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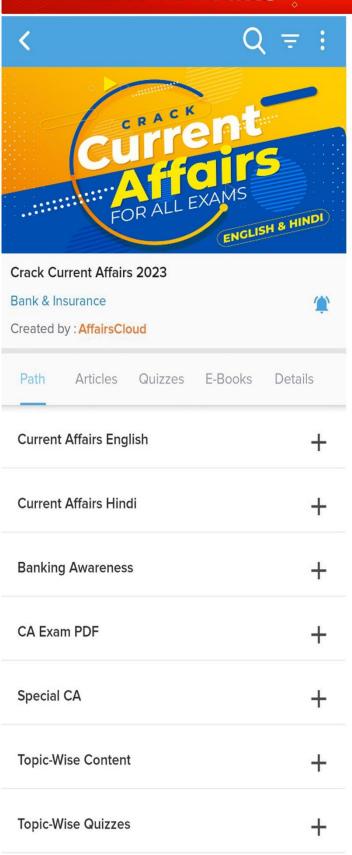


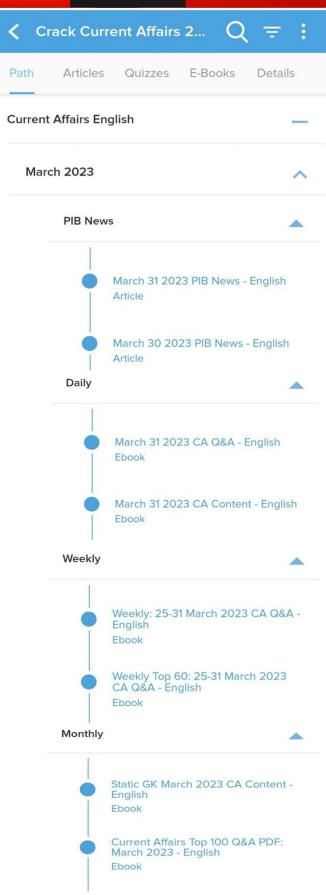
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Current Affairs Q&A PDF – May 2023 Top 100 Questions

- 1. Name the ministry that has recently (in May '23) launched a massive campaign programme "Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar" to promote the RRRs (3Rs) of waste management.
- 1) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Answer- 3) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Explanation:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched its massive campaign programme "Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar" to promote the RRRs (3Rs) of waste management: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

- Citizens of urban India are actively refurbishing used objects for reuse, embracing the principles of creating "wealth" from waste. This is boosting the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0's (SBM-U) total zero-waste ecosystem.
- i. This nationwide campaign aims to highlight cities to setup 'RRR Centres, one stop collection centres, for citizens to contribute clothes, shoes, old books, toys and used plastic to be reused or recycled.
- ii. The RRR Centres are scheduled to be launched nationwide on May 20, 2023
- 2. According to the World Bank's (WB) annual report 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2023' released in May, 2023, the revenues collected from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) globally have reached a record high, about USD ______ in 2022
- 1) 59 billion
- 2) 82 billion
- 3) 64 billion
- 4) 95 billion
- 5) 73 billion

Answer-4) 95 billion

Explanation:

According to the World Bank's **(WB)** annual report **'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2023'** released on May 23, 2023, revenues collected from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems **(ETS)** globally have reached a record high, about **USD95 billion** in **2022** despite the challenging context for governments facing high inflation, fiscal pressures, and energy crises.

- The revenues collected from carbon taxes and ETS in 2021 was about US\$ 84 billion.
- **i.** The report was launched at Innovate4Climate **(I4C)**, the World Bank Group's flagship climate action event which was held in Bilbao, Spain, from May 23 to 25 2023.
- **ii.** As per the report, there are currently 73 global carbon pricing instruments in operation, compared with 68 in May 2022 when the World Bank issued its 2022 report.
- **iii.** The 73 Carbon Pricing initiatives covered 11.66 GtCO2e (gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent), representing 23% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions





- 3. Name the bank that has recently (in May' 23) launched a first digital onboarding platform 'Sarathi' to enable easy installation of Point of Sale (POS) for merchants.
- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) YES Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer- 1) Axis Bank

Explanation:

Axis Bank Ltd has launched 'Sarathi', a first of its kind digital onboarding platform to enable easy installation of Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (POS) for merchants.

- Sarathi provides a seamless and hassle-free experience for merchants unlike the traditional onboarding process that can take several days.
- The solution ensures that all necessary documents are collected at one go, (avoiding multiple visits) and it provides quick installations of POS within 45 minutes of processing the application.
- i. A point-of-sale (POS) terminal is a hardware system for processing card payments at retail locations. A software to read magnetic strips of credit and debit cards is embedded in the hardware.
- 4. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi's visit to Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Australia in May 2023?
- A) The PM visited Osaka (Japan) to participate in the 50th G7 summit & third in-person Quad Leaders' Summit 2023.
- B) During his visit to Papua New Guinea, PM Narendra Modi along with PM of Papua New Guinea James Marape released a translation of the Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' in the Tok Pisin language (official language of Papua New Guinea).
- C) During his visit to Australia, PM Narendra Modi and Australian PM Anthony Albanese jointly laid the foundation stone of the 'Little India' gateway to be built in Harris Park in Western Sydney.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- 3) Only B & C

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Japan, Papua New Guinea and Australia from May 19 to 24, 2023 to attend multilateral summits, including the Group of Seven (G7).

- *Visit to Japan:* The PM visited **Hiroshima (Japan)** from May 19 to 21, 2023 and participated in the **49th G7 summit** in Hiroshima, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the third in-person Quad Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima, Japan on 20 May 2023,
- *Visit to Papua New Guinea:* PM Modi travelled to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, PM Narendra Modi along with PM of Papua New Guinea James Marape released translation of the Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' in the Tok Pisin language (official language of Papua New





Guinea). The translation was Co-authored by **Subha Sasindran** and Governor **Sasindran Muthuvel** of West New Britain Province.

- In a special ceremony at the Government House, Sir Bob Dadae, Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, conferred Prime Minister Modi with the "Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu (GCL)", the highest civilian award in Fiji, in recognition of his global leadership.
- PM Modi jointly hosted the 3rd Summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC III Summit) with James Marape on May 22, 2023.
- Visit to Australia: After his visit to Papua New Guinea, PM Modi visited Sydney, Australia.
- PM Narendra Modi and Australian PM Anthony Albanese jointly laid the foundation stone of the **'Little India'** gateway to be built in Harris Park in Western Sydney as a symbol of the friendship between the two nations and to recognise the diaspora's immense contribution.

