held at Himachal Pradesh?**

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer - 2) Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

The Ladakh women's ice hockey team has won the 9th National women's ice hockey championship in 2022. The championship organised by the Ice Hockey Association of India was held in the Kaza in tribal districts Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh from 15th to 21st January 2022.

**20. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Syed Modi International Badminton Championship 2022?**

**A) The championship was organized by Badminton World Federation (BWF) at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**

**B) India's Saina Nehwal won the women's singles final against PV Sindhu (India).**

**C) The mixed doubles title was won by the Indian duo of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto against Hema Nagendra Babu (India) and Srivedya Gurazada (India).**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The championship was organized by Badminton World Federation (BWF) at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

i. PV Sindhu won the women's singles final against Malvika Bansod (India).

ii. The mixed doubles title was won by the Indian duo of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto against Hema Nagendra Babu (India) and Srivedya Gurazada (India).

**21. Who recently (in Jan'22) won the Men's Single in the Sydney Tennis Classic 2022 after defeating Andy Murray?**

- 1) Mikhail Youzhny
- 2) Aslan Karatsev
- 3) Karen Khachanov
- 4) Marat Safin
- 5) Daniil Medvedev

Answer- **2) Aslan Karatsev**

**Explanation:**

**Aslan Karatsev** (World Rank: 15), the Russian professional Tennis player, has defeated Andy Murray (runner) and won the Men's Single in the 2022 Sydney Tennis Classic(2022 Sydney International) held in Sydney, Australia, held from 10th to 15th January 2022. The event was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Center in Sydney Olympic Park.

| Category        | Winner  | Runner   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Men's Singles   | Aslan Karatsev (Russia)                                   | Andy Murray (United Kingdom)                     |
| Women's Singles | Paula Badosa (Spain)                                      | Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)              |
| Men's Doubles   | John Peers (Australia) & Filip Polasek(Slovakia)          | Simone Bolelli(Italy) & Fabio Fognini(Italy)     |
| Women's Doubles | Anna Danilina (Kazakhstan) & Beatriz Haddad Maia (Brazil) | Vivian Heisen(Germany) & Panna Udvardy (Hungary) |

**22. 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.

**23. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became India's highest Run Scorer in ODI cricket overseas during the ODI series against South Africa.**

- 1) KL Rahul
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Jasprit Bumrah
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) Shreyas Iyer

Answer- **2) Virat Kohli**

**Explanation:**

**Virat Kohli** has become India's highest run-getter in ODI cricket away from home during the first ODI of the three-match series against South Africa held at Boland Park in Paarl, South Africa.

i. Virat Kohli has surpassed Sachin Tendulkar who had scored 5,065 runs in the away ODIs for India.

ii. Virat Kohli is followed by MS Dhoni (4520 runs in 124 inns), Rahul Dravid (3998 runs in 110 inns) and Sourav Ganguly (3468 runs in 105 inns).

iii. South Africa won the 3 matches One Day International(ODI) series defeating India. South Africa's ODI team was captained by Temba Bavuma and India's team was captained by KL Rahul.

**24. In Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ won the Gold medal, while India won the \_\_\_\_\_ Medal during the event that was held at Muscat, Onam.**

- 1) China; Silver
- 2) Indonesia; Bronze
- 3) Thailand; Silver
- 4) Japan; Bronze
- 5) Indonesia; Silver

Answer- **4) Japan; Bronze**

**Explanation:**

In the Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022 **Japan** won the **Gold** medal by defeating three-time champions South Korea while **India** won the **bronze** medal defeating China under the captaincy of Savita Punia. India lost to South Korea in the semi-final.

i. Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022 hosted by Oman was held at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex, Muscat, Oman from 21st to 28th January 2022.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

**1. 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.

**2. Who authored the book, “Gandhi’s Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India”?**

- 1) Manan Kapoor
- 2) Amrita Pritam
- 3) Shashi Tharoor
- 4) Farah Bashir
- 5) Dharendra K. Jha

Answer- **5) Dharendra K. Jha**

**Explanation:**

**Dhirendra K. Jha** has authored a new book titled “**Gandhi’s Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India**”. The book is published by Vintage Books.

i. **Dhirendra Jha’s other books:** Shadow Armies: Fringe Organizations and Foot Soldiers of Hindutva, Ascetic Games: Sadhus, Akharas and the Making of the Hindu Vote and co-author of Ayodhya The Dark Night: The Secret History of Rama’s Appearance in Babri Masjid.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Who authored the book, “Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist”?**

- 1) Chandrachur Ghose
- 2) Anuj Dhar
- 3) GD Bakshi
- 4) Boe Sugata
- 5) Satish Dua

Answer - **1) Chandrachur Ghose**

**Explanation:**

A new biography titled “**Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist**” authored by **Chandrachur Ghose** and published by Penguin Random House India under its Viking imprint will be released in February 2022.

**6. Which of the following organizations recently (in Jan’22) released a Handbook on ‘Sahakar Pragma Good Practices for Cooperatives’?**

- 1) International Co-Operative Alliance Asia And Pacific
- 2) National Cooperative Union of India
- 3) Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **4) Both 1 & 2**

**Explanation:**

A policy recommendation handbook on ‘**Sahakar Pragma Good Practices for Cooperatives**’ was jointly released by Dr Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, President of International Co-Operative Alliance Asia And Pacific (**ICA AP**) and Dileep Sanghani, President of National Cooperative Union of India (**NCUI**) during an event at National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) headquarters in New Delhi.

i. The handbook has been developed by Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) of NCDC

**7. Who Co-authored the Book, “The Legend of Birsa Munda” along with Tuhin A Sinha?**

- 1) Kewal Dheer
- 2) Amrita Pritam
- 3) Kunal Basu
- 4) Ankita Verma
- 5) Kamala Das

Answer- **4) Ankita Verma**

**Explanation:**

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari released a book titled ‘**The Legend of Birsa Munda**’, authored by **Tuhin A Sinha** and co-authored by **Ankita Verma**.



i. The Book is the story of a lesser-known tribal hero, Birsa Munda, who courageously fought against the oppressive British Raj for the rights of his tribal community.

### 8. 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.

### 9. Who Authored the book, “Liberty After Freedom: A History of Article 21, Due Process and the Constitution of India”?

- 1) Khar Khanis
- 2) G. N. Dixit
- 3) Ram Nath Sharma
- 4) Rohan J. Alva
- 5) Athish Matur

Answer- **4) Rohan J. Alva**

#### Explanation:

**Rohan J. Alva**, a counsel practicing in the Supreme Court of India, has authored a new book titled “Liberty After Freedom: A History of Article 21, Due Process and the Constitution of India”.

i. The book features the origin of Article 21: Protection of Life and Personal Liberty, one of the important fundamental rights in the Indian Constitution.

### 10. The pictorial comic book, ‘India’s Women Unsung Heroes’ was prepared by the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Nagraj
- 2) Amar Chitra Katha
- 3) Panchatantra
- 4) Champak
- 5) Chacha Chaudhary

Answer- **2) Amar Chitra Katha**

#### Explanation:

Minister of State for Culture, Meenakashi Lekhi has launched the pictorial comic book titled ‘India’s Women Unsung Heroes’ in New Delhi. The book was prepared by the **Ministry of Culture** in collaboration with **Amar Chitra Katha**.

i. It highlights the tales of valour of forgotten Indian women like Chakali Ilamma, Padmaja Naidu & Durgabai Deshmukh etc. who fought against colonial rule and immensely contributed to the freedom struggle of India.

### 11. Who Co-authored the book, 'Operation Khatma' along with RC Ganjoo?

- 1) Anuja Chauhan
- 2) Vikram Seth
- 3) Ashwini Bhatnagar
- 4) Kunal Basu
- 5) Arundhati Roy

Answer- **3) Ashwini Bhatnagar**

#### Explanation:

A book titled '**Operation Khatma**' has been released which is authored by **journalists RC Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar**. It is an eyewitness account by them.

i. The book is based upon the operation by Special Operations Group of Jammu & Kashmir Police which led to the killing of 22 terrorists of the Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF).

### 12. Who authored the book, "The \$10 Trillion Dream"?

- 1) Hasmukh Adhia
- 2) Subhash Chandra Garg
- 3) Shaktikanta Das
- 4) Rajiv Takru
- 5) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Answer- **2) Subhash Chandra Garg**

#### Explanation:

A new book titled "**The \$10 Trillion Dream**" authored by former finance secretary **Subhash Chandra Garg** is set to be launched in February 2022. This is his debut book, which will be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI)

i. The book explores the economic policy issues of India and suggests reformative ideas to make India a USD 10 trillion economy by the mid-2030s.

## OBITUARY

### 1. Cricketer Ray Illingworth passed away recently (in dec'21). He is a former cricket captain of which country?

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

Answer- **2) England**

#### Explanation:

Ray Illingworth, a **former England cricket captain** and the coach of the England Cricket team (1995-1996) has passed away.

i. He has also played for the Yorkshire County Cricket Club of England.

ii. He played 61 Test matches for England between 1958 and 1973 and scored 1,836.

iii. He **captained England 31 times** (1969-1973) and the team won 12 matches under his captaincy.

iv. He has also served as the chairman of selectors for England between 1993 and 1996.

**2. Param Vishisht Seva Medal Awardee SH Sarma recently (in Jan'22) passed away. He represented which of the following organizations during the 1971 Indo Pakistan War?**

- 1) Indian Navy
- 2) Indian Army
- 3) Indian Air Force
- 4) Indian Coast Guard
- 5) National Security Guard

**Answer- 1) Indian Navy**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Navy's 1971 Indo-Pak war veteran **Vice Admiral SH Sarma**, the senior-most living war veteran has passed away at his residence in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

**About Vice Admiral SH Sarma:**

- i. Vice Admiral SH Sarma, a **Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)** awardee, has served as the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet (FOCEF) during the 1971 Indo Pakistan War.
- ii. He was also a veteran of the 1965 Indo Pak war and the 2nd World War.
- iii. He published his autobiography titled "**My Years at Sea**" in **2017**.

**3. Three times Olympic Gold Medalist, Viktor Saneyev recently (in Jan'22) passed away. He took part in which field of sports in the Olympics?**

- 1) Fencing
- 2) Track Cycling
- 3) Triple Jump
- 4) Boxing
- 5) Football

**Answer- 3) Triple Jump**

**Explanation:**

The **Olympic triple jump – 3 Time** gold medalist and former world record holder, **Viktor Danilovich Saneyev** passed away in Australia.

- i. He was a triple long player who represented the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (**USSR**) in the Olympic games. Later he worked as a coach in Australia.
- ii. He clinched four Olympic titles which include three gold medals and one silver medal.
- iii. He secured Gold medals in European Games organized in 1969 Athens and 1974 Rome.

**4. Padma Shri Awardee Sindhutai Sapkal recently (in Jan'22) passed away. Where is Sindhutai Sapkal's orphanage called 'Sanmati Bal Niketan Sanstha' located?**

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

**Answer- 2) Pune, Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

Renowned social worker & Padma Shri recipient **Sindhutai Sapkal** passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. She was popularly known as the 'mother of orphaned children'.

- i. A biographical movie was made on her in Marathi titled '**Mee Sindhutai Sapkal**'.

ii. 'Maai' or Sindhutai Sapkal has adopted around 1,500 children and founded the orphanage 'Sanmati Bal Niketan Sanstha', in Pune, Maharashtra.

#### Awards-

- **Mother Teresa Awards** for Social Justice (2013),
- **Nari Shakti Puraskar** (2017) which is India's highest civilian award dedicated to women.
- **Padma Shri** (2021) in the Social Work category.

**5. Padma Awardee Neil Nongkynrih passed away recently (in Jan'22). In which field he received the Padma Shri award in 2015?**

- 1) Sports
- 2) Literature and Education
- 3) Art
- 4) Social Work
- 5) Public Affairs

Answer- **3) Art**

#### **Explanation:**

The founder of Shillong Chamber Choir (SCC) and renowned Indian concert pianist **Neil Nongkynrih** passed away at the age of 51 years in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**Award-** Padma Shri (2015) in the field of **arts**.

**6. Sidney Poitier, the first black actor and the first Bahamian actor to win an Oscar award recently (in Jan'22) passed away. When did he receive the Oscar award?**

- 1) 1991
- 2) 1942
- 3) 1983
- 4) 1963
- 5) 1951

Answer- **4) 1963**

#### **Explanation:**

**Sidney Poitier** is a Bahamian-American actor, the first black actor & the first Bahamian to win the Oscar Award for **Best Actor Award**, has passed away at his residence in Los Angeles, United States of America.

i. Until his death, he was the oldest surviving male Academy Award winner.

ii. He served as the Bahamian ambassador to Japan from 1997 to 2007 and he has also served as the ambassador of the Bahamas to UNESCO.

iii. He published his autobiography titled "**The Measure of a Man: A Spiritual Autobiography**" in 2000.

iv. Sidney Poitier received an Academy Award for Best Actor for Lilies of the Field (**1963**) and an Honorary Award presented in 2001.

**7. David Sassoli recently (in Jan'22) passed away. He was the President of which country's Parliament?**

- 1) South Korean Parliament
- 2) American Parliament
- 3) Spanish Parliament
- 4) Japanese Parliament
- 5) European Parliament

Answer- **5) European Parliament**

**Explanation:**

**David Sassoli**, the President of the **European Parliament (since 2019)**, one of three legislative branches of the European Union, has passed away in Aviano, Italy.

i. He became a member of the European Parliament in 2009 and later became the speaker in 2019.

**8. Olympic Medalist Deon Lendore recently (in Jan'22) passed away. He represents which field of sports in the Olympics?**

- 1) Football
- 2) Fencing
- 3) Athletics
- 4) Boxing
- 5) Hockey

Answer- **3) Athletics**

**Explanation:**

**Olympic athlete** Deon Lendore, who participated in the **400 meters** race at the 2020 Olympics, passed away in Texas, United States (US).

i. He participated in the London Olympics in 2012 and won a Bronze medal in 4×400 meter relay. He also participated in the Tokyo Olympic 2021 and in 2016 Rio Olympics.

**9. Oscar Awardee Marilyn Bergman recently (Jan'22) passed away. How many Oscar awards were won by Marilyn Bergman?**

- 1) Two
- 2) One
- 3) Four
- 4) Five
- 5) Three

Answer- **5) Three**

**Explanation:**

Oscar, Emmy and Grammy Awardee & Lyricist **Marilyn Bergman** passed away at the age of 93.

i. Marilyn and Alan Bergman (husband), were the life-long writing partners, winning **3 Oscars** for ('Way We Were – 1974,' 'Windmills – 1969' and the entire song score for 'Yentl – 1984').

**10. Toshiki Kaifu passed away recently in January 2022. He is the Former Prime Minister (PM) of which Country?**

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) South Korea
- 4) Australia
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **1) Japan**

**Explanation:**

The former PM of Japan, **Toshiki Kaifu** passed away at the age of 91 years in Japan. He served as the PM from **1989 to 1991**.

i. He is known for sending the Maritime Self-Defense Force to the Persian Gulf in 1991.

**11. In January 2022, Padma Vibhushan awardee Birju Maharaj passed away. Which Classical Dance form was practised by him?**

- 1) Kathak
- 2) Kuchipudi
- 3) Manipuri
- 4) Kathakali
- 5) Bharatanatyam

Answer - **1) Kathak**

**Explanation:**

Legendary Kathak dancer **Birju Maharaj**, popularly known as “Maharaj-ji” from Handia, Uttar Pradesh, died at the age of 83. Maharaj-ji was a lifelong Kathak guru as well as a talented Hindustani classical singer and percussionist.

**12. Famous Theatre artist Saoli Mitra passed away in January 2022. Which state does she belong to?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer - **5) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**Saoli Mitra**, a well-known theatre figure and daughter of famed performers Sombhu Mitra and Tripti Mitra passed away in South Kolkata, West Bengal.

i. Saoli Mitra has received Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2003 and the Padma Shri in 2009 in arts.

ii. The government of West Bengal also conferred the Banga Bibhushan award on her in 2012.

**13. In January 2022, Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, the former President of \_\_\_\_ passed away.**

- 1) Sudan
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Chad Republic
- 4) Ethiopia
- 5) Mali

Answer - **5) Mali**

**Explanation:**

Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta (IBK), the former President of Mali died at the age of 76. IBK was in the office for 7 years from 2013-2020, until he was overthrown by Special forces Commander Assimi Goita.

**14. In January 2022, Padma Shri awardee Shanti Devi passed away, she is popularly known for her social work towards educating Tribal girls. Where is the Seva Samaj ashram started by her located?**

- 1) Jhalda, West Bengal
- 2) Chauka, Jharkhand
- 3) Gunupur, Odisha
- 4) Raigarh, Chattisgarh
- 5) Warangal, Telangana



Answer - 3) Gunupur, Odisha

**Explanation:**

Padma Shri awardee and social activist Shanti Devi passed away in Gunupur, Rayagada, Odisha. Devi started social work by founding ashrams at Gorapalli in the Rayagada district and **Seva Samaj ashram** in **1964** in **Gunupur** for the development and education of tribal girls.

**15. Padma Shri Awardee 'Major HPS Ahluwalia' passed away recently (in Jan'22). In which year did he receive Padma Shri Award?**

- 1) 1995
- 2) 1955
- 3) 1965
- 4) 1976
- 5) 1950

Answer- 3) 1965

**Explanation:**

A professional mountaineer, and Padma Shri recipient, **Major HPS Ahluwalia** (Retired) passed away at the age of 85. He is the Founder of the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (**ISIC**) that was set up at Vasant Kunj, Delhi in 1993.

i. Major Ahluwalia was part of the first Indian expedition to summit Mount Everest in 1965, and he climbed the summit on May 29, 1965.

ii. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan (**2002**) and Padma Shri (**1965**) for his contributions and received India's second-highest sporting honour, the **Arjuna Award (1965)**. He also received the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (**2009**).

iii. He has written over 13 books including his autobiography '**Higher Than Everest**'.

**16. India's 1st D.Litt degree holder, 'Narayan Debnath' passed away recently (in Jan'22). In Which field did he receive the Padma Shri in 2021?**

- 1) Literature & Education
- 2) Art
- 3) Public Affairs
- 4) Social Work
- 5) Medicine

Answer- 2) Art

**Explanation:**

Noted Bengali cartoonist **Padma Shri Narayan Debnath** has passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal.

i. The Rabindranath Tagore University had honoured him with a D.Litt degree. He is the **first** and the **only comic artist** in India who has received a **D.Litt degree**.

ii. He was honoured with **Padma Shri**, the 4th highest civilian honours of India in **2021 for arts**.

**17. In January 2022, Asian Games Bronze medal winner Subhas Bhowmick passed away. In which sport did he represent India?**

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Badminton
- 5) Football

Answer - 5) Football

**Explanation:**

Renowned Indian footballer and coach **Subhas Bhowmick**, who represented India at the Bronze medal winning 1970 Asian Games, passed away at the age of 71 due to prolonged illness.

**18. Padma Bhushan Awardee R. Nagaswamy recently (in Jan'22) passed away. He is known as the Father of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Urudi Archeology
- 2) Kannada Archeology
- 3) Tamil Archeology
- 4) Malayalam Archeology
- 5) Telugu Archeology

Answer- 3) Tamil Archeology

**Explanation:**

An Archaeologist, art historian and Padma Bhushan awardee R. Nagaswamy passed away.

- i. He was the 1st director of Tamil Nadu (TN) government's Department of Archaeology (1966 – 1988).
- ii. He was a great scholar in Tamil and Sanskrit and was known as the 'Father of Tamil Archaeology'.
- iii. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan (2018) for his outstanding contribution to archaeology. He was also awarded the TN government's 'Kalaimamani Award'.

**19. Olympics Medalist Szilveszter Csollány from Hungary recently (in Jan'22) passed away. In which sport did he participate in the Olympics?**

- 1) Triple Jump
- 2) Fencing
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Football
- 5) Gymnastic

Answer- 5) Gymnastic

**Explanation:**

Hungarian **Gymnast** Szilveszter Csollány who won the gold in the Men's rings at the 2000 Olympics held in Sydney, has passed away due to a COVID-19 infection.

Szilveszter Csollány has also won the silver in the Men's Rings in the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta and he won the gold in Men's rings event at the 2002 world championships held in Debrecen.

**20. Padma Shri Awardee Milena Salvini recently (in Jan'22) passed away. For which field she received the Padma Shri Award in 2019?**

- 1) Science and Engineering
- 2) Sport
- 3) Art
- 4) Social Work
- 5) Public Affairs

Answer- 3) Art

**Explanation:**

veteran Kathakali artist and Padma Shri awardee **Milena Salvini** passed away in Paris at the age of 84 years.

- i. **Award-** Padma Shri in 2019 in the field of performing arts.

**21. Olympics Medalist Charanjit Singh recently (in Jan'22) passed away. He represents India in which sport at the Olympics?**

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Boxing
- 3) Hockey
- 4) Tracking Cycle
- 5) Football

**Answer- 3) Hockey**

**Explanation:**

Padma Shri **Charanjit Singh**, who was the Captain of India's **Hockey** team that won the gold medal in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics has passed away at his residence in the Una District of Himachal Pradesh.

**i.** He was also a part of the Indian hockey team that won the silver medal in the 1960 Olympics held in Rome and part of the team that won the silver medal in the 1962 Asian Games held in Jakarta.

**ii.** The Government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri in 1964 in Sports and Arjuna Award in 1963 for hockey.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

**1. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) celebrated its 64th Raising Day/Foundation Day on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 30th December, 2021
- 2) 1st January, 2022
- 3) 31st December, 2021
- 4) 2nd January, 2022
- 5) 4th January, 2022

**Answer- 2) 1st January, 2022**

**Explanation:**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Research and development (R&D) wing of Ministry of Defence, celebrated its 64th Foundation Day or **64th Raising Day** on **1st January 2022**. The DRDO was established on **1st January 1958** by amalgamating the Technical Development Establishment (**TDEs**) of the Indian Army & the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (**DTDP**) with the Defence Science Organization (**DSO**).

**About DRDO:**

**Chairman-** Dr G. Satheesh Reddy

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**2. The 4th World Braille Day is annually observed across the globe by the United Nation on?**

- 1) 2nd January 2022
- 2) 5th January 2022
- 3) 4th January 2022
- 4) 1st January 2022
- 5) 3rd January 2022

**Answer- 3) 4th January 2022**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations(UN)'s **World Braille Day** is annually observed across the globe on **4th January**.

i. 4th January also marks the birth anniversary of **Louis Braille**, who invented Braille.

ii. **4th January 2022** marks the observance of the **4th World Braille Day** and the 213th birth anniversary of Louis Braille.

iii. The 1st ever World Braille Day was observed on **4th January 2019**.

**3. Every year, Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO) Day is observed across India on \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) 5th January

2) 4th January

3) 1st January

4) 3rd January

5) 2nd January

Answer- **4) 3rd January**

**Explanation:**

Power System Operation Corporation Limited (**POSOCO**) Day is annually observed on **3rd January** to commemorate the day (3rd January 2017) on which POSOCO stated its independent functioning under the Ministry of Power as one of the Power Public sector undertakings (PSUs).

i. **3rd January 2022** marks the commemoration of the **5th POSOCO Day**.

ii. **POSOCO** started operating the National Load Despatch Centre(NLDC) and Regional Load Despatch Centers(RLDCs) in India with effect from **3rd January 2017**.

iii. On the occasion of the 5th POSOCO day, The Union Minister of Power Raj Kumar Singh released a report titled '**Assessment of Inertia in Indian Power System**', prepared by POSOCO in collaboration with the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Bombay.

**4. Every year, World Day of War Orphans was observed across the globe on \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) 2nd January

2) 4th January

3) 6th January

4) 5th January

5) 7th January

Answer- **3) 6th January**

**Explanation:**

**World Day of War Orphans** is annually observed across the globe on **6th January** to create awareness about the condition of the children who were orphaned as a result of war or other conflicts.

i. World Day of War Orphans was **started** by the French organization **SOS Enfants en Detresses (SOSEED)**.

**5. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated its 75th Foundation Day on \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) 2nd January 2022

2) 5th January 2022

3) 6th January 2022

4) 3rd January 2022

5) 4th January 2022

Answer- **3) 6th January 2022**

**Explanation:**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) annually celebrates the BIS Foundation Day on 6th January. **6th January 2022** marks the observance of the **75th BIS Foundation Day**.

- i. The BIS foundation day commemorates the day on which BIS came into existence as the Indian Standards Institution (ISI) (6th January 1947).
- ii. The Indian Standards Institution (ISI) was established on 6th January 1947 and in June 1947 Dr Lal C. Verman took over as its first Director of ISI.
- iii. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act 2016 notified on 22nd March 2016, which came into force on 12th October 2017, established BIS as the National Standards Body of India.

**6. 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".

**7. Every year, World Hindi Day is observed across the globe on \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 7th January
- 2) 10th January
- 3) 8th January
- 4) 9th January
- 5) 11th January

**Answer- 2) 10th January**

**Explanation:**

**World Hindi Day**, also known as Vishwa Hindi Diwas, is annually observed across the globe on **10th January** to promote the worldwide use of the Hindi language.

- i. The day also marks the anniversary of the **World Hindi Conference**, which was held on **10th January 1975** in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ii. The **first ever** World Hindi Day was observed on **10th January 2006**.
- iii. The day has been observed in **India since 2003**.

**8. Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas/ Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day is annually observed across India on \_\_\_\_\_, to mark the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa.**

- 1) 7th January
- 2) 10th January

- 3) 8th January
- 4) 9th January
- 5) 11th January

Answer- **4) 9th January**

**Explanation:**

Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD), also known as the “Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day” is annually celebrated on **9th January** to mark the contribution of the Overseas Indian community to the development of India & **Mahatma Gandhi** returned to India from South Africa on **9th January 1915**.

i. Overseas Indians, also known as NRIs or Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) are people of Indian birth or ancestry who live outside the Republic of India.

ii. The **first ever** Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas was celebrated on 9 January **2003**.

**9. What was the Theme of National Youth Day 2022 celebrated across India on 12th January?**

- 1) Indian Youth for Development, Skill, & Harmony
- 2) Youth and Civic Engagement
- 3) Youth for Digital India
- 4) It's all in the mind
- 5) Channelizing Youth Power for Nation

Answer- **4) It's all in the mind**

**Explanation:**

National Youth Day, also known as Rashtriya Yuva Diwas, is annually celebrated across India on **12th January** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the social reformer, great thinker and philosopher, **Swami Vivekananda**.

i. The theme of National Youth Day 2022 is “**It's all in the mind**.”

ii. 12th January 2022 marks the observance of the **159th** birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

iii. The **first ever** National Youth Day was observed on 12th January **1985**.

**10. In January 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ hosted the 25th National Youth Day 2022 & \_\_\_\_\_ is the Tagline of the Day.**

- 1) Kerala; Shakti yuva Shashakth Yuva
- 2) Karnataka; Shashakth Yuva Majbooth Yuva
- 3) Puducherry; Shaksham Yuva Shashakth Yuva
- 4) Tamil Nadu; Majbooth Yuva Shaksham Yuva
- 5) Puducherry; Shakti yuva Majbooth Yuva

Answer- **3) Puducherry; Shaksham Yuva Shashakth Yuva**

**Explanation:**

**Puducherry** hosted the 25th National Youth Festival for the year 2022. The festival was virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi.

i. The virtual edition of the National Youth Festival, organized by the Department of Youth Affairs, will be held from 12th and 13th January 2022.

ii. Tag-line: ‘**Shaksham Yuva Shashakth Yuva**’ meaning Capable Youth- Forceful Youth, Able Youth- Strong Youth.

**11. The 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed across India on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 16th January 2022
- 2) 14th January 2022



3) 12th January 2022

4) 15th January 2022

5) 13th January 2022

Answer- **2) 14th January 2022**

**Explanation:**

The 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day was observed on **14th January 2022** to recognize the sacrifice of our veterans in serving the nation.

i. It was called Armistice Day when initiated in **2017**.

ii. The day honors the services rendered by Field Marshal **Kodandera Madappa Cariappa** OBE, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the Indian Armed Forces.

**12. When is the Indian Army Day annually observed?**

1) 10th January

2) 20th January

3) 18th January

4) 13th January

5) 15th January

Answer - **5) 15th January**

**Explanation:**

Indian Army Day is annually observed across India on **January 15th** to commemorate the day on which Field Marshal Kodandera M Cariappa (**KM Cariappa**) took charge as the first Indian Commander in Chief (C-in-C) of the Indian Army.

- 15th January 2022 marks the observance of the 74th Indian Army Day.
- The Indian Army's theme for the year 2022 is **"In Stride with the Future."**

**13. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared \_\_\_\_ to be annually celebrated as the National Start-up Day, starting from 2022.**

1) 15th January

2) 21st January

3) 18th January

4) 20th January

5) 16th January

Answer - **5) 16th January**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared that **January 16** will be celebrated as **National Start-up Day**, to spread the culture of startups in every part of India. 16 January 2022 marks the first-ever National Startup Day.

**14. The Open Data Week for 2021 was observed on \_\_\_\_\_ by the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.**

1) 18th January - 22nd January

2) 19th January - 23rd January

3) 16th January - 20th January

4) 15th January - 19th January

5) 17th January - 21st January

Answer- **5) 17th January - 21st January**

**Explanation:**

The **Open Data Week** will be conducted during the **third week of January**, from **17th to 21st January 2022**, by the **SCM**, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) to encourage the adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem.

i. All the 100 smart cities of India will participate in the event and they will publish high-quality datasets and data blogs on the Smart Cities Open Data Portal.

**15. The 17th National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day was observed across India on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 15th January 2022
- 2) 16th January 2022
- 3) 18th January 2022
- 4) 17th January 2022
- 5) 19th January 2022

Answer- **5) 19th January 2022**

**Explanation:**

National Disaster Response Force (**NDRF**) annually celebrates the NDRF Raising day on **19th January** to mark the formation of NDRF, under the Ministry of Home Affairs on 19th January **2006**.

i. **19th January 2022** marks the observance of the **17th NDRF Raising Day**.

**16. 44th Kokborok Day is celebrated across the Indian State of Tripura on?**

- 1) 18th January 2022
- 2) 16th January 2022
- 3) 19th January 2022
- 4) 17th January 2022
- 5) 20th January 2022

Answer- **3) 19th January 2022**

**Explanation:**

**Kokborok Day**, also known as the Tripuri Language Day is annually celebrated across the Indian State of Tripura on **19th January** with an aim to develop the Kokborok Language.

i. The day commemorates the initial recognition of Kokborok as the official language in **1979**.

ii. **19th January 2022** marks the observance of the **44th Kokborok Day**.

iii. Kokborok is derived from 'Kok' means "verbal" and "borok" means "people" or "human". It is one of the ancient languages of North East India.

**17. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) celebrated the Agri Nutri Garden Week from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 8th-15th January 2022
- 2) 10th-17th January 2022
- 3) 12-19th January 2022
- 4) 11-18th January 2022
- 5) 9th-16th January 2022

Answer- **2) 10th-17th January 2022**

**Explanation:**

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (**DAY-NRLM**) has celebrated the **Agri Nutri Garden Week** from **10th to 17th January 2022**.

i. The week was observed to encourage the establishment of 'Agri Nutri Gardens' in rural households.

**18. What was the theme of the 2022's International Day of Education that was observed on 24th January?**

- 1) Transformation, Empower, Stable Education
- 2) Empowerment Education
- 3) Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation
- 4) Changing Course, Transforming Education
- 5) A Key Driver for Inclusion and Empowerment

Answer- **4) Changing Course, Transforming Education**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Education is annually observed across the globe on 24th January to celebrate the role of education for peace and development.

i. **24th January 2022** marks the observance of the **4th** International Day of Education.

ii. The theme of the 2022 International Day of Education is "**Changing Course, Transforming Education**".

iii. The **1st** ever International Day of Education was observed on 24th January **2019**.

**19. National Girl Child Day is annually observed across India on?**

- 1) 23rd January
- 2) 25th January
- 3) 22nd January
- 4) 24th January
- 5) 26th January

Answer- **4) 24th January**

**Explanation:**

National Girl Child Day (**NGCD**) is annually observed across India on **24th January** to support and provide opportunities to the girls in India.

i. The **1st** ever National Girl Child Day was observed on **24th January 2008**.

ii. On the occasion of the National Girl Child Day, as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a virtual function was organized to recognise the exemplary achievements of children by facilitating Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP)-2022 awardees.

**20. Parakram Diwas is annually observed across India on \_\_\_\_\_ to mark the birth anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 24th January; Bhagat Singh
- 2) 25th January; Subhas Chandra Bose
- 3) 23rd January; Bhagat Singh
- 4) 24th January; Chandra Shekhar Azad
- 5) 23rd January; Subhas Chandra Bose

Answer- **5) 23rd January; Subhas Chandra Bose**

**Explanation:**

**Parakram Diwas** also known as Courage Day is annually observed across India on **23rd January**, the birth anniversary of Netaji **Subhas Chandra Bose** to honour and remember the efforts and contribution of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. 23rd January 2022 marks the observance of the 2nd Parakram Diwas.

i. The **1st** ever Parakram Diwas was observed on **23rd January 2021**.

ii. Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi unveiled a hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate.

iii. Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM) and Professor Vinod Sharma of Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority has been honoured with the Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2022 for their excellent work in disaster management.

**21. Every year, National Tourism Day was observed across India on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 22nd January
- 2) 24th January
- 3) 20th January
- 4) 25th January
- 5) 27th January

Answer- **4) 25th January**

**Explanation:**

**National Tourism Day** is annually observed across India on **25th January** to create awareness of the importance of traveling and protecting nature.

i. The theme of National Tourism Day 2022 is '**Rural and Community Centric Tourism**'.

ii. As a part of the National Tourism Day 2022, The Ministry of Tourism has organized a webinar on 'Rural and Community Centric Tourism'.

**22. What is the Theme of the 12th National Voters' Day (NVD)?**

- 1) Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy
- 2) No Voter to be left behind
- 3) Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed
- 4) Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative
- 5) Inclusive and qualitative participation

Answer- **4) Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative**

**Explanation:**

On 25th January 2022, the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** celebrated the **12th** edition of National Voters' Day (NVD) across India, to spread awareness about the importance of voting, and participating in the electoral process.

i. Theme of 2022 NVD – '**Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative.**'

ii. National Voters Day was first celebrated in 2011, to encourage active participation in India's electoral process.

**23. 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

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.

**24. International Customs Day (ICD) is annually celebrated across the globe on \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) 23rd January

2) 26th January

3) 27th January

4) 25th January

5) 24th January

Answer- **2) 26th January**

**Explanation:**

International Customs Day (ICD) is annually celebrated across the globe on **26th January** to recognize the contributions and roles of the customs officials and agencies in maintaining border security.

i. **Theme** – Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem’. The theme for 2022 was chosen by WCO.

ii. The World Customs Organization (WCO) instituted International Customs Day (ICD) by commemorating the day in 1953 when the inaugural session of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) was held in Brussels, Belgium.

**25. What is the theme of International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust 2022 that is annually observed on 27th January?**

1) Remembrance and Beyond

2) Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust

3) Facing the Aftermath

4) Memory, Dignity and Justice

5) No one left Behind

Answer- **4) Memory, Dignity and Justice**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)’s International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust is annually observed across the globe on **27th January** as a tribute to the victims of the holocaust, also known as the Shoah, which was the genocide of European Jews during World War II.

i. The theme of International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust 2022 is **“Memory, Dignity and Justice”**.

ii. The first ever International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust was observed on 27th January 2006.

## ENVIRONMENT

**1. In January 2022, 2 New species of very rare wasp-like flower flies belonging to the Syrphidae family called 'Monoceromyia flavoscutata and M. nigra' were discovered by Researchers in which of the following places?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

**Answer- 5) Both 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

Researchers have discovered two new species of very rare wasp-like flower flies such as *Monoceromyia flavoscutata* and *M. nigra* from the Western Ghats (Tamil Nadu) and north-eastern India (Arunachal Pradesh).

i. The two species belong to the **Syrphidae family** and only 12 species of that family have been reported from India previously

**About the wasp-like flower flies:**

- i. *Monoceromyia flavoscutata* was discovered from Thadiyankudisai in Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu.
- ii. *M. nigra* was discovered from West Siang of Basar district of Arunachal Pradesh.

**2. *Fimbristylis sunilii* & *Neanotis prabhuii*, 2 New Plant species were recently (in Jan'22) discovered by the researchers from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Assam
- 5) Tamil Nadu

**Answer- 3) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

Researchers from the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, and the Payyanur College have discovered **two new plant species** such as ***Fimbristylis sunilii* & *Neanotis prabhuii*** from Western Ghats regions of Thiruvananthapuram (Ponmudi hills), and Wayanad (Chembra Peak), **Kerala**.

**About the Plant species:**

- i. ***Fimbristylis sunilii*** is a perennial plant of the Cyperaceae family.
- ii. ***Neanotis prabhuii*** is a prostrate perennial herb belonging to the family Rubiaceae

**3. In Which country the new species of rain frog *Pristimantis gretathunbergae* was discovered recently (in Jan'22) which was named after Greta Thunberg?**

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Chile
- 3) Panama
- 4) Peru
- 5) Brazil

**Answer- 3) Panama**



**Explanation:**

The International team led by Abel Batista of Panama and Konrad Mebert of Switzerland has discovered a new species of rain frog, **Pristimantis gretathunbergae**, named after the Swedish Climate Activist, Greta Thunberg.