5. In May 2023, India's AI (artificial intelligence) supercomputer, "AIRAWAT," was ranked _____ globally in the 61st edition of the Top 500 Global Supercomputing List, released at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany.

- 1) 75th
- 2) 50th
- 3) 65th
- 4) 45th
- 5) 85th

Answer-1) 75th

Explanation:

India's AI (Artificial Intelligence) Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', has been ranked **75th** globally in the 61st edition of <u>Top 500 Global Supercomputing List</u> which was released at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany.

- i. AIRAWAT or AI Research Analytics and Knowledge Dissemination Platform is installed at C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), Pune (Maharashtra) under National Program on AI (NPAI) by Government of India.
- **ii.** The list has been topped by the United States (US) Frontier. This HPE Cray EX system is the first US system with a performance exceeding one Exaflop/s (EXA Floating point Operations per Second). **Note:** AIRAWAT stands as India's largest and fastest AI supercomputing system, with a remarkable speed of 13,170 teraflops (Rpeak).
- 6. Which organisation has recently (in May '23) released a report 'Thriving: Making Cities Green, Resilient, and Inclusive in a Changing Climate' to provide guidance to policymakers on how to create greener, more resilient, and inclusive cities?
- 1) United Nations Environment Programme
- 2) International Monetary Fund
- 3) United Nations Development Programme
- 4) World Bank
- 5) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Answer-4) World Bank





Explanation:

The **World Bank** (WB) has released a **report** titled 'Thriving: Making Cities Green, Resilient, and Inclusive in a Changing Climate' providing guidance to policymakers on how to create greener, more resilient, and inclusive cities.

- The assessment is based upon the 10,000 cities globally.
- **i.** It stressed the urgent need for cities to be climate ready by adopting integrated green urban planning strategies that address interconnected challenges, including investment in green space and sustainable infrastructure.
- **ii.** The number of people living in cities increased from 1.19 billion to 4.46 billion between 1970 and 2021 and was responsible for approximately 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

7. Name the union minister who has recently (in May '23) inaugurated "e-Office portal of PCIM&H" and "Online portal".

- 1) Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)
- 2) Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
- 3) Dharmendra Pradhan (Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)
- 4) Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of AYUSH)
- 5) Jitendra Singh (MoS of Science and Technology)

Answer- 4) Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of AYUSH)

Explanation:

Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy **(AYUSH)**, visited Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh(UP) and inaugurated "**e-Office portal of PCIM&H**" and "Online portal".

i. Online portal:

- The portal is inaugurated for the purpose of selling soft copies of pharmacopoeial monographs.
- It will promote the hassle-free reach of pharmacopoeia monographs among stakeholders across the world.
- **ii.** Sarbananda Sonowal also released the Monthly Newsletters published by PCIM&H which showcase the activities of PCIM&H.

8. In May 2023,	${\sf _}$ became India's first fully e-governed state by digitizing a range of
government services for	prompt and transparent delivery to its citizens.

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer-2) Kerala

Explanation:

Kerala became **India's first fully e-governed state** as it successfully digitized a range of government services for prompt and transparent delivery to its citizens.

• It was announced by the Chief Minister (CM) of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan during the Total e-Governance Kerala event organised by the Kerala IT Mission in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.





- **i.** A single-window portal named **e-Sevanam** was launched by the state government to offer 900 government services online. It was further set to be extended to taluk-level offices.
- **ii.** The portal offers citizen services including various registrations and services related to social security pension.
- 9. In May 2023, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) constituted the 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee to oversee the implementation of 'Project Cheetah'. Who heads the 11-member Committee?
- 1) Dilip Pandya
- 2) R. N. Mehrotra
- 3) Noyal Thomas
- 4) Rajesh Gopal
- 5) Shubhoranjan Sen

Answer-4) Rajesh Gopal

Explanation:

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), under the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change has constituted an **11-member** Cheetah Project Steering Committee to oversee the implementation of **'Project Cheetah'**

- **i.** The Committee which includes national and international experts will be headed by **Rajesh Gopal**, Secretary-General of Global Tiger Forum as its chairman.
- **ii.** This move comes following the death of six cheetahs, including three newborn cubs, within a period of two and half months at Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh.
- **iii.** The committee which would be in force for a period of two years and will hold at least one meeting every month, besides taking field visits to KNP.
- 10. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Quad Leaders' Summit held in May 2023?
- A) As a part of his visit to Japan, Papua New Guinea and Australia in May 2023 PM Narendra Modi participated in the third in-person Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima, Japan.
- B) The Quad leaders unveiled a 'Vision Statement' titled 'Enduring Partners for Indo-Pacific' expressing their resolve to act as a "force for good" to find common solutions for region-wide benefit.
- C) Australia is set to host the Quad meeting in 2024.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-2) Only A & B

Explanation:

As a part of his visit to Japan, Papua New Guinea and Australia from May 19 to 24, 2023 Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi participated in the third in-person Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima, Japan on 20 May 2023, along with Anthony Albanese, PM





of Australia, Fumio Kishida, PM of Japan and Joseph Biden, President of the United States of America (USA).

- **i. Vision Statement:** The Quad leaders unveiled a 'Vision Statement' titled 'Enduring Partners for Indo-Pacific' expressing their resolve to act as a "force for good" to find common solutions for regionwide benefit.
- **ii. India to Host Quad 2024:** At the Quad Leaders' Summit, PM Narendra Modi stated that India is willing to host the Quad meeting in 2024 and he also invited Quad Leaders to India for the next Quad Summit.
- 11. According to the World Energy Investment 2023 (WEI 2023) released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in May 2023, the clean energy investment has increased _____ higher than the investment in fossil Fuels.
- 1) 50%
- 2) 70%
- 3) 40%
- 4) 60%
- 5)80%

Answer- 2) 70%

Explanation:

According to World Energy Investment 2023 **(WEI 2023)**, a new report by the International Energy Agency **(IEA)**, clean energy investment has increased **70%** higher than the investment in fossil Fuels.