The new species was found on the island in eastern Panama called Cerro Chucanti. It is popularly known as the Greta Thunberg Rain frog.

**4. In Which state a new gecko species named 'Problepharus Apatani' was discovered in January 2022?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Assam

Answer- 3) Arunachal Pradesh

**Explanation:**

A team of researchers discovered a new gecko species named **Problepharus Apatani**, at Talle Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in **Arunachal Pradesh**.

i. The new species is named after the Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh's Ziro valley. Notably, this is the 5th new species discovered by the research team from their month long herpetological investigations in Arunachal Pradesh.

ii. The other species discovered by the team- Trimeresurus Salazar (pit viper), Cyrtodactylus arunachalensis (Lizard) etc.

**5. In which state two new species of fungi named 'Ganoderma keralense & G. pseudoapplanatum' were discovered recently (in Jan'22) that are associated with Basal Stem Rot disease?**

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

Answer- 3) Kerala

**Explanation:**

Researchers from **Kerala** have identified two new species of fungi from the genus Ganoderma named **Ganoderma keralense** and **G. pseudoapplanatum** that are associated with **coconut stem rot disease or Basal Stem Rot**, an irrecoverable disease for plants.

**i. About Basal Stem Rot:**

The butt rot or basal stem rot of coconut is known by several names in different parts of India: Ganoderma wilt (Andhra Pradesh), Anaberoga (Karnataka) and Thanjavur wilt (Tamil Nadu) etc.

## APP and WEB PORTAL

**1. The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions launches a 'Web Portal' for Prime Ministry (PM)'s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration for 2021-22.**

**Which of the following points are correct with respect to the PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration?**

**A) The prize money for the award is doubled from Rs.10 Lakh to 20 Lakh for the year 2021.**

**B) For the year 2021, The total number of Awards is 18 & the Period of consideration of award is April 1, 2019 to Dec, 31 2021.**

**C) The Award was recognized and rewarded the extraordinary & innovative work done by Districts/Organizations of the Central & State Governments since 2014.**

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 prize money for the award is doubled from Rs.10 lakh to **20 lakh** for the year **2021**.

**i. For the year 2021, The total number of Awards is 18 & the Period of consideration of award is April 1, 2019 to Dec, 31 2021.**

**ii. The Award was recognized and rewarded the extraordinary & innovative work done by Districts/Organizations of the Central and State Governments since 2014.**

**2. Which state's Industrial Development Corporation Limited recently (in Jan'22) launched UNNATI Portal & App?**

1) Rajasthan

2) Kerala

3) Himachal Pradesh

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Uttarakhand

**Answer- 3) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Jai Ram Thakur, CM of **Himachal Pradesh** has launched the **UNNATI portal** and the **mobile app** of the Himachal Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (**HPSIDC**). He also launched the website of the HPSIDC.

**i. The UNNATI portal enables real-time collaboration and allows the users to share and work on documents together from any place and at any time.**

**ii. HPSIDC and the Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) have signed a MoU for the supply of steel to the corporation within the state.**

**3. 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 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.

**4. Which Ministry launched the "Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal" to resolve pension disputes of ex-servicemen?**

1) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension

2) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

3) Ministry of Home Affairs

4) Ministry of Defence

5) Ministry of Finance

Answer - **4) Ministry of Defence**

**Explanation:**

On the Occasion of the 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day, 14th January 2022, Defence Ministry has launched an online portal – **Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal** (Raksha पेंशन) – to resolve pension-related grievances of ex-servicemen (ESM) and their dependents.

**5. Which state recently (in Jan'22) launched 'Apna Kangra' App to promote local handicrafts through tourism?**

1) West Bengal

2) Himachal Pradesh

3) Jharkhand

4) Gujarat

5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The CM of **Himachal Pradesh**, Jai Ram Thakur launched '**Apna Kangra**' app & hampers handcrafted by self help groups (SHGs) at Dharamsala, HP.

i. The CM also virtually inaugurated **Radhe Krishna Cow Sanctuary** at Luthan in Jawalamukhi Vidhan Sabha area of Kangra.

**6. Name India's 1st ever AI based 3D virtual platform that was launched by Spices Board of India for facilitating Spices exports.**

1) Spice Xchange India

2) SpiceBoard

3) ComXchange India

4) Export Xchange

5) Xchange eXport India

Answer - **1) Spice Xchange India**

**Explanation:**

India's first virtual platform for spices exports namely '**Spice Xchange**

**India** (spicexchangeindia.com)' was launched by Minister of state (MoS) Som Parkash, Ministry of Commerce and Industry during a hybrid event held in Kochi, Kerala.

- Launched by Spices Board India, it is an artificial intelligence (AI)-based 3D virtual platform to connect spice buyers with exporters in India.

**7. A web portal named 'Koyla Darpan' was recently (in Jan'22) launched to share key performance indicators in the \_\_\_\_\_ sector.**

- 1) Oil Refineries
- 2) Coal
- 3) Road Transport
- 4) Digital Media
- 5) Aviation

**Answer - 2) Coal**

**Explanation:**

Dr Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, has launched the '**Koyla Darpan**', a portal to share the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to the Coal Sector. To enable maximum public outreach, the portal can be assessed through the website of the Ministry of coal.

**8. Name the mobile app that was launched (in Jan'22) by Common Services Centers (CSC) to provide skill development courses to Rural Youth.**

- 1) Yogyata
- 2) E-Chhawani
- 3) Bhasha Sangam
- 4) E-Rural
- 5) Pragati

**Answer - 1) Yogyata**

**Explanation:**

Common Services Centers (CSC) launched the "**Yogyata**" mobile application, which will provide vocational education and skill enhancement opportunities to youth and citizens living in rural areas.

## CURRENT STATIC BANKING

**1. Which of the following points is 'INCORRECT' with respect to the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**

- 1) It was established in 2003.
- 2) CCI is a statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002.
- 3) The Chairperson of CCI is directly appointed by the President.
- 4) One Of the objectives is to promote & sustain competition in Indian markets.
- 5) MRTP Act of 1969 was replaced with the Competition Act, 2002 on recommendation of Raghavan committee.

**Answer- 3) The Chairperson of CCI is directly appointed by the President.**

**Explanation:**

CCI was established in **2003** under Competition Act, **2002**.

- i. CCI consists of a Chairperson and Members appointed by the **Central Government**.
- ii. It is the duty of the Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effects on competition, promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in the markets of India.
- iii. The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 (**MRTP Act**) was repealed and replaced by the **Competition Act, 2002**, on the recommendations of the **Raghavan committee**.

## 2. What is the Tagline of Axis Bank?

- 1) Bade Desh Ka Bada Bank
- 2) Ek Parivar Ek Bank
- 3) Aapka Bhala
- 4) Khayal Apka
- 5) Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

Answer- **5) Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi**

**Explanation:**

**About Axis Bank:**

**CEO & MD** – Amitabh Chaudhry

**Establishment** – 1993 (Commenced operation – 1994)

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Tagline** – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

## 3. When was the Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI) established?

- 1) 1994
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1997
- 4) 1992
- 5) 1995

Answer- **4) 1992**

**Explanation:**

**The Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**

**Chairman**- Ajay Tyagi

**Headquarters**- Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Founded**- 1992

## 4. The Rate of Interest of Small Savings Scheme will be revised by the Ministry of Finance once in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) 5 Months
- 2) 3 Months
- 3) 1 Year
- 4) 2 Months
- 5) 6 Months

Answer- **2) 3 Months**

**Explanation:**

The **Ministry of Finance** can revise the Interest Rates of Small Savings Scheme, in the exercise of the power conferred by **Rule 9(1)** of the Government Savings Promotion General Rules, 2018.

i. The **Rate of Interest of Small Savings Scheme** will be revised by the Ministry of Finance once in **3 Months** (every Quarter of the FY) (i.e. (April-June), (July – September), (October – December), (January-March)).

**5. When was Fino Payments Bank established?**

- 1) 2017
- 2) 2015
- 3) 2016
- 4) 2012
- 5) 2019

Answer- **1) 2017**

**Explanation:**

**About Fino Payments Bank Limited:**

**Establishment** – 4th April 2017

**CEO & MD** – Rishi Gupta

**Headquarters** – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra

**6. In Jan'22, SBI introduced new slabs to charge ₹20 plus GST on IMPS transactions above ₹2 lakh till ₹5 lakh. What 'P' stands for in IMPS?**

- 1) Post
- 2) Priority
- 3) Payment
- 4) Public
- 5) Private

Answer- **3) Payment**

**Explanation:**

**IMPS- Immediate Payment Service**

**Note-** State Bank of India, India's largest public sector lender, will charge ₹20 plus GST on IMPS transactions above ₹2 lakh till ₹5 lakh.

**7. NPCI is an umbrella organization which is recognised under Payment & Settlement Act, 2007. What does 'P' refer to in NPCI?**

- 1) Payment
- 2) Post
- 3) Power
- 4) Private
- 5) Public

Answer- **1) Payment**

**Explanation:**

**National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** is an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.

i. It is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) and Indian Banks' Association (**IBA**) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.

ii. NPCI was incorporated in December **2008** and was centrally promoted by the Reserve Bank of India.



**8. When was NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) established?**

- 1) 2015
- 2) 2014
- 3) 2016
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2017

Answer- **4) 2021**

**Explanation:**

**About NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL):**

**CEO** – Noopur Chaturvedi

**Established** – 2021

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**9. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is the Subsidiary of which of the following?**

- 1) NABARD
- 2) SIDBI
- 3) SEBI
- 4) RBI
- 5) NHB

Answer- **4) RBI**

**Explanation:**

**Fully owned subsidiaries of RBI** are Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (**DICGC**), Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (**BRBNMPL**), Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (**ReBIT**), Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (**IFTAS**), Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (**RBIH**).

**10. ARR stands for Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Rate in accordance with RBI.**

- 1) Recurring
- 2) Reserve
- 3) Repo
- 4) Ratio
- 5) Reference

Answer- **5) Reference**

**Explanation:**

**ARR**- Alternate Reference Rate.

**Note**- India Exim Bank set for transactions in Alternate Reference Rate.

RBI Directed Banks to Shift from London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) to ARR (Alternate Reference Rate) by December 31, 2021

**11. Which of the following Payment Banks are 'Not' in the List of Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 (as of Jan'22) ?**

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

5) India Payments Bank

Answer- **2) Jio Payments Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Payment banks that are in the List of Second Schedule of the RBI Act are Paytm Payments Bank Limited (**PPBL**), India Post Payments Bank Limited (**IPPBL**), and Fino Payments Bank Limited (**FPBL**), **Airtel Payments Bank**.

**12. SCORES stands for SEBI \_\_\_\_\_ Redress System.**

- 1) Council
- 2) Committee
- 3) Commission
- 4) Complaints
- 5) Centers

Answer- **4) Complaints**

**Explanation:**

SCORES stands for **SEBI Complaints Redress System**.

Note- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) encourages Investors to file their complaints through online mechanisms, especially through SCORES portal.

**13. When Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) was established?**

- 1) 1998
- 2) 2005
- 3) 2008
- 4) 2000
- 5) 2015

Answer- **4) 2000**

**Explanation:**

**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Establishment – 2000**  
(following the recommendations of the Malhotra Committee report)

**Headquarters** – Hyderabad, Telangana

**14. Which is the only Tiger Reserve of Bihar?**

- 1) Sahyadri tiger reserve
- 2) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- 3) Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- 4) Valmiki Tiger Reserve
- 5) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

Answer- **4) Valmiki Tiger Reserve**

**Explanation:**

| Name                  | Location | Remarks   |
|-----------------------|----------|---|
| Valmiki Tiger Reserve | Bihar    | The only tiger reserve of Bihar.<br>declared as the 18th tiger reserve of India in 1990 |

**15. Which of the following Regional Rural Banks is the 1st Bank to introduce solar loan schemes?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank
- 2) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank

- 3) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
  - 4) Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank
  - 5) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank
- Answer- **3) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**

**Explanation:**

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (**KVGB**) was the first bank to introduce solar loan schemes.

**About Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB):**

It is sponsored by Canara Bank.

**Chairman**– P Gopi Krishna

**Headquarter**– Dharwad, Karnataka

**16. Where is the Headquarters of RBL Bank?**

- 1) Thrissur, Kerala
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **4) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About RBL Bank:**

**CEO & MD** – Rajeev Ahuja (Interim)

**Incorporated in** – 1943 (Under Indian Companies Act, 1913)

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Tagline** – Apno Ka Bank

**17. What is the Tagline of Indian Bank?**

- 1) Together We Can
- 2) One Family One Bank
- 3) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 4) Your Own Bank
- 5) Build A Better Life Around Us

Answer- **4) Your Own Bank**

**Explanation:**

**About Indian Bank:**

**CEO**- Shanti Lal Jain

**Headquarters**- Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Established**- 1907

**Tagline**- "Your Own Bank"

**18. Name the 1st Bank that received a universal banking license from RBI to set up and operate as a Scheduled Commercial Bank?**

RBL Bank

- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) SBM Bank
- 4) Citibank
- 5) DBS Bank

Answer- 3) SBM Bank

**Explanation:**

**About SBM Bank:**

- i. It is the **1st bank** to receive a universal banking license from RBI to set up and operate as a Scheduled Commercial Bank under Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) mode offering banking services in India.
- ii. On 1st December 2018, it became the 1st foreign bank in India to operate as a new Indian bank.

**CEO & MD** – Sidharth Rath

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**19. When was Secured Logistics Document Exchange (SLDE) launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?**

- 1) August 2021
- 2) July 2021
- 3) February 2019
- 4) January 2021
- 5) March 2020

Answer- 2) July 2021

**Explanation:**

**Secured Logistics Document Exchange (SLDE):**

It was launched by the commerce ministry in **July 2021** to replace the manual process of generation, exchange and compliance of logistics documents (which takes around 2 weeks of time) with a digitized and secure document exchange system.

**20. Who was the 1st Woman Deputy Governor of RBI?**

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Devaki Jain
- 3) KJ Udeshi
- 4) Jayati Ghosh
- 5) Gita Gopinath

Answer- 3) KJ Udeshi

**Explanation:**

First woman deputy Governor of RBI was KJ Udeshi.

**21. Who is popularly known as the “Father of India's Computer and IT Revolution”?**

- 1) Sam Pitroda
- 2) FC Kohli
- 3) J. R. D. Tata
- 4) Nandan Nilekani
- 5) Natarajan Chandrasekaran

Answer- 1) Sam Pitroda

**Explanation:**

**Sam Pitroda**, an Indian Telecommunication engineer is popularly known as the “**Father of India's Computer & IT Revolution**”. He was the then advisor of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during the Computer & IT revolution in India, which also led to the purchase of India's 1st Super Computer.

## 22. Who headed the 1969 High-level Review Committee on Lead Bank Scheme?

- 1) Y H Malegam
- 2) Sudarshan Sen
- 3) Fali Sam Nariman
- 4) NS Vishwanathan
- 5) Ram Jethmalani

Answer- **3) Fali Sam Nariman**

### Explanation:

**Fali Sam Nariman** headed the 1969 High-level Review Committee on **Lead Bank Scheme**

## 23. What is the Maximum Overdraft limit under HDFC Bank's 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme'?

- 1) Rs 5 lakhs
- 2) Rs 1 lakhs
- 3) Rs 50,000
- 4) Rs 10 lakhs
- 5) Rs 10,000

Answer- **4) Rs 10 lakhs**

### Explanation:

In 2021, HDFC Bank & Common Services Centres (CSC) e-Governance India Ltd, had launched an OverDraft (OD) scheme named '**Dukandar Overdraft Scheme**' to provide financial assistance up to **Rs 10 lakh** to small retailers.

## 24. Banks in India are advised by the RBI to offer RTGS transactions from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ as the maximum limit for a single transaction.

- 1) Rs 2 lakhs; Rs 10 lakhs
- 2) No minimum limit; Rs 10 lakhs
- 3) Rs 1 lakhs; Rs 20 lakhs
- 4) No minimum limit; No limit
- 5) Rs 2 lakhs; No limit

Answer- **5) Rs 2 lakhs; No limit**

### Explanation:

Maximum Transaction limit for IMPS (Immediate Payment Service Bank) is Rs 2 lakh/day and for bank to bank transactions above **Rs. 2 lakhs**, Real Time Gross Settlement (**RTGS**) is preferred.

**i.**The minimum amount to be remitted through RTGS is ₹ 2,00,000/- with no upper or maximum ceiling.

## 25. Where is the headquarters of UCO Bank located?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer- **5) Kolkata, West Bengal**

**Explanation:**
**About UCO Bank:**
**Establishment-** 1943

**MD & CEO-** Soma Sankara Prasad

**Headquarters-** Kolkata, West Bengal

**26. How many Regional Offices of NABARD are there in India?**

- 1) 31
- 2) 14
- 3) 21
- 4) 41
- 5) 12

**Answer-** 1) 31

**Explanation:**
**About National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD):**
**Chairman-** G R Chintala

**Total Regional Offices -** 31

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**27. Name the Committee that recommended the formation of NABARD.**

- 1) Kasturirangan Committee
- 2) Narayan K. Seshadri Committee
- 3) C Rangarajan Committee
- 4) Bimal Jalan Committee
- 5) Sivaraman Committee

**Answer-** 5) Sivaraman Committee

**Explanation:**
**About NABARD:**
**Established -** 12 July 1982

The formation was recommended by the committee under the Chairmanship of **Sivaraman**, former member of Planning Commission.

**28. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the IFSCA?**

- 1) IFSCA stands for International Financial Services Centers Authority.
- 2) It was established in 2020 under the International Financial Services Centers Authority Act, 2019.
- 3) The Objective of IFSCS to develop and regulate international financial services centers in the country.
- 4) The Headquarters is Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 5) All the Above

**Answer-** 5) All the Above

**Explanation:**
**About International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCs):**

**i.** The International Financial Services Centers Authority (**IFSCA**) was established on April 27, **2020** under the International Financial Services Centers Authority Act, 2019.

**ii.** Objective- To develop and regulate international financial services centers in the country.

**iii.** Headquarters- at GIFT City, Gandhinagar in Gujarat.



### 29. Which of the following Banks come under Banking Ombudsman Scheme?

- 1) Small Finance Banks
- 2) Regional Rural Banks
- 3) Scheduled Primary Urban Co-operative Banks
- 4) Scheduled Commercial Banks
- 5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

#### Explanation:

##### About BOS:

The **BOS** was notified by the RBI in 1995 under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

i. Scheduled Commercial Banks (**SCBs**), Scheduled Primary Urban Co-operative Banks (**UCBs**), Regional Rural Banks (**RRBs**), Small Finance Banks (**SFBs**) and Payment Banks (**PBs**) are covered under the Scheme.

ii. It is administered by RBI through 22 OBOs covering all states and union territories

### 30. The Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies (OSNBFC) was notified by RBI under Section 45L of the RBI Act, 1934 in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) 2016
- 2) 2011
- 3) 2008
- 4) 2015
- 5) 2018

Answer- **5) 2018**

#### Explanation:

##### About OSNBFC:

i. The **OSNBFC** was notified by RBI under Section 45L of the RBI Act, 1934 on February 23, **2018**.

ii. The Scheme is applicable to (a) Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) which are authorised to accept deposits (NBFCs-D); and (b) Non-deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) having customer interface, with an asset size of Rs 100 crore and above (as on the date of the audited balance sheet of the previous financial year).

### 31. Through which of the following Mutual Funds plans an Investor can make regular & equal payments to a Mutual Fund scheme?

- 1) Single Investment Plan
- 2) Systematic Transfer Plan
- 3) Dividend Transfer Plan
- 4) Systematic Investment Plan
- 5) Systematic Withdrawal Plan

Answer- **4) Systematic Investment Plan**

#### Explanation:

A Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) is a plan in which investors make regular, equal payments into a Mutual Fund scheme.

### 32. What is the Tagline of Canara Bank?

- 1) Good People to Bank With
- 2) Together we can

- 3) Support All the Way
- 4) Honours Your Trust
- 5) Relationship Beyond Banking

Answer- **2) Together we can**

**Explanation:**

**About Canara Bank:**

**CEO & MD** – L V Prabhakar

**Establishment** – 1 July 1906

**Headquarters** – Bangalore, Karnataka

**Tagline** – Together we can

**33. When was the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) founded?**

- 1) 1992
- 2) 1994
- 3) 1995
- 4) 1990
- 5) 1997

Answer- **4) 1990**

**Explanation:**

**About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):**

**Chairman & MD**– Sivasubramanian Ramann

**Headquarters**- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

**Founded**- 1990

**34. What is the Tagline of Federal Bank?**

- 1) We understand your world
- 2) The Banker To Every Indian
- 3) Your Perfect Banking Partner
- 4) Your Own Bank
- 5) Good People to Grow With

Answer- **3) Your Perfect Banking Partner**

**Explanation:**

**About Federal Bank:**

**Establishment** – April 23, 1931

**Headquarters** – Aluva, Kerala

**MD & CEO** – Shyam Srinivasan

**Tagline** – Your Perfect Banking Partner

**35. Which of the following are the eligible borrowers under the Scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment?**

- 1) Housing loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- 2) Personal loans to professionals up to Rs. 2 crore
- 3) Education loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- 4) MSME loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- 5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

**Explanation:**

The **eligible borrowers** under the Scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment are

- Housing loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- Personal loans to professionals up to Rs. 2 crore
- Education loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- MSME loans up to Rs. 2 crore

The scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest for six months to borrowers in specified loan accounts from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 was approved by the Cabinet in October 2020, envisaging therein an outlay of Rs 5,500.

**36. What is the Base period of RBI – Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI)?**

- 1) April 2015
- 2) June 2019
- 3) March 2018
- 4) April 2016
- 5) March 2017

Answer- **3) March 2018**

**Explanation:**
**About RBI – Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI):**

i. It is the index launched by RBI in January 2021 with **March 2018** as the **base period** (ie. DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100) to identify the extent of digitisation of payments across the country. The index will be released semi-annually with a lag of 4 months.

ii. **Index Parameters:** The index has 5 different parameters and sub-parameters to represent the adoption and deepening of digital payments across India over different time periods.

**37. What is the Minimum paid-up capital requirement for setting up a Small Finance Bank (SFB)?**

- 1) Rs 100 crore
- 2) Rs 600 crore
- 3) Rs 200 crore
- 4) Rs 500 crore
- 5) Rs 400 crore

Answer- **3) Rs 200 crore**

**Explanation:**
**About Small Finance Bank (SFB):**

i. SFBs are the financial institutions that will be established as public limited companies in the private sector under the Companies Act, 2013 and governed by the provisions of RBI Act, 1934 and Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

ii. **Capital Requirement:** The minimum paid-up capital requirement for setting up SFB is Rs 200 crore with capital adequacy ratio of 15 percent of risk weighted assets on continuous basis.

iii. **Eligibility:** Resident individuals/professionals with 10 years of experience in banking and finance will be eligible as promoters to set up SFBs.

**38. CMM Rates stands for \_\_\_\_\_ Money Market.**

- 1) Cab
- 2) Collect
- 3) Call

4) Commercial

5) Cash

Answer- 3) Call

**Explanation:**

Call Money Market (CMM) is a market, where overnight/short-term loans are offered to banks.

The average interest rate offered in the CMM is called a call rate. A call rate is an important factor in determining the liquidity status of the economy and is thus actively monitored by the RBI.

**39. In Which year Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank was established?**

1) 2010

2) 2009

3) 2015

4) 2014

5) 2016

Answer- 5) 2016

**Explanation:**

**About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):**

**Establishment** – 2016

**Headquarters** – Beijing, China

**President & Chair of the Board of Directors** – Jin Liqun

**40. In India, The inflation Target is decided by which Organization?**

1) SIDBI

2) Indian Banks' Association

3) Central Government

4) RBI

5) SEBI

Answer- 3) Central Government

**Explanation:**

The amended Act provides for the inflation target to be set by the Central Government, in consultation with the RBI, once every five years.

**41. Identify the Term used for the storehouses where banknotes and Rupee coins are stocked on behalf of the RBI?**

1) Currency Depot

2) Coin Depot

3) Currency Bank

4) Currency Chest

5) Recurred Currency

Answer- 4) Currency Chest

**Explanation:**

To facilitate the distribution of banknotes and rupee coins, the Reserve Bank has authorized select scheduled banks to establish currency chests. These are storehouses where banknotes and rupee coins are stocked on behalf of the Reserve Bank for distribution to bank branches in their area of operation.

**42. Which organization is the Nodal Agency for the implementation of the Interest Subvention Scheme for MSMEs?**

- 1) SBI
- 2) RBI
- 3) SIDBI
- 4) SEBI
- 5) NPCI

Answer- **3) SIDBI**

**Explanation:**

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is the single national level nodal implementation agency for the Interest Subvention Scheme for MSMEs, 2018.

**43. Which Bank recently (in Jan'22) got authorized by RBI to collect direct and indirect taxes?**

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

Answer- **4) South Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

The **Reserve Bank of India** has authorized **South Indian Bank** to collect direct and indirect taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC).

**44. What is the Tagline of Bank of Maharashtra?**

- 1) One Family One Bank
- 2) Support All the Way
- 3) Together we can
- 4) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 5) Central to You Since 1911

Answer- **1) One Family One Bank**

**Explanation:**

**About Bank of Maharashtra (BoM):**

**Establishment** – 16th September 1935

**Headquarters** – Pune, Maharashtra

**MD & CEO** – A S Rajeev

**Tagline** – Ek Parivaar, Ek Bank (One Family One Bank)

**45. \_\_\_\_\_ is the rate at which RBI gives loans to commercial banks against government securities.**

- 1) Repo rate
- 2) Reverse repo rate
- 3) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- 4) Bank Rate
- 5) Cash reserve ratio

Answer- **1) Repo rate**

**Explanation:**

**Repo rate** – Repo rate is the rate at which RBI gives loans to commercial banks against government securities.

**Reverse repo rate** – A reverse repo rate is a rate at which RBI borrows money from commercial banks.

**45. What is the Tagline of City Union Bank (CUB)?**

- 1) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 2) One Family One Bank
- 3) Central to you Since 1911
- 4) Trust and Excellence Since 1904
- 5) Together We Can

Answer- **4) Trust and Excellence Since 1904**

**Explanation:****About City Union Bank (CUB):**

**Establishment** – 31st October, 1904

**Headquarters** – Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu

**MD & CEO** – N. Kamakodi

**Tagline** – Trust and Excellence Since 1904

**46. CISBI Portal is owned by ?**

- 1) IRDAI
- 2) NPCI
- 3) SIDBI
- 4) RBI
- 5) SEBI

Answer- **4) RBI**

**Explanation:**

Central Information System for Banking Infrastructure is owned by **RBI**

**47. How many Member Countries (as of Jan'22) are there in the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?**

- 1) 166
- 2) 168
- 3) 188
- 4) 190
- 5) 198

Answer- **4) 190**

**Explanation:****About International Monetary Fund (IMF):**

**Establishment**– 1944

**Headquarters**– Washington, D.C, United States (US)

**Managing Director**– Kristalina Georgieva

**Members**– 190 Countries (Including India)



**48. Which is the 1st Small Finance Bank (SFB) in India?**

- 1) Jana SFB
- 2) Ujjivan SFB
- 3) Unity SFB
- 4) A U SFB
- 5) Capital SFB

**Answer- 5) Capital SFB**

**Explanation:**

**Capital** Small Finance Bank (erstwhile Capital Local Area Bank) is the India's first small finance bank founded in April 2016

**49. NUUP stands for National Unified USSD \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- 1) Platform
- 2) Payment
- 3) Programme
- 4) Processing
- 5) Portal

**Answer- 1) Platform**

**Explanation:**

National Unified USSD (Unstructured Supplementary Services Data) Platform

i. The NUUP service is a USSD based Mobile Banking service from NPCI using which financial and non-financial transactions can be done using mobile phone without mobile internet connection.

**50. Which Country's stock exchange uses the Formosa bonds?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) Taiwan
- 3) Somalia
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Japan

**Answer- 2) Taiwan**

**Explanation:**

Formosa bond issued in Taiwan and listed on the Taipei Exchange.

i. The bond is dominated by currencies other than the New Taiwan dollar.

ii. In order to qualify as Formosa bond issuers, borrowers need to have an investment grade or credit ratings of BBB or higher.

**51. The Indian Cooperative Bank system is made of \_\_\_\_ Tiers.**

- 1) Seven
- 2) Six
- 3) Five
- 4) Three
- 5) Four

**Answer- 4) Three**

### Explanation:

#### Types of Cooperative Banks:

In India, Co-operative banks operate with a **three-tier** system - Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (**PACS**) at the village level, Central Cooperative Banks (**CCBs**) at the district level and State Cooperative Banks (**StCBs**) at the State level.

## CA STATIC GK

### 1. Who is the current (as of Jan'22) Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- 1) O. P. Rawat
- 2) Sushil Chandra
- 3) Sunil Arora
- 4) S.Y.Quraishi
- 5) Nasim Zaidi

Answer- **2) Sushil Chandra**

### Explanation:

#### About Election Commission of India (ECI):

**Head Office** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Chief Election Commissioner** – Sushil Chandra

**Election Commissioner** – Anup Chandra Pandey, Rajiv Kuma

### 2. Who is the Current (as of Jan'22) Chairman of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)?

- 1) Ramsinh Rathwa
- 2) Pabitra Kumar Kanhar
- 3) Pravir Krishna
- 4) Yatinder Prasad
- 5) Sandeep Mukherjee

Answer- **1) Ramsinh Rathwa**

### Explanation:

**Ramsinh Rathwa** is the current Chairman of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).

### 3. Where is Valmiki Tiger Reserve located?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **5) Bihar**

### Explanation:

#### About Bihar:

**Chief Minister**– Nitish Kumar

**Tiger Reserve**– Valmiki Tiger Reserve

**Wildlife Sanctuary**– Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary

#### 4. Which of the following points is 'INCORRECT' with respect to the Electoral Bonds?

- 1) Electoral bonds are available in the denomination of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 100,000 , 10,00,000 and Rs 1 crore.
- 2) Electoral Bonds can be purchased by both Indian & Foreign entities/citizens.
- 3) An electoral bond will be valid for 15 days from the date of purchase, if not claimed, it will be deposited to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.
- 4) Political parties that have at least 1% vote share in previous general elections are eligible to receive electoral bonds.
- 5) All the above

Answer- 2) Electoral Bonds can be purchased by both Indian & Foreign entities/citizens.

#### Explanation:

Electoral Bonds are the alternative financial instruments that could be used for making donations to political parties; it was formed as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding. These bonds will be issued in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 100,000 , 10,00,000 and Rs 1 crore (the range of a bond is between **Rs 1,000 to Rs 1 crore**).

- i. Political Parties secured at least **1 percent** of the votes polled in recent General/Assembly elections (i.e. election of Lok Sabha or legislative assembly) are eligible to receive electoral bonds.
- ii. Electoral Bonds can be purchased by a person who is a **citizen of India** or entities incorporated or established in India.
- iii. The bonds donated to political parties must be encashed within **15 days** through the party's verified account, failing which SBI will deposit the amount into the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

#### 5. In Which State Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Odisha

Answer- 3) Jharkhand

#### Explanation:

**Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the northern part of Koderma in the Koderma subdivision of the Koderma district in the state of **Jharkhand**, India.

- i. It was established in **1985** & It gives habitat to **Leopard & Deer**.

#### About Jharkhand:

**Governor** – Ramesh Bais

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary, Palamu Wildlife Sanctuary, Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve** – Palamau Tiger Reserve

#### 6. CSIR- National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO) celebrated its 57th Foundation Day on 1 January 2022. Where is the Headquarters of CSIR-NIO?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 3) Dona Paula, Goa
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Alibag, Maharashtra

Answer-3) Dona Paula, Goa

**Explanation:**

CSIR-NIO was established on 1 January 1966 & with its headquarters at Dona Paula, Goa.

**7. Which Ministry launched the Van Dhan Scheme in 2018?**

- 1) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- 3) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 5) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer- 3) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED launched the Van Dhan scheme in 2018.

i. The Van Dhan scheme aims at the economic development of tribals involved in the collection of Minor Food Produces (MFPs) by helping them in optimum utilization of natural resources and providing them with a sustainable livelihood.

**8. Where is the Headquarters of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC)?**

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Patna, Bihar
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

The Headquarters of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) is Mumbai.

**9. Who is the Union Minister of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) as of January 2022?**

- 1) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 2) Piyush Goyal
- 3) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 4) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 5) Giriraj Singh

Answer- 3) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Explanation:**

**About Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG):**

**Union Minister-** Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha- Uttar Pradesh)

**Minister of State-** Rameswar Teli (Constituency- Dibrugarh, Assam)

**10. What is the currency of Russia?**

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Naira
- 3) Yen
- 4) Ruble
- 5) Pound

Answer- 4) Ruble

**Explanation:**

**About Russia:**

**President-** Vladimir Putin

**Capital-** Moscow

**Currency-** Russian ruble

**11. When was the Sahitya Akademi Award established?**

1) 1990

2) 1984

3) 1972

4) 1954

5) 1950

Answer- 4) 1954

**Explanation:**

Sahitya Akademi is a literary honour in India for writers of the most outstanding books. It was Established in **1954**.

**12. What is the Capital of Somalia?**

1) Praia

2) Mogadishu

3) Sucre

4) Tirana

5) Minsk

Answer- 2) Mogadishu

**Explanation:**

**About Somalia:**

**President-** Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed

**Capital-** Mogadishu

**Currency-** Somali shilling

**13. Where is Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary located?**

1) Kerala

2) Jharkhand

3) Karnataka

4) West Bengal

5) Odisha

Answer- 2) Jharkhand

**Explanation:**

**About Jharkhand:**

**Governor** – Ramesh Bais

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary, Palamu Wildlife Sanctuary, Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve** – Palamau Tiger Reserve

**14. Food aggregators like Swiggy and Zomato to collect 5% GST from January 2022. Which is the 1st Indian state to ratify & implement GST?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Assam
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Assam**

**Explanation:**

In 2016, **Assam** became the first state to ratify Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill.

**15. TOPS stands for \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic Podium Scheme.**

- 1) Top
- 2) Task
- 3) Target
- 4) Talent
- 5) Time

Answer- **3) Target**

**Explanation:**

**TOPS- Target Olympic Podium Scheme** is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in September 2014 which is an attempt to provide assistance to India's top athletes.

**16. Where is India's 1st National Sport University located?**

- 1) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 2) Imphal, Manipur
- 3) Dispur, Assam
- 4) Kohima, Nagaland
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer- **2) Imphal, Manipur**

**Explanation:**

The first National Sports University (NSU) of India is located in **Imphal, Manipur**.

i. It also functions as the national training centre for selected sports disciplines by adopting the best international practices through MoU with international universities.

**17. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the SVAMITVA Scheme?**

- 1) SVAMITVA stands for Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas.
- 2) It is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- 3) The scheme was launched on the National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24) in 2020.
- 4) The scheme is a collaborative effort of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Panchayati Raj Departments, State Revenue Departments & Survey of India.
- 5) The aim of SVAMITVA is to provide roads to rural areas.

Answer- **5) The aim of SVAMITVA is to provide roads to rural areas.**

**Explanation:**

The SVAMITVA Scheme aims to provide the record of rights to village household owners in the form of **property cards** or title deeds.

i. SVAMITVA stands for Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas.



- ii. It is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- iii. The scheme was launched on the National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24) in 2020.
- iv. The scheme is a collaborative effort of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Panchayati Raj Departments, State Revenue Departments & Survey of India.

### 18. Where is Augarnath Temple located?

- 1) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- 2) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Imphal, Manipur
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer- **3) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh**

#### Explanation:

The **Augarnath temple**, locally known as the 'Kali Paltan Mandir' is located in **Meerut, Uttar Pradesh**.

**Note-** In Jan'22 Modi visited Augarnath Temple in UP.

### 19. Every Year, International Mother Language Day is observed across the globe by the UN on \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) 1st May
- 2) 31st January
- 3) 28th March
- 4) 21st February
- 5) 30th July

Answer- **4) 21st February**

#### Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **International Mother Language Day** is annually observed across the globe on **21st February** to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

**Note-** The theme of the 2021 International Mother Language Day is "**Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society**".

### 20. Which of the following points are correct with respect to Major Dhyan Chand?

- A) Major Dhyan Chand, a field hockey player, played international hockey from 1926 to 1949.
- B) He was a part of the Indian Hockey team that won gold medals 3 times in the Olympics.
- C) The National Sports Day is observed every year across India on 29th August to mark the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand.

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

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

#### Explanation:

Major Dhyan Chand, a field hockey player, played international hockey from 1926 to 1949.

i. He was a part of the Olympic team that won gold medals in 1928, 1932 and 1936.

ii. The National Sports Day is observed every year across India on 29th August to mark the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand.