- While comparing IEA's estimates for 2023 with 2021, the annual clean energy investment has increased faster than investment in fossil fuels (24% vs 15%).
- **i.** WEI 2023 is the 8th report of the annual series of IEA which provides the global benchmark for tracking capital flows in the energy sector
- ii. The report states that around USD 2.8 trillion is estimated to be invested in energy in 2023.
- 12. Name the organisation/Bank that has recently (in May '23) signed a USD141.12 million loan agreement with India to support the development of high-quality internal infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh.
- 1) World Bank
- 2) United Nations Development Programme
- 3) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 4) Asian Development Bank
- 5) International Monetary Fund

Answer- 4) Asian Development Bank

Explanation:

The Asian Development Bank **(ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed a **USD141.12 million** loan agreement to support the development of high-quality **internal infrastructure** such as roads, water supply systems and electricity distribution network in three industrial clusters in the state of Andhra Pradesh **(AP)**.

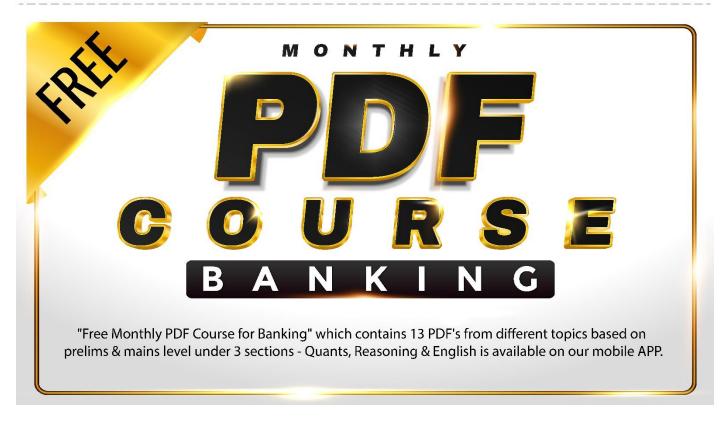


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- **i.** The US\$ 141.12 million will be used for the project to build infrastructure in three industrial clusters in the **Visakhapatnam and Srikalahasthi-Chittoor** nodes in AP.
- **ii.** Thus the ADB financing through adopting a multi-sectoral approach will support the state by promoting industrialization, improving competitiveness to increase the manufacturing sector's contribution to AP's gross domestic product (GDP).
- 13. Name the Indian Navy fighter jet that has recently (in May '23) landed on the aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant for the first time.
- 1) MiG-21K
- 2) HF-24 Marut
- 3) MiG-29K
- 4) Dassault Rafale 2000
- 5) Su-30MKI

Answer- 3) MiG-29K

Explanation:

An Indian Navy (IN) MiG-29K fighter jet landed on the indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant for the first time at night when the ship was sailing in the Arabian Sea.

- This is indicative of IN's impetus towards Aatmanirbharta (Self-Reliance).
- i. A prototype of the naval version of the locally created Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas planes and a MiG-29K of Russian origin both made day landings on the aircraft carrier in February 2023.
- ii. MiG-29K fighter jets use the ski-jump to take-off, and are recovered by arrestor wires or what is known as STOBAR (short take-off but arrested recovery) in navy parlance.





14. In May 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared ______ of every year as the World Sustainable Transport Day.

- 1) 26th October
- 2) 26th September
- 3) 26th November
- 4) 26th August
- 5) 26th July

Answer-3) 26th November

Explanation:

On 16th May 2023, during the 70th plenary meeting of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly **(UNGA)**, the resolution A/RES/77/286 was adopted and proclaimed the **26th November** of every year as the **World Sustainable Transport Day**.

- The day aims to create awareness and educate the general public about the importance of international cooperation in addressing issues related to transport sustainability.
- i. The first ever World Sustainable Transport Day will be observed on 26th November 2023.
 ii. The resolution was initiated by Turkmenistan and the 26th November was chosen to mark the anniversary of the first United Nations (UN) Global Sustainable Transport Conference, held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on 26 and 27th November 2016.

15. Which of the following organisations has/have recently (in May '23) released the Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates (JME) 2023 report with key finding that 18.7% of Indian children were affected by wasting in 2020?

- 1) World Health Organization
- 2) United Nations Children's Fund
- 3) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank Group
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

According to report 'Levels and trends in child malnutrition: **United Nations Children's Fund/World Health Organization/International Bank for Reconstruction and Development**, The World Bank Group: the Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates's (UNICEF/WHO/The World Bank Group: JME) key findings of the 2023 edition' released on May 23, 2023, 18.7% of Indian children were affected by wasting in 2020 due to poor nutrient intake and/or recurrent illnesses.

- In 2022, globally, 148.1 million children under the age of 5 years were stunted, 45 million wasted, and 37 million overweight.
- Wasting and Severe wasting: Southern Asia has the highest wasting prevalence of any subregion in the world.
- India had a stunting rate of 31.7% in 2022, compared to 41.6 % in 2012, a decade ago.
- The JME 2023 reveals insufficient progress to reach the 2025 World Health Assembly (WHA) global nutrition targets and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 2.2.





16. In May 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a 21-member Intermediary Advisory Committee, chaired by the former SEBI executive director(ED)

- 1) Usha Narayanan
- 2) Upendra Kumar Sinha
- 3) S Ravindran
- 4) Dipali Goenka
- 5) Jitendra Nath Gupta

Answer- 3) S Ravindran

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India **(SEBI)** constituted a **21-member** Intermediary Advisory Committee **chaired** by the former SEBI executive director (ED) **S Ravindran**.

- The committee will advise SEBI on changes in legal framework and increasing transparency in the functioning of market intermediaries like stock exchanges, depository participants, clearing corporations, among others.
- i. The committee has representation from the broking community, legal, and financial institutions which include Ashish Chauhan, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Stock Exchange (NSE); Sundararaman Ramamurthy, MD & CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE); Vijay Mehta, President of brokers' body Association Of National Exchanges Members Of India (ANMI). ii. Member- Secretary Jeevan Sonparote, Chief General Manager, SEBI.
- 17. Name the personality from India who has been recently (in May '23) appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee to the President of the 28th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- 1) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- 2) Ratan Tata
- 3) Gautam Adani
- 4) Azim Premji
- 5) Mukesh Ambani

Answer- 5) Mukesh Ambani

Explanation:

Mukesh Ambani, the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Reliance Industries has been appointed as a **member** of the **Advisory Committee** to the **President** of the **28th** Session of the Conference of the Parties **(COP28)** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change **(UNFCCC)**.

- **i.** Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian, other than Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment, on the Advisory Committee to the President of COP28.
- **ii.** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the COP28 Advisory Committee from November 30 to December 12, 2023 in Dubai, UAE that brings together the climate expertise of thought leaders from countries across 6 continents.





- 18. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the recent inauguration made by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi in May 2023?
- A) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the new building of Parliament House and installed the Sengol with Nandi at the top facing East-West direction in the new Parliament House.
- B) The sceptre Sengol, which was constructed by Vummidi Ethirajulu and Vummidi Sudhakar, is made of gold and silver and is decorated with many precious stones.
- C) PM unveiled a commemorative stamp and a special Rs 75 coin during the inauguration of the new Parliament building.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

On May 28, 2023, Prime Minister **(PM)** Narendra Modi inaugurated the new building of Parliament House and dedicated it to the nation and installed the Sengol with Nandi at the top facing East-West direction in the new Parliament House.

- **i.** PM stated the Parliament House as a witness to the development of Aatmnirbhar Bharat and the realization of a Viksit Bharat. The new building is 4- storey triangular shaped and it is a part of a 20,000-crore central vista project built by **TATA Group**.
- **ii.** PM Narendra Modi placed the historic **sceptre 'Sengol'** near the Lok Sabha Speaker's chair in the newly built Parliament building. The PM decided to adopt it as a national symbol of the Amrit Kaal.
 - The sceptre Sengol, which was constructed by **Vummidi Ethirajulu** and Vummidi Sudhakar, is made of gold and silver and is decorated with many precious stones.

iii. The PM unveiled a commemorative stamp and a **special Rs 75 coin** during the inauguration of the new Parliament building.

The weight of the coin would be around 34.65-35.35 grams. and it will bear the inscription of the Parliament complex and have the image of the new Parliament building.

- 19. Name the Launch Vehicle of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) that has recently (in May '23) placed a second-generation Navigation Satellite, NVS-01, into geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO).
- 1) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F12
- 2) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F09
- 3) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-D3
- 4) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F02
- 5) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F04

Answer- 1) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F12

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the GSLV-F12/NVS-01 mission and placed a second-generation Navigation Satellite, NVS-01, into geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO).





- i. The satellite was carried through a 51.7-metre-tall, 3-stage Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) rocket with a cryogenic upper stage and lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Center(SDSC)-Sriharikota Range(SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh(AP).
- **ii.** ISRO launched NVS-01 to augment the continuity of Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) services with the launch of the satellite.
- **iii.** GSLV rocket deployed the 2,232 kg satellite into the intended GTO at an altitude of about 251 km. NVS-01 carries navigation payloads L1, L5, and S bands.
- 20. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 14th edition of Malaysia Masters 2023 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2023?
- A) Indian Shutler Lakshya Sen won his 1st Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour Title by winning the Men's Singles Title at the Perodua Malaysia Masters 2023.
- B) Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) defeated Gregoria Mariska Tungjung (Indonesia) to win the Women's Singles title at Malaysia Masters 2023.
- C) Seung Jae and Kang Min Hyuk (South Korea) claimed the men's doubles title by defeating Man Wei Chong and Kai Wun Tee (Malaysia)
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-3) Only B & C

Explanation:

Indian Shutler Prannoy Haseena Sunil Kumar (HS Prannoy) (World no 9) won the Men's Singles Title at the Perodua Malaysia Masters 2023 by defeating China's Weng Hong Yang.

- This mark's his maiden Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour Title.
- i. Malaysia Masters 2023, **14th edition** of the tournament, was held from 23rd to 28th May 2023 in Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Championship	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Prannoy HS (India)	Weng Hong Yang (China)
Women's Singles	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung (Indonesia)
Men's Doubles	Seo Seung-jae & Kang Min-hyuk (South Korea)	Man Wei Chong & Kai Wun Tee (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Baek Ha Na & Lee So Hee (South Korea)	Tan Pearly & Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)
Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)	Huang Dong Ping & Feng Yan Zhe (China)





21. Which company has recently (in May '23) launched India's fastest one-step UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payment solution 'Turbo UPI'?

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

Answer- 5) Razorpay

Explanation:

Razorpay has launched India's fastest one-step **UPI** (Unified Payments Interface) **payment** solution namely **'Turbo UPI'** allowing customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly without getting redirected to a third-party UPI app during checkout.

- This Solution was developed in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank.
- Through this app, the payment steps are reduced from 5 to 1.
- **i. Aim:** To deliver a 5X faster payment experience and to support the businesses to achieve an increase in the success rate of UPI payments by 10%.

22. In May 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reconstituted a _____ member Intermediary Advisory Committee, chaired by S Ravindran, former SEBI Executive Director (ED).

- 1) 18
- 2) 21
- 3) 10
- 4) 15
- 5) 25

Answer- 2) 21

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India **(SEBI)** has reconstituted its intermediary advisory committee, which would suggest it on matters related to changes in the legal framework and enhancing transparency in systems and procedures of market intermediaries including stock brokers, depository participants, and clearing members.

- i. The **21**-member intermediary advisory committee would continue to be chaired by **S Ravindran**, former executive director at SEBI.
- **ii.** The committee will advise SEBI on matters relating to the regulation of stock brokers, depository participants, clearing members, non-mutual fund Registrar and Transfer Agents (RTAs), Investments Advisors (IAs), Research Analysts (RAs), and KYC Registration Agency (KRAs).

23. Which bank has recently (in May '23) unveiled a new logo and integrated campaign with the tagline 'Life Ko Banao Rich'?

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





Answer- 3) YES Bank

Explanation:

YES Bank, headquartered in Mumbai (Maharashtra) has unveiled a **new logo and brand identity**. The new identity is designed to resonate with the evolving needs and aspirations of customers and enable people to live each day to the fullest.

- The tick has been transformed into a soaring bird, representing the Bank's current position of 'soaring'.
- The red and blue have been given an electric tone, representing the high energy and innovation of the bank.
- i. The bank also launched an integrated campaign with the tagline 'Life Ko Banao Rich' which represents its core focus of being a complete solution provider.

24. In May 2023, Comptroller and Auditor Gen	eral (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu was
re-elected as the external auditor of the	(organization) for a four-year term from
2024 to 2027.	

- 1) United Nations Environment Programme
- 2) World Health Organization
- 3) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- 4) United Nations Development Programme
- 5) United Nations Children's Fund

Answer- 2) World Health Organization

Explanation:

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India **Girish Chandra Murmu** was re-elected as the **external auditor** of the World Health Organization **(WHO)** for a **four-year term** from **2024** to **2027**.