### 21. Where is Pilibhit Tiger Reserve located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Uttar Pradesh (UP):**

**Wildlife Sanctuaries**– Katarniya Ghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary, National Chambal Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve**– Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Amangarh (buffer of Corbett TR)

**Zoological Park**– Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden, Kanpur Zoological Park

### 22. Name the Indian Alpine Skier who has become the 1st Indian athlete (as of Jan'22) to qualify for two different events of the Winter Olympics that are set to be held in Beijing, China in 2022.

- 1) Shailaja Kumar
- 2) Aanchal Thakur
- 3) Arif Mohammed Khan
- 4) Gul Dev
- 5) Neha Ahuja

Answer- **3) Arif Mohammed Khan**

**Explanation:**

Jammu and Kashmir-based alpine skier **Arif Mohammed Khan** has become the first Indian athlete to qualify for two different events of the Winter Olympics, set to be held in Beijing from February 4, 2022.

### 23. In which state/UT's Pangong Lake is located?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Ladakh
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- **4) Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

Pangong Lake, situated in Ladakh at a height of almost 4,350m, is the world's highest saltwater lake. It derives its name from the Tibetan word, "Pangong Tso", which means "high grassland lake".

**Note**- A new satellite image showing China building a bridge on its side of the Pangong lake in eastern Ladakh.

### 24. 'Omicron' a WHO categorized COVID-19 Variant of Concern is represented through which Greek alphabet?

- 1) Beta
- 2) Gamma
- 3) Omega
- 4) Alpha
- 5) Sigma

Answer- 3) Omega

**Explanation:**

In November 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) named the new Covid-19 variant 'Omicron' as a variant of concern. The Greek alphabet 'Omega' is used for representing Omicron.

**25. Who is the Managing Director (as of Jan'22) of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)?**

- 1) Sharmistha Dubey
- 2) Soma Mondal
- 3) Suman Sharma
- 4) Subhash Kumar
- 5) Jayshree Ullal

Answer- 3) Suman Sharma

**Explanation:**

**About Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI):**

**Managing Director (MD)** – Suman Sharma (IRS)

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**26. Which of the following Indian states does not share a boundary with Bangladesh?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Assam
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- 2) Manipur

**Explanation:**

**Five Indian states** – Assam, West Bengal, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Tripura share borders with Bangladesh.

**27. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?**

- 1) The Scheme was launched in 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- 2) The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) is the Nodal Ministry of PMUY.
- 3) It aims to provide LPG connections to poor households.
- 4) The scheme provides a financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households.
- 5) All the Above

Answer- 5) All the Above

**Explanation:**

The Scheme was launched in **2016** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**i.** The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) is the Nodal Ministry of PMUY.

**ii.** It aims to provide LPG connections to poor households.

**iii.** The scheme provides a financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households.

**28. Where was Kangra Airport located?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand

4) West Bengal

5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh(HP):**

**Governor-** Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Kanawar Wildlife Sanctuary; Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary

**Airports-** Kullu Manali Airport; Shimla Airport; **Kangra Airport**

**29. Which of the following is India's Bases at Antarctica (as of Jan'22)?**

1) Dakshin Gangotri

2) Maitri

3) Bharati

4) Both 1 & 2

5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- **5) All 1, 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

**India's bases at Antarctica:**

There are three permanent research base stations in Antarctica, named **Dakshin Gangotri** (1983), **Maitri** (1988) and **Bharati** (2012).

**i. Mount Erebus** is the southernmost active volcano on Earth situated in Antarctica.

**30. In Jan'22 India launched a special logo depicting Peacock and Green Pheasant to mark the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India & \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) Nepal

2) Bangladesh

3) Japan

4) Russia

5) Sri Lanka

Answer- **3) Japan**

**Explanation:**

India has launched a special logo depicting Peacock and Green Pheasant—national birds of India and **Japan** respectively—to mark the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India & **Japan**.

**i. India and Japan** established diplomatic relations on **April 28, 1952**.

**31. Padma Shri awardee Sindhutai Sapkal recently (in Jan'21) passed away. In which field she received Padma Shri award in 2021?**

1) Public Affairs

2) Literature and Education

3) Social Worker

4) Art

5) Sports

Answer- **3) Social Worker**

**Explanation:**

Renowned social worker Sindhutai Sapkal, fondly known as 'orphan children's mother', passed away in January 2022. Sapkal, who received the Padma Shri in 2021.

**32. Where is Zoji La pass located?**

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Ladakh
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

**Zoji La** is a high mountain pass located in the **Kargil district of Ladakh**. The pass links Leh and Srinagar and provides an important link between Union Territories of Ladakh and Kashmir.

**Note-** In Jan'22, The Border Roads Organization (BRO) raised its benchmark of excellence by extending access to the Zojila Pass at an altitude of 11,649 ft, Zoji mountain pass remained open due to weather conditions.

**33. Who is the Union Minister (as of Jan'22) of the Ministry of commerce and Industry (MoCI)?**

- 1) Piyush Goyal
- 2) Raj Kumar Singh
- 3) Virendra Kumar
- 4) Pralhad Joshi
- 5) Narayan Tatu Rane

Answer- **1) Piyush Goyal**

**Explanation:**
**About Ministry of commerce and industry (MoCI):**

**Union Minister** – Piyush Goyal (Constituency – Maharashtra)

**Minister of State** – Anupriya Singh Patel (Constituency – Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh), Som Prakash (Constituency – Hoshiarpur, Punjab).

**34. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?**

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) New York, USA
- 5) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer- **4) New York, USA**

**Explanation:**
**About the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):**

It is the policy-making body of the United Nations (UN).

**President**– Abdulla Shahid (76th)

**India's Permanent Ambassador to UN**– T S Tirumurti

**Headquarters** – New York, USA

### 35. Which of the following airports is located in Agartala?

- 1) Imphal International Airport
- 2) Kangra Airport
- 3) Kushinagar International Airport
- 4) Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport
- 5) Trivandrum International Airport

Answer- **4) Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport**

#### Explanation:

**Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport** is located in Agartala, Tripura.

Note- During PM Narendra Modi visit to Manipur, he inaugurated the New Integrated Terminal Building of **Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport** in Agartala.

### 36. In Which City Shree Govindajee Temple is located?

- 1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Imphal, Manipur
- 4) Guwahati, Assam
- 5) Agartala, Tripura

Answer- **3) Imphal, Manipur**

#### Explanation:

Shree Govindajee Temple is a historic centre of the Vaishnavites in **Imphal district of Manipur**. It has a golden twin domed temple.

i. The Temple was a part of the project for Development of Spiritual Circuit in Manipur, which covered the Shri Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple, Shri Gopinath Temple, Shri Bungshibodon Temple and the Kaina Temple under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, 2016-2017.

**Note-** During PM Narendra Modi visit to Manipur, he inaugurated the refurbished and renovated Govindajee Temple at Imphal.

### 37. Which of the following points are 'Correct' with respect to the 'PM POSHAN Scheme'?

- 1) PM-POSHAN scheme provides meals in Government and Government-aided schools.
- 2) The scheme replaced the Mid-day Meal Scheme.
- 3) The central government will ensure Direct Benefit Transfer from states to schools which will be used for cooking costs.
- 4) The scheme will cover the students in 1 to 8 classes across the schools in India.
- 5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

#### Explanation:

PM-POSHAN scheme provides meals in **Government and Government-aided** schools.

i. The scheme replaced the **Mid-day Meal Scheme**.

ii. The central government will ensure **Direct Benefit Transfer** from states to schools which will be used for cooking costs.

iii. The scheme will cover students enrolled in classes **1 to 8 in** over 11.2 lakh schools across the country.



**38. Where is the Headquarters of the World Food Programme (WFP)?**

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) New York, USA
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **5) Rome, Italy**

**Explanation:****About World Food Programme (WFP):**

**Executive Director**– David Beasley

**Headquarters**– Rome, Italy

**Established** in 1961

**39. When was Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) scheme launched?**

- 1) 2008
- 2) 2015
- 3) 2014
- 4) 2017
- 5) 2019

Answer- **2) 2015**

**Explanation:****About Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA):**

Launched – **2015**

UJALA is under the **Ministry of Power** based on the Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP).

**40. What is the currency of Antigua & Barbuda?**

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Euro
- 3) Yen
- 4) Pound
- 5) Franc

Answer- **1) Dollar**

**Explanation:****About Antigua and Barbuda:**

Prime Minister – Gaston Browne

Capital – Saint John's

Currency – East Caribbean **Dollar**

**41. Which of the following States is 'Not' the sub-basin of Barak River?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Tripura
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Assam
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- **1) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Barak (Meghna) River originates from Japvo mountain of **Manipur hills**. The Barak valley has a geographical area of 6922.00 Sq. Km excluding 2 hill districts. The local rainfall runoff of the valley along with that of adjacent hilly areas flows through river Barak and its various tributaries and is drained out to Bangladesh.

i. The sub-basin lies in the States of **Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Assam, Tripura and Nagaland**.

**42. Who is the Current (as of Jan'22) Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)?**

- 1) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- 2) Amitabh Kant
- 3) Anil Sahasrabudhe
- 4) Rajiv Kumar
- 5) Arvind Panagariya

Answer- **3) Anil Sahasrabudhe**

**Explanation:**

**Anil Sahasrabudhe** is Chairperson of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

**43. Where is Sariska National Tiger Reserve located?**

- 1) Agartala, Tripura
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Alwar, Rajasthan
- 4) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Jalandhar, Punjab

Answer- **3) Alwar, Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

Sariska Tiger Reserve is a tiger reserve in **Alwar district, Rajasthan, India**.

**Note-** In January 2022, Tigress 'ST 19' was seen with its two cubs in the buffer zone of Sariska National Tiger Reserve in Alwar, Rajasthan.

**44. Which of the following is 'Not Correct' with respect to the Swachh Bharat Mission?**

- 1) Launched by the Government of India on 25 December 2015 to mark the Birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- 2) Its aim is to eliminate Open defecation and Improve solid waste management.
- 3) The 1st phase of the mission focuses on Eradication of manual scavenging.
- 4) The 2nd phase of the mission focuses on ODF Plus & Solid, Liquid & plastic waste management (SLWM) in rural India.
- 5) The Implemented period of Phase 2 is between 2020-21 and 2024-25.

Answer- **1) Launched by the Government of India on 25 December 2015 to mark the Birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**

**Explanation:**

Launched by the Government of India in **2014**, to fulfil the vision of a cleaner India by **2 October 2019**, as a tribute to **Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary**.

- i. Its aim is to eliminate Open Defecation & Improve solid waste management.
- ii. The 1st phase of the mission focuses on Eradication of manual scavenging.

- iii. The 2nd phase of the mission focuses on ODF Plus & Solid, Liquid & plastic waste management (SLWM) in rural India.
- iv. The Implemented period of Phase 2 is between 2020–21 and 2024–25.

**45. Where is Hokersar bird sanctuary located?**

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- **2) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

**About Jammu and Kashmir (J&K):**

**Capital** – Srinagar (Summer), Jammu (Winter)

**Bird Sanctuary-** Hokersar bird sanctuary

**Festivals-** Sindhu Darshan Festival

**46. When was the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices established?**

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1986
- 3) 1972
- 4) 1965
- 5) 1955

Answer- **4) 1965**

**Explanation:**

**About Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP):**

i. The CACP was established in **1965**.

ii. It is an apex advisory body that works under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

iii. The CACP recommends the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) to the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) to incentivize cultivators.

**47. Where is Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary located?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh(HP):**

**Governor-** Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary; Lipa Asrang Wildlife Sanctuary

**UNESCO Heritage Sites-** Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area; Kalka–Shimla Railway (a part of Mountain Railways of India)

**48. Every year, National Science Day is observed across India on \_\_\_\_ to mark the discovery of the Raman effect.**

- 1) 1st March
- 2) 20th January
- 3) 28th February
- 4) 31st January
- 5) 20th February

**Answer- 3) 28th February**

**Explanation:**

The National Science Day (NSD) is observed every year on **28th February** to mark the discovery of the **Raman effect**.

**49. The Khurnak Fort is located in which state/UTs of India?**

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Delhi
- 5) J&K

**Answer- 3) Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

The **Khurnak Fort** is a ruined fort on the northern shore of the Pangong Lake that spans eastern **Ladakh** in India and Rutog County in Tibet.

**Note-** Near to the Fort, China is building a new bridge. The bridge is being constructed on Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh.

**50. HSN stands for Harmonized \_\_\_\_\_ of Nomenclature.**

- 1) Securities
- 2) Standardization
- 3) System
- 4) Substitute
- 5) Substance

**Answer- 3) System**

**Explanation:**

HSN- "**Harmonized System of Nomenclature**". This system has been introduced for the systematic classification of goods all over the world.

**i.** The HSN Codes issued by the World Customs Organization (**WCO**) & the codes have been used to classify and regulate global trade since 1988.

**ii.** WCO has regularly updated its database of HSN codes every five years and the latest (7th edition) set of codes will go live from January 1, 2022.

**51. Which city hosted the 3-day Kashi Film Festival 2021 in December 2021?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Gaya, Bihar
- 5) Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Answer- 3) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:**

**Note-** Varanasi hosted a three-day Kashi Film Festival on December 27.

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting inaugurated a three-day 'Kashi Film Festival' in Varanasi under the Divya Kashi campaign.

**52. Where is Gandhi Sagar Dam located?**

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tehri, Uttarakhand
- 4) Bharatpur, Rajasthan
- 5) Jajpur, Odisha

Answer- 2) Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh

**Explanation:**

**Gandhi Sagar Dam** is a masonry gravity dam on Chambal River in the Mandsaur district of **Madhya Pradesh**.

**Note-** A new report on Gandhi Sagar Dam was released by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) which highlights that Gandhi Sagar Dam requires immediate repair due to absence of regular checks, non-functional instruments and choked drains.

**53. What is the Capital of Turkmenistan?**

- 1) Ashgabat
- 2) Pristina
- 3) Vaduz
- 4) Tirana
- 5) Bishkek

Answer- 1) Ashgabat

**Explanation:**

**About Turkmenistan:**

**Capital-** Ashgabat

**Currency-** Manat

**54. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the PMFME Scheme?**

- 1) PMFME stands for Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme.
- 2) It was launched under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in June 2020.
- 3) The Nodal Ministry was the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).
- 4) The Implementation of the scheme starts from 2020-21 to 2024-25.
- 5) All the Above

Answer- 5) All the Above

**Explanation:**

PMFME stands for Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme.

It was launched under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in June 2020.

The Nodal Ministry was the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).

The Implementation of the scheme starts from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

This scheme has One District One Product (ODOP) Approach.

### 55. Where is Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- **5) Sikkim**

**Explanation:**

**About Sikkim:**

**Chief Minister**– Prem Singh Tamang

**Wildlife Sanctuary**– Fambong Lho Sanctuary; **Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary**; Shingba (Rhododendron) Wildlife Sanctuary

**Zoological Park**– Himalayan Zoological Park

### 56. Who is the current (in Jan'22) President of Sri Lanka?

- 1) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- 2) William Gopallawa
- 3) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- 4) Chandrika Kumaratunga
- 5) Maithripala Sirisena

Answer- **3) Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

**Explanation:**

**About Sri Lanka:**

**President** – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**Capital** – Colombo (Legislative capital), Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Executive & Judicial Capital)

**Currency** – Sri Lankan Rupee

### 57. Which of the following countries is 'Not' a member of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)?

- 1) South Korea
- 2) Japan
- 3) Australia
- 4) US
- 5) India

Answer- **1) South Korea**

**Explanation:**

**About Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD):**

i. Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is the strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia.

ii. The formation of Quad was first initiated by Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in 2007.

iii. In 2017, the four countries established the "Quad" Coalition to develop a new strategy for safeguarding the Indo-Pacific region.



iv. Aim- to support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.

v. Members- India, the US, Australia and Japan.

**58. When Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) came into force?**

- 1) 2009
- 2) 2001
- 3) 2003
- 4) 2005
- 5) 2008

Answer- **3) 2003**

**Explanation:**

**About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO):**

i. The creation of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was announced in 2001 and entered into force in **2003**.

ii. **India and Pakistan** joined as the permanent members of SCO in the Astana summit in 2017.

Member countries (8)– Kazakhstan, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India.

**59. Koppal Toy Cluster by Aequs Group will be operational in India from March 2022. Who is the current (in Jan'22) Chairman of Aequs Group?**

- 1) Ajat Prabhu
- 2) Klaus Richter
- 3) Rajeev Kaul
- 4) Aravind Melligeri
- 5) Arjun Singh

Answer- **4) Aravind Melligeri**

**Explanation:**

The Koppal Toy Cluster (KTC), the primary such infrastructure within the nation, will probably be operational in March 2022. KTC is being arranged by Aequs Infra, a gaggle firm of Belagavi-based Aequs Pvt. Ltd.

Note- **Aravind Melligeri**, chairman and CEO of Aequs.

**60. ALMA stands for \_\_\_\_\_ Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array.**

- 1) Atoms
- 2) Atacama
- 3) Acceleration
- 4) Acquired
- 5) Astronomy

Answer- **2) Atacama**

**Explanation:**

**ALMA-** Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array

Note- Astronomers using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) have observed 15 stellar systems which are most likely experiencing common-envelope evolution phase or have experienced it in the last 200 years. ALMA Investigates Nature of Water-Fountain Stellar Systems.

**61. Where is the Wolf volcano located?**

- 1) Bolivia
- 2) Chile
- 3) Peru
- 4) Ecuador
- 5) Brazil

Answer- **4) Ecuador**

**Explanation:**

Wolf Volcano, also known as Mount Whiston, is the highest peak in the Galápagos Islands, **Ecuador**.

**Note-** The eruption of volcano Wolf on Isabela Island in the Galapagos, Ecuador in January 2022.

**62. Which of the following countries shares a border with 'Mont Blanc'?**

- 1) France
- 2) Italy
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- **5) All 1, 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

**Mont Blanc** is the highest peak in the Alps Mountain range, the longest mountain range in Europe. Mont Blanc is located at the border of **France, Italy & Switzerland**.

**63. In which country the Seine River is located?**

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

Answer- **3) France**

**Explanation:**

**France Major Rivers-** Loire, Rhône, Seine, Garonne, Dordogne.

The capital city Paris is located on the **Seine River** in **France**.

**64. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Treaty of the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (as of Jan'22)?**

- A) It is an international treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.**
- B) The treaty was opened for signature in 1968, and later entered into force in 1970.**
- C) 4 UN member states that have never signed the treaty - India, Israel, Pakistan, and South Sudan.**

- 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:****About Treaty of the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT):**

- i. It is an international treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to achieve complete nuclear disarmament.
- ii. The treaty was opened for signature in 1968, and later entered into force in 1970. A total of 191 States have joined the Treaty, including the five nuclear-weapon States.
- iii. 4 UN member states that have never signed the treaty were India, Israel, Pakistan, and South Sudan.
- iv. North Korea is the only country to withdraw from the treaty.

**65. When was the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) established?**

- 1) 1959
- 2) 1967
- 3) 1960
- 4) 1955
- 5) 1965

Answer- 5) 1965

**Explanation:****About National Dairy Development Board (NDDB):**

**Chairman** – Meenesh C Shah

**Establishment** – 1965

**Headquarters** – Anand, Gujarat

**66. Where is Moti Bagh Stadium located?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 1) Gujarat

**Explanation:****About Gujarat:**

**Governor** – Acharya Devvrat

**Stadium** – IPCL Sports Complex Ground (Reliance Stadium), Moti Bagh Stadium, Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium

**Capital** – Gandhinagar

**67. When was the Ministry of Jal Shakti formed?**

- 1) 2017
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2018
- 4) 2014
- 5) 2019

Answer- 5) 2019

### Explanation:

#### About Ministry of Jal Shakti:

It was formed in **2019** by integrating with other existing ministries, such as water resources and the ministry of drinking water and sanitation to address all water issues in India.

**Union Minister** – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan)

**Minister of State** – Prahlad Singh Patel (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh), Bishweswar Tudu (Constituency – Mayurbhanj, Odisha)

### 68. How many Biosphere Reserves are there in India?

- 1) 51
- 2) 25
- 3) 12
- 4) 41
- 5) 18

Answer- **5) 18**

### Explanation:

There are a total of **18** Biosphere Reserves in India.

### 69. Match the following National Parks with their respective state:

- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| i. Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park | a. Chhattisgarh   |
| ii. Papikonda national park         | b. Assam          |
| iii. Marine National Park           | c. Andhra Pradesh |
| iv. Indravati National Park         | d. Gujarat        |

- 1) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- 2) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
- 3) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
- 4) i-b, ii-c, iii-d, iv-a
- 5) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b

Answer- **4) i-b, ii-c, iii-d, iv-a**

### Explanation:

| <u>Name</u>                      | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park | Assam           |
| Papikonda national park          | Andhra Pradesh  |
| Marine National Park             | Gujarat         |
| Indravati (Kutru) National Park  | Chhattisgarh    |

### 70. In which state Hirakud Dam is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Odisha
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**Hirakud Dam** is located north of Sambalpur, **Odisha**. It is the longest earthen dam of the world standing in its lone majesty across the great river Mahanadi, which drains an area of 1,33,090 Sq. Kms.

i. The bulk of Hirakud dam contains earth, concrete and masonry materials sufficient to make a road 8 meters wide and pave it from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and Amritsar to Dibrugarh in Assam.

**Note-** Migratory bird census is currently underway at Odisha's Hirakud reservoir in January 2022.

**71. In January 2022, ICAR–Sugarcane Breeding Institute (ICAR-SBI) collaborated with the Anamalai Tiger Reserve to conduct a campaign called 'knowledge empowerment of tribals'.**

**Where is the Anamalai Tiger Reserve located?**

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

**Answer- 5) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Anamalai Tiger Reserve** is located in Pollachi, **Tamil Nadu**. It is spilling over the Western Ghats into Kerala between Kodaikanal and Coimbatore.

**Note-** In January 2022, The ICAR–Sugarcane Breeding Institute (ICAR-SBI), Coimbatore, in collaboration with the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) has conducted a campaign on 'knowledge empowerment of tribals' and launched its Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) project at Attakatti.

**72. Where is Nandur Madhmeshwar bird sanctuary located?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Punjab

**Answer- 1) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary is located at Niphad Tehsil of Nashik District, known as the Bharatpur of **Maharashtra**. It is designated as Ramsar Site and it is Maharashtra's first Ramsar site.

**Note-** In January 2022, a large number of migratory birds flocked to Nandur Madhmeshwar bird sanctuary, a wetland in Nashik district of Maharashtra in accordance with winter.

**73. Match the following fighter Jets with their respective countries:**

- |                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| i. Rafale             | a. Russia |
| ii. F-18 Super Hornet | b. France |
| iii. MIG-29K          | c. Sweden |
| iv. Gripen            | d. USA    |

- 1) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, iv-b
- 2) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c
- 3) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- 4) i-b, ii-d, iii-c, iv-a
- 5) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b

Answer- 2) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c

**Explanation:**

Rafale (Dassault, France), F-18 Super Hornet (Boeing, US), MIG-29K (Russia) and Gripen (Saab, Sweden).

**Note-** Indian Navy will start testing the Rafale-M(Marine) for use on its aircraft carriers. The test of the Rafale fighter aircraft will take place at the INS Hansa in Goa which is a shore-based test facility.

**74. Which year was declared as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries & Aquaculture by the United Nations General Assembly in January 2022?**

- 1) 2020
- 2) 2024
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2023

Answer- 3) 2022

**Explanation:**

The United Nations General Assembly has declared **2022** the **International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture** (IYAFA 2022).

The objective of celebrating IYAFA 2022 is twofold: The Year aims to focus world attention on the role that small-scale fishers, fish farmers and fish workers play in food security and nutrition, poverty eradication and sustainable natural resource use – thereby increasing global understanding and action to support them.

**75. Where is Vembanad-Kol Wetland, the largest Wetland in India, located?**

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

Answer- 4) Kerala

**Explanation:**

**About Kerala:**

**Governor**– Arif Mohammad Khan

**Airport** – Kannur International Airport, Calicut International Airport;

**Ramsar Sites** – Vembanad-Kol Wetland, Sasthamkotta Lake

**76. Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 9th March 1896
- 2) 31th July 1819
- 3) 9th January 1915
- 4) 19th March 1919
- 5) 9th August 1917

Answer- 3) 9th January 1915

**Explanation:**

Mahatma Gandhi had returned to India from South Africa on **9th January 1915** and became the greatest 'Pravasi'.

i. 9th January is recognised by the Indian Government as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.



**77. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the National Health Mission (NHM)?**

- 1) NHM was launched in 2013
- 2) It has 2 subdivisions National Rural Health Mission & National Urban Health Mission.
- 3) The aim is to attain universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services.
- 4) Both 2 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

**Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

**About National Health Mission (NHM):**

- i. NHM was launched in 2013 encompasses its two-subdivisions the National Rural Health Mission (Launched in 2005) and the National Urban Health Mission (Launched in 2013).
- ii. NHM aims at attaining universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services.

**78. India is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest shareholder in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) (as of Jan'22).**

- 1) Second
- 2) Third
- 3) Fourth
- 4) First
- 5) Fifth

**Answer- 1) Second**

**Explanation:**

**India & Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):**

- i. India is the **second** largest shareholder in the bank, only after China.
- ii. India is the largest beneficiary of AIIB financing for infrastructure projects such as energy, water, transport, etc. including the Bangalore Metro Rail Project & Chennai Metro Rail Project.

**79. Every year, National Hindi Diwas is celebrated across India on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 15th August
- 2) 20th February
- 3) 10th January
- 4) 12th July
- 5) 14th September

**Answer- 5) 14th September**

**Explanation:**

Every year, India celebrates the National Hindi Diwas on **September 14** to commemorate the declaration of Hindi as one of the official languages of the Government of India in 1950.

**80. Who Authored the Book, "War Minus The Shooting"?**

- 1) Louise Erdrich
- 2) Mike Marqusee
- 3) Judy Blume
- 4) Thomas Pynchon
- 5) Michael Dorris

**Answer- 2) Mike Marqusee**

**Explanation:**

**The Book, War Minus The Shooting was authored by Mike Marqusee.**

**Note-** Michael Atherton, former England cricket captain was asked to list his favorite cricket books. One of those was War Minus The Shooting, by the acclaimed American author, Mike Marqusee.

**81. Where is Kuno Palpur National Park located?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Kuno Palpur National Park (KNP) is a national park in **Madhya Pradesh**, India. Established in 1981 as a wildlife sanctuary.

**82. Who is the current (as of Jan'22) Union Minister of Labour & Employment?**

- 1) Pralhad Joshi
- 2) Bhupender Yadav
- 3) Virendra Kumar
- 4) Giriraj Singh
- 5) G. Kishan Reddy

**Answer- 2) Bhupender Yadav**

**Explanation:**
**About Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E):**

**Union Minister- Bhupender Yadav** (Rajya Sabha Rajasthan)

**Minister of State- Rameswar Teli** (Constituency- Dibrugarh, Assam)

**83. What is the Currency of Kazakhstan?**

- 1) Dinar
- 2) Kwanzaa
- 3) Peso
- 4) Dollar
- 5) Tenge

**Answer- 5) Tenge**

**Explanation:**
**About Kazakhstan:**

**President - Kassym - Jomart Tokayev**

**Capital - Nur-Sultan**

**Currency - Tenge**

**84. What is the Capital of Nicaragua?**

- 1) Bishkek
- 2) Managua
- 3) Ashgabat
- 4) Pristina

5) Vaduz

Answer- 2) Managua

**Explanation:**

**About Nicaragua:**

**President-** Daniel Ortega

**Capital-** Managua

**Currency-** Nicaraguan Córdoba

**85. Who is the current (as of Jan'22) MD & CEO of Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)?**

1) Asok Kumar

2) Gopal Vittal

3) Padmaja Chunduru

4) Ravinder Takkar

5) Pravin Kumar Purwar

Answer- 4) Ravinder Takkar

**Explanation:**

**About Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)**

**Establishment** – 31 August 2018 (Vodafone India merged with Idea Cellular)

**MD & CEO** – Ravinder Takkar

**Headquarters** – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**86. Which of the following INS is 'NOT' the destroyers under project-15B?**

1) INS Vela

2) INS Surat

3) INS Imphal

4) INS Mormugao

5) INS Visakhapatnam

Answer- 1) INS Vela

**Explanation:**

INS Visakhapatnam, which is the first of the four stealth guided-missile destroyers under project-15B, was commissioned in the Indian Navy at the naval dockyard here. **Project 15B** comprises four ships — **Visakhapatnam, Mormugao, Imphal and Surat**, and all are being built by the Mazgon Dock Limited (MDL).

**87. Where is Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary located?**

1) Bihar

2) Rajasthan

3) Uttar Pradesh

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) West Bengal

Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh

**Explanation:**

**Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary** is the largest wildlife sanctuary of **Madhya Pradesh**.

**88. Where is Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve located?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) West Bengal

**Answer- 4) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

**Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve** is a national park in **Rajasthan**, India .It was established in 2004.

**89. India's oldest sloth bear called Gulabo, died at the Van Vihar National Park. In which state Van Vihar National Park is located?**

- 1) Jalpaiguri, West Bengal
- 2) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Patna, Bihar

**Answer- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Van Vihar National Park** is located in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. Van Vihar National Park and Zoo is one of the most revered National Parks and Zoo in Central India.

**90. Identify the Country that is wrongly matched with its Capital:**

- 1) Turkey - Ankara
- 2) Lebanon - Beirut
- 3) Egypt - Cairo
- 4) Pakistan - Kabul
- 5) Iran - Tehran

**Answer- 4) Pakistan - Kabul**

**Explanation:**

**Kabul** is the Capital city of **Afghanistan**, Whereas **Islamabad** is the Capital city of **Pakistan**.

**91. "Sahyadri" is the other name for which mountain range?**

- 1) Eastern Ghats
- 2) Aravalli Range
- 3) Western Himalayas
- 4) Vindhya Range
- 5) Western Ghats

**Answer- 5) Western Ghats**

**Explanation:**

**Western Ghats** are also known as '**Sahyadri**' in Maharashtra and Karnataka.

**92. Where is Buddh International Circuit located?**

- 1) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 2) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

5) Pune, Maharashtra

**Answer- 2) Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

1st edition of Indian Grand Prix was conducted in 2011 at **Buddh International Circuit**, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**93. Which of the following is wrongly matched?**

1) Father of Indian Cinema - Dadasaheb Phalke

2) Father of Antivirus Software - Paul Allen

3) Father of Railways - George Stephenson

4) Father of the Indian Space Program - Vikram Sarabhai

5) Father of Indian Software Industry - Faqir Chand Kohli

**Answer- 2) Father of Antivirus Software - Paul Allen**

**Explanation:**

**John McAfee**, the inventor of famous antivirus software 'McAfee' who passed away in June 2021 is regarded as the "**Father of Antivirus Software**".

**94. Who authored the book, "Imagining India: The Idea of a Renewed Nation"?**

1) Nandan Nilekani

2) Amartya Sen

3) Manmohan Singh

4) Kaushik Basu

5) Bimal Jalan

**Answer- 1) Nandan Nilekani**

**Explanation:**

"Imagining India: The Idea of a Renewed Nation", a famous book on India's Economic position, was authored by **Nandan Nilekani**, the founder of Infosys.

**95. "Fiat Panis" is the official motto of which International organisation?**

1) International Criminal Court

2) World Health Organization

3) UNICEF

4) Food & Agriculture Organization

5) International Committee of the Red Cross

**Answer- 4) Food & Agriculture Organization**

**Explanation:**

**About Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO):**

**Director General** – Qu Dongyu

**Headquarters** – Rome, Italy

**Motto** – "Fiat Panis" (Let there be bread)

**96. What is the official currency of Tajikistan?**

1) Somoni

2) Manat

3) Dirham

4) Renminbi

5) Krone

Answer- **1) Somoni**

**Explanation:**

**About Tajikistan:**

**President** – Emomali Rahmon

**Capital** – Dushanbe

**Currency** – Tajikistan Somoni

**97. 'Dhalo' is a popular ritual folk dance form \_\_\_\_.**

1) Jammu & Kashmir

2) Odisha

3) Goa

4) Assam

5) Kerala

Answer- **3) Goa**

**Explanation:**

'Dhalo' is a popular ritual folk dance form **Goa**.

**98. How many Classical dance forms of India were recognised by the Sangeet Natak Academy?**

1) 9

2) 7

3) 11

4) 8

5) 6

Answer- **4) 8**

**Explanation:**

The **Sangeet Natak Academy** recognizes **8** Classical Dances of India – Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Kathakali, Sattriya, Manipuri and Mohiniyattam.

**99. The Scientific study of Moths & Butterflies is known as \_\_\_\_.**

1) Felinology

2) Lepidopterology

3) Melittology

4) Myrmecology

5) Malacology

Answer- **2) Lepidopterology**

**Explanation:**

South American country, **Colombia**, houses the **World's largest variety of Butterflies**, accounting for almost 20% of the species total population.

**Lepidopterology** is the scientific study of Moths & butterflies.

**100. What does the acronym LiDAR stand for?**

1) Limited in-depth Analysis Radar

2) Lock-in Depth Analysis & Ranging

3) Lateral in-depth Analysis Radar



- 4) Light Detection and Ranging
- 5) Light Induced Data Reference

Answer- **4) Light Detection and Ranging**

**Explanation:**

**Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)**, is a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure distance of a target object.

**101. Who was the Governor General of India when "The Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act, 1856" was passed?**

- 1) Lord Canning
- 2) Lord William Bentinck
- 3) Lord Metcalfe
- 4) Lord Warren Hastings
- 5) Lord Mountbatten

Answer- **1) Lord Canning**

**Explanation:**

The **Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act, 1856**, that was enacted on 26 July 1856, legalised the remarriage of Hindu widows. It was drafted by Lord Dalhousie and passed by **Lord Canning**. It was the first major social reform legislation after the **abolition of sati** by **Lord William Bentinck**.

**102. "Utho Jago Aur Tab Tak Mat Ruko Jab Tak Lakshya Ki Prapti na Ho Jaye" is a famous quote given by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Aurobindo Ghosh
- 2) Swami Vivekananda
- 3) Dayananda Saraswati
- 4) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
- 5) Subhas Chandra Bose

Answer- **2) Swami Vivekananda**

**Explanation:**

"Utho Jago Aur Tab Tak Mat Ruko Jab Tak Lakshya Ki Prapti na Ho Jaye" is a famous quote given by **Swami Vivekananda**.

**103. Which is the 2019 Lok Sabha Constituency of Anurag Singh Thakur - Union Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports?**

- 1) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- 2) Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Coochbehar, West Bengal
- 5) Khunti, Jharkhand

Answer- **2) Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports:**

**Union Minister**– Anurag Singh Thakur (Constituency- **Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh**)

**Minister of State**– Nisith Pramanik (Constituency- Coochbehar, West Bengal)

#### 104. Pick the Wrongly matched data with respect to the Tennis Major Tournaments

- 1) Wimbledon - Grass Court - 1877
- 2) US Open - Hard Court - 1881
- 3) French Open - Grass Court - 1901
- 4) Australian Open - Hard Court - 1905
- 5) All are Rightly Matched

Answer- **3) French Open - Grass Court - 1901**

**Explanation:**

| Tournament      | Court Type  | Established |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wimbledon       | Grass Court | 1877        |
| US Open         | Hard Court  | 1881        |
| French Open     | Clay Court  | 1891        |
| Australian Open | Hard Court  | 1905        |

#### 105. Which is the Target year set by the Indian Government to provide Clean Drinking Water to All?

- 1) 2022
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2024
- 4) 2025
- 5) 2028

Answer- **3) 2024**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Government has set a target to provide Clean Drinking Water to All by **2024**.

#### 106. What is India's rank in the "Global Unicorn Index 2021" released by the Hurun Research Institute?

- 1) 5th
- 2) 1st
- 3) 2nd
- 4) 3rd
- 5) 4th

Answer- **4) 3rd**

**Explanation:**

As per the **Global Unicorn Index 2021** released by the Hurun Research Institute, where India was ranked at **3rd** (by adding 33 'unicorns' in 2020) by displacing the United Kingdom (UK) to the 4th spot. In 2020, India ranked at the 4th spot.

#### 107. Who is the Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change?

- 1) Arjun Munda
- 2) Bhupender Yadav
- 3) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 4) Parshottam Rupala
- 5) Giriraj Singh

Answer- **2) Bhupender Yadav**

**Explanation:****About Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC):**Union Minister – **Bhupender Yadav** (Rajya Sabha Rajasthan)

Minister of State (MoS) – Ashwini Kumar Choubey (Buxar, Bihar)

**108. In which year the Indian Railways was nationalized?**

- 1) 1954
- 2) 1952
- 3) 1950
- 4) 1951
- 5) 1949

Answer- **4) 1951****Explanation:****About Indian Railways:****i.** Indian Railways was nationalized in **1951****Headquarters-** New Delhi**Administered** – under Ministry of Railways**109. Where is the Headquarters of World Economic Forum (WEF)?**

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Rome, Italy
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Nairobi, Kenya
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland****Explanation:****About World Economic Forum (WEF):****Founder & Executive Chairman-** Klaus Schwab**Founded** – 1971**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland**110. When was the United Nation established?**

- 1) 1935
- 2) 1947
- 3) 1951
- 4) 1945
- 5) 1950

Answer- **4) 1945****Explanation:****About United Nations (UN):****Establishment-** 1945**Secretary General-** Antonio Guterres**Headquarters-** New York, USA

**111. In which city the Commonwealth Games 2022 will be organized?**

- 1) Glasgow, Scotland
- 2) Hamilton, Canada
- 3) Birmingham, UK
- 4) Sydney, Australia
- 5) London, England

Answer- **3) Birmingham, UK**

**Explanation:**

The CWG 2022 games will be organized in **Birmingham, United Kingdom (UK)** from July 28 to August 8, 2022 and Asian Games 2022 will be organized in Hangzhou, China from September 10 to 25, 2022.