- He has been serving as the external auditor of WHO since 2020.
- i. The election was held on May 29, 2023 in the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, He got a majority (114 out of 156 votes) against Tanzania (42 votes). Seventy-nine votes were required for the majority.
- **ii.** Auditor General of India was appointed as the WHO's External Auditor from 2020 to 2023 succeeding Auditor General of the Republic of the Philippines who served 2 terms from 2012- 2019.

25. In May 2023, _____ became the first state in India to launch a welfare fund for Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers.

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 2) Kerala

Explanation:

Kerala became the **first state in India** to launch a welfare fund for Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme **(MGNREGS) workers** in the State.

• The initiative was launched by the Chief Minister (CM) of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan at Kotta Maidanam, Palakkad, as part of the 100-day action plan in connection with the state government's second anniversary.





- This fund is based upon the Kerala Employment Guarantee Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 2021.
- i. Under this, the workers need to pay a nominal monthly amount of **Rs 50** as a contribution to the fund and the government will also contribute an equal amount.
- **ii.** Those who have paid the contributions for ten or more years, and their families will get the benefits in case of the beneficiary's death.

26. In May 2023, the Insurance Regulatory and I	Devel	opment Authority	of India (IRDAI)
directed all insurers to provide insurance cover	age fo	or surrogate moth	ers and oocyte donors
in compliance with the provisions of the	_ &	Act.	

- 1) Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 & Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021
- 2) Maternity Benefit Act 1961 & Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021
- 3) Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 & Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Act, 2021
- 4) Maternity Benefit Act 1961 & Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Act, 2021
- 5) Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 & Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Act, 2021

Answer- 5) Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 & Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Act, 2021

Explanation:

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) directed all insurers to provide comprehensive insurance coverage for surrogate mothers and oocyte donors in compliance with the provisions of the two Acts, **Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021**, and Assisted Reproductive Technology **(ART) Act, 2021**.

• IRDAI has directed all insurers to comply with the two Acts with immediate effect and ensure that suitable products are made available.

27. Who has recently (in May '23) became the first woman and non-secretary bureaucrat Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- 1) Sangeeta Verma
- 2) Ravneet Kaur
- 3) S. Jayashree
- 4) Poonam Kohali
- 5) Jyotsna Yadav

Answer- 2) Ravneet Kaur

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of **Ravneet Kaur**, a 1988 Punjab cadre IAS (Indian Administrative Service) officer, as the **Chairperson** of Competition Commission of India (CCI).

- **i.** She has been appointed for a **period of 5 years** with effect from the date of assuming the charge or till the date of attaining the age of 65 or until further order.
- **ii.** Ravneet Kaur becomes the **first woman and non-secretary bureaucrat** to be appointed as a CCI Chairperson.
- **iii.** She will replace CCI Member **Sangeeta Verma** who has been serving as the interim (acting) chairperson of CCI since October 2022 after Ashok Kumar Gupta demitted office.





28. Name the personality who has recently (in May '23) elected as the 1st woman Director General (DG) of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with effect from 1st October 2023.

- 1) Jacinda Ardern
- 2) Sandra Day O'Connor
- 3) Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- 4) Amy E. Pope
- 5) Condoleezza Rice

Answer-4) Amy E. Pope

Explanation:

Amy E. Pope (49 years old) of the United States of America (USA) was elected as the **1st woman** Director General **(DG)** of the International Organization for Migration **(IOM)**, the United Nations(UN) Migration Agency. She will take over as the 11th DG of IOM for a 5-year term beginning on 1 October 2023.

i. She defeated the incumbent DG of IOM Antonio Vitorino of Portugal, the European Union(EU) candidate, who has been serving as the DG of IOM since 2018.

29. In May 2023, ______ became the 1st Indian city to measure United Nations (UN)-mandated sustainable development goals (SDG)s process.

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Kochi, Kerala

Answer- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh **(MP)** launched An Agenda for Action: Sustainable Urban Transformation in **Bhopal**, India's first city-level Voluntary Local Review (VLR).

- **i.** Through the launch, Bhopal, the Capital of MP, has become the first city in India to join the growing global movement on the localization of the United Nations **(UN)**-mandated sustainable development goals **(SDG)**.
- **ii.** The VLR of Bhopal will demonstrate the local government's (Bhopal Municipal Corporation) capacity and commitment towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

30. Which bank has recently (in May '23) launched India's first mutual fund to invest in the defence sector?

- 1) HDFC Asset Management Company
- 2) Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company
- 3) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company
- 4) IIFL Asset Management Company
- 5) ITI Asset Management Company

Answer- 1) HDFC Asset Management Company





Explanation:

The **HDFC** Asset Management Company **(AMC) Limited**, investment manager to HDFC Mutual Fund (HDFC MF) announced the launch of the 'HDFC Defence Fund' i.e. **India's first mutual fund** that plans to invest in the defence sector.

- It follows a bottom-up approach to portfolio construction within the defence ecosystem.
- **i. Objective:** To provide long-term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in equity and equity-related securities of Defence & allied sector companies.
- **ii.** The new fund offering (NFO) of HDFC Defence Fund, an open-ended equity scheme, would open on May 19, 2023 and close on June 2 2023.

31. According to the report 'World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2023', of	the
United Nations (UN) released in May 2023, India's economy is expected to grow by	in
2024	

- 1) 6.7%
- 2) 6.5%
- 3) 5.9%
- 4) 6.2%
- 5) 5.7%

Answer- 1) 6.7%

Explanation:

According to the report World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2023, of the United Nations **(UN)** released on May 16, 2023, **India's economy**, the largest in the South Asian region, is expected to grow by 5.8% in 2023 and **6.7%** in **2024**, supported by resilient domestic demand.