**112. Who is the Current (as of Jan'22) President of the Indian Boxing Federation?**

- 1) Anand Burman
- 2) Leena Tewari
- 3) Prem Singh
- 4) Dilip Shanghvi
- 5) Ajay Singh

Answer- **5) Ajay Singh**

**Explanation:****About Indian Boxing Federation:**

Indian Boxing Federation is also known as All India Boxing association.

**President- Ajay Singh**

**Headquarters-** Gurgaon, Haryana

**113. Where is Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium located?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

**Explanation:****About Gujarat:**

**Airport-** Surat Airport, Govardhanpur Airport or Jamnagar Airport

**Stadium-** Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Bilakhiya Stadium

**114. Who is the President of South Africa?**

- 1) Lotay Tshering
- 2) Joko Widodo
- 3) Barham Salih
- 4) John Antonio Briceño
- 5) Cyril Ramaphosa

Answer- **5) Cyril Ramaphosa**

**Explanation:****About South Africa:****President-** Cyril Ramaphosa**Capitals-** Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein**Currency-** South African rand**115. What does Indian Govt.'s Project 75 deal with?**

- 1) Nuclear Missile
- 2) Submarines
- 3) Stealth Guided Missile
- 4) Anti-tank Guided Missile
- 5) Armoured Personnel Carrier

**Answer- 2) Submarines****Explanation:**

Indian Govt.'s Project 75 deals with indigenous made submarines.

**116. Which country signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) with India in October 2020?**

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

**Answer- 4) USA****Explanation:**

Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) signed between India & USA in October, 2020. It provides for sharing of high-end military technology, logistics and geospatial maps between the two nations.

**117. What is the Address size of IPv6?**

- 1) 32 bits
- 2) 128 bits
- 3) 256 bits
- 4) 64 bits
- 5) 512 bits

**Answer- 2) 128 bits****Explanation:**

The size of an Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) address is 128 bits, compared to 32 bits in IPv4.

**118. Border-Gavaskar Trophy is a Test Cricket Series played between India & which country?**

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

**Answer- 4) Australia**

**Explanation:**

Border–Gavaskar Trophy is a Test Cricket Series played between India & Australia, which is considered as the Indian equivalent of Ashes.

**119. Who gave the slogan 'Jai Hind' during India's Freedom Struggle?**

- 1) Bhagat Singh
- 2) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- 3) Lala Lajpat Rai
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 5) Subhas Chandra Bose

Answer - **5) Subhas Chandra Bose**

**Explanation:**

**Subhas Chandra Bose** led the Indian National Army (INA) to fight the British and liberate India with the help of Japanese soldiers and gave famous slogans '**Jai Hind**' and '**Dilli Chalo**'.

**120. Which is the Capital City of Iran?**

- 1) Baghdad
- 2) Tehran
- 3) Damascus
- 4) Beirut
- 5) Ashgabat

Answer - **2) Tehran**

**Explanation:**
**About Iran:**

**President** – Ebrahim Raisi

**Capital** – Tehran

**Currency** – Iranian rial

**121. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is implemented by Which Ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 2) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer - **4) Ministry of Rural Development**

**Explanation:**

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (**SAGY**) was launched on 11th October, **2014** on the birth anniversary of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan, under the Ministry of **Rural Development**.

- The main objective of SAGY is to trigger processes which lead to holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats.
- It Targets to develop **five** such Adarsh Grams (one per year) by **2024**.

**122. Which is the Target year set by the Indian government to reach Defence Exports of \$5 billion?**

- 1) 2022
- 2) 2030



3) 2025

4) 2028

5) 2024

Answer - **5) 2024**

**Explanation:**

India has set a target of achieving defence exports of \$5 billion by 2024

**123. When did the Indian Government launch 'Startup India' - its flagship initiative to promote the startup ecosystem in India?**

1) 2015

2) 2016

3) 2018

4) 2014

5) 2017

Answer - **2) 2016**

**Explanation:**

Startup India was launched on January 16, 2016

**124. \_\_\_\_\_ companies are those that create a brand value based on the market trends & customer demands.**

1) Unicorn

2) Zebra

3) Camel

4) Gazelles

5) Horse

Answer - **2) Zebra**

**Explanation:**

Zebra companies are those created by observing the current market trends & demands of consumers. Whereas, Unicorn companies introduce new and innovative ideas to the market.

**125. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognised the year 2021 as the "Year of \_\_\_\_\_".**

1) Industries

2) Promotion

3) Intelligence

4) Unicorns

5) All the Above

Answer - **4) Unicorns**

**Explanation:**

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industries, has designated the year **2021** as the '**Year of Unicorns**'.

**126. What is the tenure of the President of Russia?**

1) 4 years

2) 5 years

3) 6 years

- 4) 3 years
  - 5) No fixed tenure
- Answer - **3) 6 years**

**Explanation:**

The President of Russia can serve for a period of **6-years** before facing the next parliamentary election. At present, Vladimir Putin serves his 4th term as the president of Russia.

**127. Recently (in Jan'21), the volcanic eruption at Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano led to Tsunami alerts in many countries. Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano is submerged under which oceanic body?**

- 1) South China Sea
- 2) Indian Ocean
- 3) Arctic Ocean
- 4) North Atlantic Ocean
- 5) South Pacific Ocean

Answer - **5) South Pacific Ocean**

**Explanation:**

Recently (in Jan'21), the volcanic eruption at Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano led to Tsunami alerts in many countries.

Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano is submerged under the South Pacific Ocean region, at over 2000 kms from New Zealand.

**128. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative?**

- 1) It was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in 2018.
- 2) It is the 1st Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to utilize the expertise of the IT industry in cybersecurity.
- 3) It was launched in cooperation with TCS.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **4) Both 1 & 2**

**Explanation:**

**About Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative:**

Launched by **MeitY** in **2018**, it is the **first** Public-Private Partnership (**PPP**) of its kind to utilize the expertise of the IT industry in cybersecurity. It was launched in cooperation with NeGD and various industry partners in India like Microsoft, Intel, WIPRO, Redhat and Dimension Data.

- i. It aims to raise awareness about cybercrime and its safety measures through training sessions and awareness programs.
- ii. It envisages to train 1200 CISOs and frontline IT officials across all government departments.

**129. Where is the Headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO)?**

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Montreal, Canada
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- 2) Geneva, Switzerland

**Explanation:**

**About International Labour Organisation (ILO):**

Director-General– Guy Ryder

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Member Nations– 187

**130. What is the Capital of North Macedonia?**

1) Vienna

2) Tirana

3) Skopje

4) Minsk

5) Ottawa

Answer- 3) Skopje

**Explanation:**

**About North Macedonia:**

**President** – Stevo Pendarovski

**Capital** – Skopje

**Currency** – Macedonian Denar

**131. Who is known as "The Satellite Man of India"?**

1) Yuri Malyshev

2) Udupi Ramachandra Rao

3) Ravish Malhotra

4) Rakesh Sharma

5) Radhakrishnan

Answer- 2) Udupi Ramachandra Rao

**Explanation:**

Udupi Ramachandra Rao was a space scientist. He is known as "The Satellite Man of India" and pioneered India's first satellite launch Aryabhata in 1975.

**132. The University Grants Commission brings all higher education institutions on the ABC platform. ABC stands for \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) Academic Bench of Class

2) Academic Book of Course

3) All Book of Course

4) Academic Bank of Credit

5) All Bank of Course

Answer- 4) Academic Bank of Credit

**Explanation:**

**ABC** - Academic Bank of Credit

The ABC framework is part of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and will allow higher education institutions to maintain a digital repository of credits earned by students; under ABC, students can choose to study one course in a year in one institution and switch to another one the next year

**133. In which state of India Lipulekh Pass was located?**

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Sikkim

**Answer- 1) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Lipulekh pass is located in Uttarakhand, India.

**134. Where is the headquarters of the World Economic Forum ?**

- 1) London, UK
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Rome, Italy

**Answer- 2) Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About World Economic Forum (WEF):**

**Founder and Executive Chairman-** klaus schwab

**Founded in-** 1971

**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland

**135. When the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was established?**

- 1) 1965
- 2) 1988
- 3) 1997
- 4) 1976
- 5) 1982

**Answer- 5) 1982**

**Explanation:**

**About National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD):**

**Established – 12 July 1982**

The formation was recommended by the committee under the Chairmanship of Sivaraman, former member of Planning Commission.

**Chairman-** G R Chintala

**Total Regional Offices – 31**

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**136. Which is Asia's biggest brackish water lake?**

- 1) Sambhar Salt Lake
- 2) Chilika lake
- 3) Pulicat Lake
- 4) Vembanad Lake
- 5) Wular Lake

Answer- 2) Chilika lake

**Explanation:**

The 1st-ever survey of the elusive fishing cat in and around Asia's biggest brackish water lake, the **Chilika lake** in Odisha, started March 1, 2021.

**137. What is the Capital of Mauritius?**

- 1) Prague
- 2) Dili
- 3) Port Louis
- 4) Suva
- 5) Port Moresby

Answer- 3) Port Louis

**Explanation:**

**About Mauritius:**

**President**– Prithvirajsing Roopun

**Capital**- Port Louis

**Currency**– Mauritian Rupee

**138. Where is the Headquarters of the International Energy Agency (IEA)?**

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- 2) Paris, France

**Explanation:**

**About International Energy Agency (IEA):**

**Establishment** – 1974

**Headquarters** – Paris, France

**Executive Director** – Fatih Birol

**139. Which of the following Countries is 'Not' the Founding Member of the European Union?**

- 1) France
- 2) Germany
- 3) Italy
- 4) India
- 5) Belgium

Answer- 4) India

**Explanation:**

**About European Union (EU):**

i. The European Union is a political and economic union of 27 member countries located primarily in Europe.

ii. The EU is a single market that trades globally and between its member countries.

iii. 6 Founding Members- Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg

**140. Who is the current (in Jan'22) Director General of National Disaster Response Force?**

- 1) Athish Matur
- 2) Atul Karwal
- 3) Arjun Ramesh
- 4) Ravi Kumar
- 5) Kiran Raju

**Answer- 2) Atul Karwal**

**Explanation:**

**About National Disaster Response Force (NDRF):**

**Director-General-** Atul Karwal

**Motto-** आपदा सेवा सदैव सर्वत्र implies Sustained Disaster Response Service.

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**141. Where is Kaziranga National Park located?**

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) Tripura

**Answer- 4) Assam**

**Explanation:**

Kaziranga National Park is located in **Assam**.

**Note-** In January 2022, the eastern swamp deer census in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve recorded 868 deers, including 173 males, 557 females and 138 yearlings.

**142. In January 2022, KIMSHEALTH Medical Devices Testing and Calibration Lab (KMDTCL) won NABL recognition. In which state KMDTCL located?**

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

**Answer- 2) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

The KIMSHEALTH Medical Devices Testing and Calibration Lab (KMDTCL) has won NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) recognition and became the country's second and **Kerala's** first hospital group to receive the honour.

**143. In which state a new species of dwarf catfish called 'Pseudolaguvia vespa' was discovered in January 2022?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

**Answer- 3) Nagaland**



**Explanation:**

During a recent (In Jan'22) Ichthyological survey of the Brahmaputra River drainage in Mokokchung district of **Nagaland**, specimens of a species of Dwarf catfish were obtained.

i. Further study revealed this material to belong to an unnamed species, which is now called as **Pseudolaguvia vespa**.

**144. The Election Commission of India has recently (in Jan'22) increased the expenditure limit for Parliamentary constituencies from 70 lakh to \_\_\_\_\_ in bigger states.**

- 1) 100 Lakh
- 2) 95 Lakh
- 3) 85 Lakh
- 4) 80 Lakh
- 5) 75 Lakh

Answer- **2) 95 lakh**

**Explanation:**

The Election Commission of India has recently (in Jan'22) increased the expenditure limit for Parliamentary constituencies from 70 lakh to **95 Lakh** in bigger states.

**Note-** In January 2022, the Election Commission of India increased the election expenditure limit for candidates in Parliamentary & Assembly constituencies, due to the rise in inflation.

i. For **parliamentary constituencies** expenditure has been raised from **70 lakh to 95 lakh (bigger states)** and 54 lakh to 75 lakhs (**smaller states**)

ii. For **Assembly constituencies** expenditure limits have been raised from 28 lakh rupees to 40 lakh (**bigger states**) & from 20 lakhs to 28 lakhs (**smaller states**).

**145. In which city the 18th edition of Kachai Lemon' festival was celebrated on January 14th 2022?**

- 1) Namchi, Sikkim
- 2) Ukhrul, Manipur
- 3) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Udaipur, Tripura
- 5) Aizawl, Mizoram

Answer- **2) Ukhrul, Manipur**

**Explanation:**

The **18th edition** of two-days long '**Kachai Lemon**' festival began in **Ukhrul, Manipur** on January 14.

i. The festival is being organized under the theme "**Organic Kachai Lemon for Safe Environment and Rural Transformation**".

**146. Which of the following organizations is under Mini-Ratna Category-1?**

- 1) HAL
- 2) SAIL
- 3) GAIL India
- 4) ONGC
- 5) IREDA

Answer- **5) IREDA**

**Explanation:**
**About Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA):**

It is a **Mini-Ratna (Category-1)** company

**Parent Ministry**– Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

**Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)**- Pardip Kumar Das

**Headquarters**– New Delhi

**Note- Mini-Ratna (Category-1)**- The CPSEs which have made profit in the last three years continuously, pre-tax profit is Rs. 30 crores or more in at least one of the three years and have a positive net worth are eligible to be considered for grant of Miniratna-I status.

**147. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) is under which Ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 5) Ministry of Labour & Employment

**Answer- 2) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**

**Explanation:**

National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (**NCSK**) is under the **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**

- i. It was constituted in 1993 as a statutory body as per the provisions of the NCSK Act 1993 initially for the period upto March 1997.
- ii. As per the provisions of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, the NCSK has been assigned the work to monitor the implementation of the Act.

**148. Which of the following is the third-largest island in the world?**

- 1) Greenland
- 2) Borneo
- 3) New Guinea
- 4) Madagascar
- 5) Baffin

**Answer- 2) Borneo**

**Explanation:**

**Borneo** is the world's third largest island located in the southwest Pacific. The island is politically divided among Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei.

**Note-** Indonesia owns the majority of Borneo.

**149. Which of the following points are 'Not correct' with respect to the Foreign direct investment (FDI)?**

- 1) FDI is an investment that a parent company makes in a foreign country
- 2) It flows into secondary market
- 3) It is a long term Investment.
- 4) FDI cannot enter the stock market easily & withdraw from it easily
- 5) All The Above.

**Answer- 2) It flows into secondary market**

**Explanation:**

The FDI flows into the **primary market** while the FII flows into the secondary market.

**150. Where is Bor Tiger Reserve located?**

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**
**About Maharashtra:**

**Chief Minister** – Uddhav Thackeray

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Malvan (marine) Wildlife Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve** – Sahyadri tiger reserve, **Bor Tiger Reserve**

**151. Olympic Player Lilima Minz recently (in Jan'22) announced her retirement from the sport. She represents which sports in the Olympics ?**

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Athletics
- 3) Hockey
- 4) Boxing
- 5) Wrestling

Answer- **3) Hockey**

**Explanation:**

Indian **Hockey Player, Lilima Minz** announced her retirement from the sport.

i. Lilima was part of the squad when the Indian women qualified for the Olympics for the first time after 36 years & took part in the Rio Olympic Games in 2016.

**152. ReTuna is the world's first recycling shopping mall. In which country is ReTuna Located?**

- 1) Germany
- 2) Sweden
- 3) Norway
- 4) Spain
- 5) Italy

Answer- **2) Sweden**

**Explanation:**

ReTuna in **Sweden** is the world's first recycling shopping mall. This means that the shops in the mall only sell items that have been used before. The mall has grown into an international success story and reached SEK 11.7 million in sales for pre-owned products in 2018

**153. What is the Capital of Barbados?**

- 1) Moroni
- 2) Praia
- 3) Tirana
- 4) Bridgetown

5) Minsk

Answer- **4) Bridgetown**

**Explanation:**

**About Barbados:**

Barbados is a Caribbean island and an independent British Commonwealth nation situated in North America.

**Capital-** Bridgetown

**Currency-** Barbados Dollar

**154. The scheme DAY-NRLM comes under which Ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- 2) Ministry of Rural Development
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Education
- 5) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Answer- **2) Ministry of Rural Development**

**Explanation:**

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) works under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

**155. Where is Ramsar Site - Surinsar-Mansar Lake located?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Odisha
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **2) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

**About Jammu & Kashmir(I&K):**

**Lieutenant Governor-** Manoj Sinha

**RAMSAR Sites-** Wular Lake, Surinsar-mansar Lakes

**156. Where is Renuka Lake located?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Jai Ram Thakur

**Lake-** Parashar Lake, Renuka Lake

**Airport-** Shimla Airport, Kangra Airport

**157. Where is Bilakhia Stadium located?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

**Explanation:****About Gujarat:**

**Governor** – Acharya Devvrat

**Stadium** – Bilakhia Stadium, CB Patel International Cricket Stadium, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Stadium

**Dance** – Tippani, Hudo, Padhar

**158. Where is Kurukshetra University located?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer - **1) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

Kurukshetra University was established in 1956 at Kurukshetra in Haryana.

**159. Where is National Institute of Hydrology located?**

- 1) Ludhiana, Punjab
- 2) Roorkee, Uttarakhand
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) New Delhi

Answer - **2) Roorkee, Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

National Institute of Hydrology, under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, is located at Roorkee, Uttarakhand.

**160. When was the World Economic Forum established?**

- 1) 1991
- 2) 1969
- 3) 1971
- 4) 1945
- 5) 1956

Answer - **3) 1971**

**Explanation:****About World Economic Forum (WEF):**

**Establishment** – 1971

**Headquarters** – Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland

**Founder and Executive Chairman** – Klaus Schwab

**161. What is the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit permitted by the Indian government in the 'Print Media' sector?**

- 1) 49%
- 2) 74%
- 3) 51%
- 4) 26%
- 5) 100%

Answer - **4) 26%**

**Explanation:**

Indian government has set the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in the '**Media & Entertainment sector**', which includes Print Media, Televisions, Cinemas along with digital media platforms like OTT, Gaming etc, is at **26%**.