- **Global Economy:** The report projected the world economy to grow by 2.3% in 2023 and 2.5% in 2024.
- The report is prepared by the Global Economic Monitoring Branch in the Economic Analysis and Policy Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs(UN DESA).
- **i.** Global Economy: The report projected the world economy to grow by 2.3% in 2023 (up 0.4% points from a January 2023 forecast) and 2.5% in 2024 (dropped 0.2% points from January 2023 projection).
- 32. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the recent cabinet approval in May 2023?
- A) The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the Project Collaboration Agreement between India's Department of Health Research and the World Health Organization for promoting access to high quality affordable assistive technology.
- B) The Union Cabinet also approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 2.0 for Automobile and Auto Component Industry with an outlay Rs 10,000 crore.
- C) The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the MoU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and The Chartered Accountants of the Maldives (CA Maldives).
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C





5) All A, B & C

Answer-4) Only A & C

Explanation:

On May 17, 2023, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi has approved the following:

- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) between India's Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for promoting access to high quality affordable assistive technology.
- After the success of PLI for mobile phones, the Union Cabinet also approved the Production
 Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 2.0 for Information Technology (IT) Hardware with an outlay
 Rs 17,000 crore. It will cover laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs (Personal Computers), servers
 and ultra small form factor devices.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and The Chartered Accountants of the Maldives (CA Maldives).
- The Union Cabinet approved the signing of MoU between the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA) to promote and strengthen cooperation in competition law.
- The Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for revision in Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for various nutrients for Rabi Season 2022-23 (from 01.01.2023 to 31.03.2023) and approved NBS rates for Kharif Season, 2023 (from 1.4.2023 to 30.09.2023) for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers to make available 25 grades of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers to farmers at subsidized prices.
- The government will be providing a subsidy of Rs. 38,000 crores for the Kharif 2023 to fulfil its commitment of providing quality and subsidized P&K fertilizers to farmers.

33. Name the personality who has recently (in May '23) honoured with the highest French Civilian award, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour).

- 1) T. V. Narendran
- 2) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- 3) Banmali Agrawala
- 4) Shapoor Mistry
- 5) N. R. Narayana Murthy

Answer- 2) Natarajan Chandrasekaran

Explanation:

Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, was honoured with the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour), the **highest French Civilian award**, for his substantial role in developing and fostering commercial links between India and France.

- i. N Chandrasekaran received the award from Catherine Colonna, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, who gave the award on behalf of French President Emmanuel Macron.
- **ii.** Awards: In 2022, he was honoured with Padma Bhushan by the Government of India for his excellence in Trade and Industry.





34. The India-born British industrialist and Chairman of the Hinduja Group, _____ passed away in May 2023.

- 1) Prakash Parmanand Hinduja
- 2) Gopichand Parmanand Hinduja
- 3) Ashok Parmanand Hinduja
- 4) Srichand Parmanand Hinduja
- 5) Ajay Parmanand Hinduja

Answer- 4) Srichand Parmanand Hinduja

Explanation:

The India-born British industrialist and Chairman of the Hinduja Group, **Srichand Parmanand Hinduja** (SP Hinduja) passed away at the age of 87 in London, United Kingdom (UK). He was born on 28 November 1935 in Karachi, Sindh province, British India (now Pakistan).

i. SP Hinduja was also serving as the chairman of the Hinduja Bank of Switzerland and Hinduja Foundations.

ii. Gopichand Hinduja, brother of SP Hinduja will succeed him as Chairman of Hinduja Group.

35. Which company's flight 'i5-767' has recently (in May '23) become India's first commercial passenger flight to take off using Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blended Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from Pune to New Delhi?

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

Answer- 5) AirAsia India

Explanation:

AirAsia India flight i5-767 became **India's first commercial passenger flight** to successfully take off using an indigenously produced Sustainable Aviation Fuel **(SAF)** blended Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from Pune (Maharashtra) to New Delhi (Delhi).

- It is a significant development towards the decarbonization of the aviation sector.
- SAF was supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) in partnership with Praj Industries Ltd. (Praj).

36. In May 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified the withdrawal of Rs 2000
denomination banknotes from circulation and directed banks to stop issuing it.
The public needs to deposit and/or exchange the Rs 2,000 note in banks on or before
2023.

- 1) 30th November
- 2) 31st July
- 3) 30th September
- 4) 31st August
- 5) 31st October

Answer- 3) 30th September





Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India **(RBI)** notified the withdrawal of **Rs 2000 denomination banknotes** from circulation and directed banks to stop issuing this banknote with immediate effect.

- As a result of this notification, the public needs to deposit and/or exchange Rs 2000 banknotes with bank branches or 19 Regional Offices (ROs) of RBI within 4 months i.e. from May 23, 2023, to, **on or before September 30, 2023**.
- For transactions, the individuals can continue to use the Rs 2000 banknotes upto September 30, 2023, but are encouraged to exchange/deposit within the given time frame.
- The limit for the exchange facility is Rs 20,000 at a time to ensure operational convenience and prevent any disruption to the regular activities of bank branches.
- 37. As of May 2023, which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 'Certificate of Registration (CoR)'?
- A) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934 has cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) of seven Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC).
- B) With this, the notified companies are barred from transacting the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFI), as defined in clause (a) of Section 27-A of the RBI Act, 1934.
- C) The 14 NBFCs have surrendered the Certificate of Registration (CoR) granted to them by the RBI.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-4) Only A & C

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India **(RBI)** in the exercise of powers conferred on it under **Section 45-IA (6)** of the **RBI Act, 1934** has cancelled the Certificate of Registration **(CoR)** of seven Non-Banking Finance Companies **(NBFC)**.

i. With this, the notified companies are barred from transacting the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFI), as defined in clause (a) of Section 45-I of the RBI Act, 1934. <u>List of 7 NBFC are.</u>

ii. The 14 NBFCs have surrendered the Certificate of Registration (CoR) granted to them by the RBI. Thus, RBI, in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934, has therefore cancelled their CoR.

38. Which regulatory body of the Ministry of Finance/Stock exchange has recently (in May '23) introduced a risk disclosure framework for individual traders for trading in the equity Futures & Options (F&O) segment?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 4) National Stock Exchange of India Limited
- 5) Bombay Stock Exchange Limited





Answer- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Explanation:

On May 19, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a **risk disclosure framework** for **individual traders** for trading in the equity Futures & Options (F&O) segment. **i. Objective:** To empower the traders with detailed information about the risks associated with trading in derivatives and also to facilitate informed decision-making by the investors. **ii.** The risk disclosure framework would come into force with effect from July 01, 2023 **Note-** According to SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India), the equity Futures & Options (F&O) segment refers to a specific segment of the financial market where derivatives contracts based on equity (stocks) are traded.

39. Name the Insurance Company that has recently (in May '23) launched India's first small-cap fund in the ULIP (Unit Linked Insurance Plan) segment.

- 1) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- 2) Max Life Insurance
- 3) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- 4) HDFC Life Insurance
- 5) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer- 1) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

Explanation:

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Ltd launched **India's first small-cap fund** in the **ULIP** (Unit Linked Insurance Plan) segment namely 'Bajaj Allianz Life Small Cap Fund' that offers customers the opportunity to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of small-cap stocks.

- The **NFO** (New Fund Offer) period for Bajaj Allianz Life's small-cap fund ends on May 23, 2023.
- The benchmark index is the Nifty Small Cap 100 index. The benchmark index is a standard or reference point used to measure the performance of a particular market or segment.

40. Which company recently (in May '23) partnered with the Tide to launch India's first recycled Polyvinyl Chloride (rPVC) Rupay card, along with MCT Cards & Technology Pvt. Ltd. & National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- 1) Cleartrip
- 2) EaseMyTrip
- 3) MakeMyTrip
- 4) Trivago N.V
- 5) Transcorp International Limited

Answer- 5) Transcorp International Limited

Explanation:

Tide, United Kingdom-based fintech, in **partnership** with **Transcorp International Limited**, launched India's first recycled Polyvinyl Chloride (rPVC) Rupay card, along with **MCT Cards** & Technology Pvt. Ltd. and **NPCI** (National Payments Corporation of India).

- PVC cards are more durable than paper-based cards and can last longer without getting damaged or torn, along with security features.
- rPVC Rupay cards are made from recycled PVC plastic. Every 99% rPVC card weighing 5.5-6 grams, saves on 7-8 grams of CO2 emissions and 3.5-4.0 grams of plastic waste, which will be used in the production of a new card made with virgin PVC.





i. In March 2023, Tide became the first fintech in the world to remove 100% of its emissions with durable carbon removals as of 2022 onwards.

- 41. As of May 2023, which of the following points is "Incorrect" with respect to the Axiom Mission 2 (Ax-2)?
- A) Spacex Falcon 9 Rocket launched the Crew of 4 astronauts (2 Americans & 2 Saudi Arabians) with the Dragon Capsule spacecraft on the Ax-2 chartered flight to the International Space Station (ISS) from the United States of America (USA).
- B) One of the crew members, Mariam H. Fardous, became the first woman Astronaut from Saudi Arabia to go to space.
- C) The crew was led by Peggy Annette Whitson, a retired National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut and former NASA Chief Astronaut
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Both A & B
- 5) Both B & C

Answer-2) Only B

Explanation:

Spacex Falcon 9 Rocket launched the **Crew of 4 astronauts** (including the 2 Saudi Arabian Astronauts) with the **Dragon Capsule spacecraft** on the all-private Axiom Mission 2 **(Ax-2)** chartered flight to the International Space Station (ISS) from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the United States of America (USA).

Saudi Astronauts' 1st Flight to ISS:

- The private flight carries two Americans and two Saudi Arabians, including the first woman to fly in space from the Arab nation.
- One of the crew members, **Rayyanah Barnawi**, became the **first woman Astronaut** from **Saudi Arabia** to go to space. She was accompanied by Ali al-Qarni, a fighter pilot with the Royal Saudi Air Force.

The 4 astronauts are namely:

- Peggy Annette Whitson- retired National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut and former NASA Chief Astronaut & lead the Crew;
- RayyanahBarnawi- a stem cell Researcher;
- Ali al-Qarni- a fighter pilot with the Royal Saudi Air Force;
- John Shoffner- former driver and owner of a sports car racing team that competes in Europe from Tennessee, USA.
- 42. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the recent announcement made by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways in May 2023?
- A) Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal made five major announcements collectively named as 'Panch Karma Sankalp' during the culmination of Chintan Shivir held in Munnar, Kerala.
- B) The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) provides 30% financial support for the promotion of Green Shipping.





C) Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Maharashtra), VO Chidambaranar Port (Tamil Nadu), Visakhapatnam Port (Andhra Pradesh) and Haldia port (West Bengal) will procure two tugs each Under the Green Tug Transition Programme(GTTP).

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

Answer- 2) Only A & B

Explanation:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) made five major announcements collectively named as 'Panch Karma Sankalp' focusing green shipping and digitization of the ports during the culmination of MoPSW's second Chintan Shivir held in Munnar, Kerala.

- MoPSW provides 30% financial support for the promotion of Green Shipping.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai, Maharashtra), VO Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu), Paradip Port (Jagatsinghpur, Odisha) and Deendayal Port (Kandla, Gujarat) will procure two tugs each Under the Green Tug Transition Programme(GTTP).
- Deendayal Port and VO Chidambaranar Port to be developed as Green Hydrogen Hub.
- Single Window Portal to facilitate and monitor river and sea cruises.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port and VO Chidambaranar Port to become smart port by 2024.

i. The 2nd Chintan Shivir organised by MoPSW was chaired and inaugurated by Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of MoPSW on 21st May 2023.

43. In May 2023, the board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the transfer of ______ as surplus to the Government for the year 2022-2023 at the 602nd meeting of the RBI's Central Board of Directors.

- 1) Rs 72,890 crore
- 2) Rs 49,238 crore
- 3) Rs 52,389 crore
- 4) Rs 87,416 crore
- 5) Rs 64,230 crore

Answer- 4) Rs 87,416 crore

Explanation:

The board of the Reserve Bank of India **(RBI)** approved the transfer of **Rs 87,416 crore** as surplus to the Government for the year **2022-2023** at the 602nd meeting of the RBI's Central Board of Directors, Chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. It also decided to raise the contingency risk buffer to 6% from 5.5%.

- In the financial year (FY) 2021-2022, the RBI transferred Rs 30,307 crore to the government.
- 44. Name the Indian Navy's indigenous guided missile destroyer that was recently (in May '23) carried out the engagement of a sea-skimming supersonic target with Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) missile.
- 1) INS Surat
- 2) INS Vikrant





- 3) INS Vishal
- 4) INS Mormugao
- 5) INS Visakhapatnam

Answer-4) INS Mormugao

Explanation:

The Indian Navy's latest indigenous guided missile destroyer, Indian Naval Ship **(INS) Mormugao**, successfully carried out the engagement of a **sea-skimming supersonic target** with Medium Range Surface to Air Missile **(MRSAM) missile**.

- The Indian Navy undertook the **1st MRSAM firing** from **INS Mormugao**.
- The successful MRSAM missile firing by INS Mormugao is yet another milestone in the Indian Navy's quest for accurate delivery of Ordnance on Target. It showcases Indian Navy's Future Proof Combat Readiness and commitment toward Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

i. Sea skimming is a technique that is used by anti-ship missiles and some fighter or strike aircraft to avoid radar or infrared detection during their approach to the target.