**162. In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) framed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which are to be attained across the world by 2030. What does SDG 1 deal with?**

- 1) Reduced Inequality
- 2) Quality Education
- 3) Zero Hunger
- 4) Gender Equality
- 5) No Poverty

Answer - **5) No Poverty**

**Explanation:**

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) framed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which are to be attained across the world by 2030. Where, SDG 1 deals with 'No Poverty'.

**163. When is the 'World Mental Health Day' annually observed by the World Health Organization(WHO)?**

- 1) 10th October
- 2) 9th July
- 3) 14th September
- 4) 16th August
- 5) 13th May

Answer - **1) 10th October**

**Explanation:**

The World Mental Health Day is annually observed by the World Health Organization(WHO) on **10th October**.

**Theme of 2021** - 'Mental Health in an Unequal World'

**164. When was the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) started?**

- 1) 1945
- 2) 1951
- 3) 1965
- 4) 1973
- 5) 1981

Answer - **3) 1965**



**Explanation:****About United Nations Development Programme (UNDP):****Headquarters-** New York, United States**Founded-** 1965**Administrator-** Achim Steiner**Members** – 105 members**165. Name the word that was selected by 'Cambridge Dictionary' as "2021's Word of the Year".**

1) Perseverance

2) Vaccine

3) Pandemic

4) NFT

5) Lockdown

**Answer - 1) Perseverance****Explanation:**Cambridge Dictionary has announced '**Perseverance**' as its Word of the Year 2021.

Other 2021 word of the year:

- Merriam-Webster - Vaccine
- Collins Dictionary - 'NFT' (non-fungible token)
- Oxford Languages - VAX

**166. Spices Board of India is under the ambit of which Ministry?**

1) Ministry of Agricultural and Farmers Welfare

2) Ministry of AYUSH

3) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

4) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

5) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Answer - 5) Ministry of Commerce and Industry****Explanation:****About Spices Board India:****Parent Ministry-** Ministry of Commerce and Industry**Chairman-** AG Thankappan**Headquarter-** Kochi, Kerala**167. When was the World Economic Forum (WEF) established?**

1) 1969

2) 1965

3) 1971

4) 1983

5) 1975

**Answer- 3) 1971****Explanation:****About World Economic Forum (WEF):****Established** – 1971**Headquarters** – Geneva, Switzerland**Founder & Executive Chairman** – Klaus Schwab

**168. In which state is Gorumara National Park located?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer- 2) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About West Bengal:**

**Governor** – Jagdeep Dhankhar

**National Parks** – Gorumara National Park, Sundarban National Park, Jaldapara National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary

**169. What is the capital of Armenia?**

- 1) Moroni
- 2) Tallinn
- 3) Bangui
- 4) Tirana
- 5) Yerevan

**Answer- 5) Yerevan**

**Explanation:**

**About Armenia:**

**Capital** – Yerevan

**Currency** – Armenian Dram

**170. Which of the following is the Westernmost Island of Indonesia?**

- 1) Java
- 2) Sumatra
- 3) Lombok
- 4) Bali
- 5) Borneo

**Answer- 2) Sumatra**

**Explanation:**

The Westernmost & second larger island of Indonesia is Sumatra.

**171. Uttar Pradesh was recognised as a state of India on \_\_\_\_ .**

- 1) 22nd January 1960
- 2) 24th January 1950
- 3) 23rd January 1962
- 4) 24th January 1956
- 5) 25th January 1973

**Answer- 2) 24th January 1950**

**Explanation:**

Uttar Pradesh was recognised as a state of India on January 24, 1950.

**172. Which of the following is the Second largest Brackish Water lagoon in India?**

- 1) Kailvelil Lake
- 2) Chilka Lake
- 3) Pulicat Lake
- 4) Pangong Tso
- 5) Sambhar Salt Lake

**Answer- 3) Pulicat Lake**

**Explanation:**

Pulicat Lagoon is the second largest brackish water lagoon in India. Pulicat Lake at the border of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Chilka Lake is the 1st largest brackish water lagoon in India.

**173. Which is the World's Largest producer & consumer of Tea?**

- 1) USA
- 2) India
- 3) China
- 4) France
- 5) UK

**Answer- 2) India**

**Explanation:**

India is the largest producer and consumer of Tea. Tea is a highly famous and also highly consumed product in India. In India, tea is produced in large amounts and exported to other countries. There are many tea plantations in Kerala, Nilgiri, Assam, Karnataka, Tripura, etc. are some of the topmost tea production states in India. Tamil Nadu plays the major role in tea production.

**174. Which of the following Amendment Act lowered the voting age of elections from 21 years to 18 years?**

- 1) 59th Amendment
- 2) 62nd Amendment
- 3) 61st Amendment
- 4) 63rd Amendment
- 5) 66th Amendment

**Answer- 3) 61st Amendment**

**Explanation:**

The Constitution (61st Amendment) Act, 1989, lowered the voting age of elections to the Lok Sabha and to the Legislative Assemblies of States from 21 years to 18 years.

i. The ECI also focuses on enrolment of new voters who have attained 18 years of age, providing voting rights under the Universal Adult Franchise.

**175. Which of the following Points is NOT correct with respect to the Election Commission of India (ECI)?**

- 1) ECI conducts elections to Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha & State Legislative Assemblies.
- 2) Article 214 to 220 deals with powers, function, tenure, eligibility, etc of ECI.
- 3) EC is a 3 member body, consisting of one Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) & 2 Election Commissioners.
- 4) Sushil Chandra is the present Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)

5) The Election Commission was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950.

Answer- **2) Article 214 to 220 deals with powers, function, tenure, eligibility, etc of ECI.**

**Explanation:**

**About Election Commission of India (ECI):**

ECI administers elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies in India, and for the offices of the President and Vice President of India.

**i. Article 324 to 329** of the constitution deals with powers, function, tenure, eligibility, etc of ECI.

**ii.** Election Commission is a 3 member body, consisting of the CEC and 2 Election Commissioners.

**iii.** The Election Commission was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950.

**Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)** -Sushil Chandra

**Election Commissioner**– Anup Chandra Pandey and Rajiv Kumar

**176. United Nations World Tourism Day (WTD) is annually observed across the globe on \_\_\_\_.**

1) 10th March

2) 15th August

3) 27th September

4) 20th February

5) 26th January

Answer- **3) 27th September**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)'s World Tourism Day (WTD) is annually observed across the world on **27th September** to create awareness about the social, cultural, political and economic value of tourism and its contribution towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals(SDG).

**177. Where is the Headquarters of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?**

1) Geneva, Switzerland

2) Paris, France

3) New York, USA

4) Dubai, UAE

5) New Delhi, India

Answer- **4) Dubai, UAE**

**Explanation:**

**About International Cricket Council (ICC):**

It is the global governing body for cricket. Indra Nooyi is the Independent Female Director of ICC.

**Chairman** – Greg Barclay

**Headquarters**– Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**Members**– 106

**178. Where is Melghat Tiger Reserve located?**

1) Tripura

2) Mizoram

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Uttarakhand

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **5) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:****About Maharashtra:****Capital** – Mumbai**Chief Minister** – Uddhav Thackeray**Tiger Reserves** – Melghat Tiger Reserve, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve**179. When was the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) established?**

- 1) 1998
- 2) 2005
- 3) 2008
- 4) 2000
- 5) 2015

Answer- **4) 2000****Explanation:****About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):****Establishment** – 2000 (following the recommendations of the Malhotra Committee report)**Headquarters** – Hyderabad, Telangana**180. Where was the 1st-ever UN Food Systems Summit held?**

- 1) London, UK
- 2) Teheran, Iran
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) New York, USA
- 5) Beijing, China

Answer- **4) New York, USA****Explanation:**

The 1st-ever UN Food Systems Summit held in New York, USA.

**181. Who was the 1st Chess Grandmaster of India?**

- 1) Pentala Harikrishna
- 2) Viswanathan Anand
- 3) B. Adhiban
- 4) Krishnan Sasikiran
- 5) Santosh Gujrathi Vidit

Answer- **2) Viswanathan Anand****Explanation:**Former world chess champion **Viswanathan Anand** from Tamil Nadu became the first grandmaster from India in 1988.**182. Where is Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary located?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- 5) Sikkim

**Explanation:**

**About Sikkim:**

**Chief Minister**– Prem Singh Tamang

**Wildlife Sanctuary**– Fambong Lho Sanctuary; Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary; Shingba (Rhododendron) Wildlife Sanctuary

**Zoological Park**– Himalayan Zoological Park

**183. Which of the following Fields are in the Padma Award?**

- 1) Sports
- 2) Art
- 3) Trade & Industry
- 4) Science & Engineering
- 5) All the above

Answer- 5) All the above

**Explanation:**

The Awards are given in various disciplines/ fields of activities, viz.- art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc.

**184. Which of the following Awards is the Second-Highest civilian award of India?**

- 1) Padma Bhushan
- 2) Padma Vibhushan
- 3) Ashoka Chakra
- 4) Bharat Ratna
- 5) Vir Chakra

Answer- 2) Padma Vibhushan

**Explanation:**

Padma Vibhushan – It is the second-highest civilian award of India, (after the Bharat Ratna) and is conferred for exceptional and distinguished service.

Padma Bhushan – It is the third-highest civilian award and is conferred for distinguished service of a high order.

Padma Shri – It is the fourth-highest civilian award and is conferred for distinguished service.

**185. Where is Kane Wildlife Sanctuary located?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Assam

Answer- 3) Arunachal Pradesh

**Explanation:**

**About Arunachal Pradesh:**

**Wildlife sanctuary:** Kane Wildlife Sanctuary, Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary

**Stadium-** Arunachal Pradesh Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Lupon Stadium



**186. Where is Papikonda National Park located?**

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

Answer- **3) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Andhra Pradesh (AP):**

It is the only state with three proposed capitals. Visakhapatnam is the executive capital while Amaravati and Kurnool are legislative and judicial capitals, respectively.

**Governor** – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**National Parks**– Sri Venkateswara National Park, Rajiv Gandhi Park, Papikonda National Park

**187. Which of the following point(s) is/are correct with respect to the MGNREGA?**

- 1) Provides 100 Day of waged employment in rural India to enhance their quality of life.
- 2) The Ministry of Social Justice & Employment is monitoring the implementation of this scheme.
- 3) Social Audit of MGNREGA works is Mandatory.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 1 & 3

Answer- **5) Both 1 & 3**

**Explanation:**

It is the 100 Day of wage employment in rural India to enhance their quality of life.

**i. The Ministry of Rural Development** is monitoring the implementation of this scheme.

**ii. Social Audit of MGNREGA works is Mandatory.**

**188. Which of the following is the largest country (by land area) in Central Asia?**

- 1) Uzbekistan
- 2) Kazakhstan
- 3) Turkmenistan
- 4) Kyrgyz Republic
- 5) Tajikistan

Answer- **2) Kazakhstan**

**Explanation:**

**About Central Asia:**

**i. Kazakhstan** is the largest country in Central Asia .

**ii. Kazakhstan** is also the main oil producer in the region which is followed by Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

**iii. Largest Lake-** Lake Balkhash, Kazakhstan

**189. Which is the Capital of Philippines?**

- 1) San Jose
- 2) Manila
- 3) Tallinn
- 4) Manama
- 5) Tirana

Answer- 2) Manila

**Explanation:**

**About Philippines:**

President – Rodrigo Duterte

Capital – Manila

Currency – Philippines Peso

**190. In January 2022, South Africa won the 3 matches One Day International (ODI) series defeating India. Who is the present Captain of South Africa ODI cricket team?**

- 1) Faf du Plessis
- 2) Marco Jansen
- 3) Temba Bavuma
- 4) Dean Elgar
- 5) Lungi Ngidi

Answer- 3) Temba Bavuma

**Explanation:**

South Africa won the 3 matches One Day International(ODI) series defeating India. South Africa's ODI team was captained by Temba Bavuma and India's team was captained by KL Rahul.

**191. Which of the following points is NOT correct with respect to the Padma Award?**

- 1) For the First-time, in 1954 Government of India instituted two civilian awards-Bharat Ratna & Padma Vibhushan
- 2) 3 classes of Padma Vibhushan - Pehla Varg, Dusra Varg and Tisra Varg were renamed as Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.
- 3) Padma Awards are announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day.
- 4) The awards are conferred on the recommendation of the Padma Awards Committee which is headed by Prime Minister of India
- 5) The President will confer the awards in March/ April every year, where the awardees are presented a certificate signed by the President and a medallion.

Answer- 4) The awards are conferred on the recommendation of the Padma Awards Committee which is headed by Prime Minister of India

**Explanation:**

The awards are conferred on the recommendation of the **Padma Awards Committee** which is headed by the **Cabinet Secretary**.

i. First In 1954 Government of India instituted two civilian awards-Bharat Ratna & Padma Vibhushan

ii. On January 8, 1955 Pehla Varg, Dusra Varg and Tisra Varg were renamed as Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

iii. Padma Awards are announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day.

iv. The President will confer the awards in March/ April every year, where the awardees are presented a certificate signed by the President and a medallion.

**192. The total Number of Padma should not be more than \_\_\_\_ in a year excluding posthumous awards and to NRI/foreigners/OCIs.**

- 1) 118
- 2) 115
- 3) 120

4) 100

5) 110

Answer- 3) 120

**Explanation:**

The total number of awards to be given in a year (excluding posthumous awards and to NRI/foreigners/OCIs) should not be more than **120**.

**193. Which of the following is eligible for the Padma Award?**

1) Doctors

2) Advocate

3) Scientists

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Both 1, 2 & 3

**Explanation:**

All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for the awards. However, Government servants including those working with PSUs (Public Sector Undertaking), except **doctors and scientists**, are not eligible for the Awards.

**194. Which of the following Northeastern Eastern States annually celebrates its statehood day on January 21?**

1) Manipur

2) Meghalaya

3) Tripura

4) Both 1 & 3

5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

**Explanation:**

Every year, the states of **Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura** celebrate their statehood day on January 21. These states were formed under the North Eastern Region (Reorganization) Act, 1971.

**195. In which State recently celebrated the Sarok Festival?**

1) Manipur

2) Assam

3) Arunachal Pradesh

4) Tripura

5) Mizoram

Answer-3) Arunachal Pradesh

**Explanation:**

**Sarok festival** is celebrated by the akas community in the East Kameng district of **Arunachal Pradesh**

**196. In January 2022, Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary was notified as the 4th Tiger Reserve of which state?**

1) Rajasthan

2) Punjab

3) Jharkhand

4) West Bengal

5) Odisha

**Answer-1) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

The **Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary** which is expected to be the 4th Tiger Reserve of **Rajasthan**.

**197. In January 2022, Which of the following got included to UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list.**

1) Viking-era wooden sailboats

2) Albanian folk

3) Durga puja from Indonesia

4) Wooden cottages of Kanha National Park

5) Chhau Dance

**Answer-1) Viking-era wooden sailboats**

**Explanation:**

UNESCO recently (January 2022) listed Viking-era wooden sailboats on the heritage list.

It is notable that wooden sailboats have permitted the peoples of Northern Europe to extend trade, influence, and even conflict across oceans and continents for thousands of years.

**198. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the ASEAN?**

1) ASEAN stands for Association of South-East Asian Nations.

2) It was founded on 8 August 1967.

3) Headquarters of ASEAN is Jakarta, Indonesia & currently consists of 10 Member countries.

4) The First ASEAN Summit was held in Bali, Indonesia in 1976

5) All the Above

**Answer- 5) All the Above**

**Explanation:**

**About ASEAN:**

The ASEAN stands for Association of South-East Asian Nations. The ASEAN Summit is the highest policy-making body in ASEAN comprising the Head of States or Government of ASEAN Member States. The First ASEAN Summit was held in Bali, Indonesia in 1976.

**Headquarters-** Jakarta, Indonesia

**Founded-** 8 August 1967 (8 August is celebrated as 'ASEAN day')

**Members (10)-** Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Motto-** 'One Vision, One Identity, One Community'

**199. When was the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) established?**

1) 1920

2) 1919

3) 1927

4) 1949

5) 1935

**Answer- 3) 1927**

**Explanation:**

**About Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI):** Establishment- 1927

**President-** Sanjeev Mehta

**Headquarter-** New Delhi, Delhi

**200. In Which year Sathyamangalam wildlife sanctuary was declared as a Tiger reserve ?**

- 1) 2005
- 2) 2008
- 3) 2010
- 4) 2013
- 5) 2015

**Answer- 4) 2013**

**Explanation:**

Sathyamangalam wildlife sanctuary was declared a tiger reserve in 2013 and the reserve that spreads across 1,411.60 sq km is an important link between the Nilgiris and the Eastern Ghats landscape.

**201. Who is 1st Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) of India under the Ministry of Finance?**

- 1) Bimal Jalan
- 2) JJ Anjaria
- 3) Ashok Mitra
- 4) IG Patel
- 5) V. K Ramaswamy

**Answer- 2) JJ Anjaria**

**Explanation:**

In 1956, JJ Anjaria became the 1st Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) of India, under the Ministry of Finance.

**202. Which of the following is Not the Fungal disease in humans?**

- 1) Athletes' foot
- 2) Ringworm
- 3) Thrush
- 4) Anthracnose
- 5) Candidiasis

**Answer- 4) Anthracnose**

**Explanation:**

Fungi can be single celled or very complex multicellular organisms (Eukaryotic).

i. They are found in just about any habitat but most live on the land, mainly in soil or on plant material rather than in sea or freshwater.

Fungal diseases in plants- Anthracnose, Botrytis rots, Downy mildews, Fusarium rots, Powdery mildews etc.

Fungal disease in humans- Athletes' foot, ringworm and thrush, Candidiasis.

**203. The Study of Algae is known as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Entomology
- 2) Phycology
- 3) Mycology

- 4) Pathology
- 5) Parasitology

Answer- **2) Phycology**

**Explanation:**

The study of fungi is known as Mycology and the study of algae is known as **Phycology**.

**204. India is the \_\_\_\_ largest in the World(as of Jan'22), in Pharmaceutical manufacturing by Volume.**

- 1) 3rd
- 2) 1st
- 3) 4th
- 4) 5th
- 5) 2nd

Answer- **1) 3rd**

**Explanation:**

India is the **3rd** largest in the World in pharmaceutical manufacturing by volume.

**205. Where is Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary located?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **5) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area in the Upper Gangetic plain in **Uttar Pradesh**, India.



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