45. In May 2023,	became the first state in India to make digital health cards for
children.	

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer-4) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City launched the 'School Health Program' making **Uttar Pradesh** (UP) the **first Indian state** to make digital health cards for children.

- i. As a pilot project, the program has been started by Lucknow Smart City in three schools in Lucknow viz. Aminabad Inter College, Kashmiri Mohalla Girls Inter College and Kashmiri Mohalla Montessori School.
 - These schools have been given the responsibility of health checkup of 1765 children.
- **ii.** Under this, a digital health report card will be prepared on 130 parameters for the overall physical and mental well-being of municipal schools. A health insurance worth Rs 25,000 will also be given to these children
- 46. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 'Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023' released in May 2023?
- A) The NITI (National Institute for Transforming India) Aayog in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released the 'Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023'.
- B) The Compendium is a compilation of 75 initiatives of the Centre and the states/ Union Territories (UTs) in the social sector.
- C) Out of the 75 initiatives, 14 have been launched by the Union government, 2 are joint initiatives by the Centre and the state governments, while the rest are from 26 states and UTs.
- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A & B





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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The **NITI** (National Institute for Transforming India) **Aayog** in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme **(UNDP)** released the 'Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023' which is a compilation of **75 initiatives** of the Centre and the states/ Union Territories (UTs) in the social sector.

- **i.** Out of the 75 initiatives, **14** have been launched by the **Union government**, **two** are joint initiatives by the **Centre** and the **state** governments, while the rest are from **26 states** and UTs.
 - The 75 initiatives are the innovations in policy making at national and state levels in 14 key social sectors such as health, education, agriculture, science and technology, the environment, Disaster mitigation, Sports, COVID-19, Energy conservation, E- governance and digitization, Women's empowerment, Financial inclusion, Skill development, and Social welfare.

47. In May 2023, the Appointmen	ts Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed Vineet Joshi as
new Chief Secretary of	(state).

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Assam
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 1) Manipur

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed **Vineet Joshi**, Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, as the new Chief Secretary of **Manipur**.

- **i.** The 1992 Manipur cadre IAS officer, Vineet Joshi replaced Dr Rajesh Kumar, whose term was previously extended for six-months in December 2022, but was cut short because of Vineet Joshi's appointment.
- **ii.** ACC has approved the appointment of Vineet Joshi on the request of the Government of Manipur to handle the Clashes that broke out in the state after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the 10 hill districts on May 3, 2023 to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

48. Which bank has recently (in May '23) become India's 1st to relocate Mauritius domiciled fund to Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT-city), Gujarat?

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

Answer- 1) Kotak Mahindra Bank





Explanation:

Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based **Kotak Mahindra Bank** Limited has become **India's 1st** to **relocate Mauritius** domiciled fund to Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT-city), Gujarat.

i. On 6th May 2023, it successfully re-domiciled Alchemy India Long Term Fund from Mauritius to GIFT City, India's 1st International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

- Kotak Bank issued the 1st ever Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) licence to Alchemy's Fund incorporated in GIFT and registered with the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) for relocating from its original jurisdiction.
- This is the 1st FPI license issued by a custodian bank or designated depository participant (DDP) in India, to a fund incorporated in GIFT City, to relocate an existing fund.

49. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the winner of 2023 Pulitzer Prizes in Journalism; Books, Drama and Music; and Special Citations announced in May 2023?

- 1) New York Times won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in Journalism under the Public Service category.
- 2) Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper) and Trust, by Hernan Diaz (Riverhead Books) won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in Books, Drama and Music under the Fiction category.
- 3) English, by Sanaz Toossi won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in Books, Drama and Music under the Drama category.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Both 2 & 3

Explanation:

On 9th May 2023, the winners of the **2023 Pulitzer Prizes** in Journalism; Books, Drama and Music; and Special Citations were announced.

- i. Associated Press won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in Journalism under the Public Service category.
- **ii. Demon Copperhead**, by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper) and **Trust**, by Hernan Diaz (Riverhead Books) won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in **Books, Drama and Music** under the **Fiction category**.
- **iii. English, by Sanaz Toossi** won the **2023 Pulitzer Prize** in Books, Drama and Music under the Drama category.
 - Categories: The Pulitzer Prize recognises the work in 22 categories, i.e. 15 journalism categories; seven arts categories and one special citation.
 - The Pulitzer Prize, administered by Columbia University in New York, United States of America (USA), is considered the most prestigious prize in US journalism.
 - The Pulitzer Prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer, a Hungarian-American journalist and newspaper publisher. The Pulitzer Prizes were first awarded in 1917.

50. Which state government has recently (in May '23) launched India's 1st State Robotics Framework to promote the robotic ecosystem?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Telangana

Answer- 5) Telangana



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Explanation:

The **Telangana** government (Govt) launched **'Telangana State Robotics Framework'**, a **first-of-its-kind policy in India**, to provide a roadmap for the state to create a sustainable robotic ecosystem and be a leading state in the field of robotics.

- Telangana State Robotics Framework was launched by Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao(KTR), Minister for Information Technology(IT) and Industries, the Government of Telangana at T-Hub Events Room, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The framework was developed by the Emerging Technologies Wing of the ITE&C (Information Technology, Electronics and Communications) Department of Telangana in collaboration with the All India Robotics Association.
- i. During the event, the Telangana government signed MoUs with IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology)-Hyderabad, ART PARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park) Indian Institute of Science (IISC), GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL), AgHub (Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University(PJTSAU)) and All India Robotics Association (AIRA).
 - Objective: The MoUs were signed to enhance the robotics ecosystem in Telangana and promote innovation, research, and growth in the field.

51. In May	72023	1	became th	o firct	Indian	State to	imi	alaman	t tha '	"Diaht to	wall,"	
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- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 3) Punjab

Explanation:

Punjab has become the **first Indian State** to implement the **"Right to walk"** by making it mandatory for all road-owning agencies, including the National Highways Authority of India **(NHAI)**, to provide footpaths and cycle tracks in all future expansion of roads and construction of new ones.

- **i.** This is a part of the efforts of Punjab to control the number of accidents and deaths of pedestrians and cyclists.
- **ii.** These directions were issued by the Government of Punjab following 2 court orders after Public Interest Litigations (PILs) filed at the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Supreme Court of India.
- 52. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 'Born Too Soon: Decade of Action on Preterm Birth' report released in May 2023?
- A) The report was created by the World Health Organization (WHO) & the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) with PMNCH, the world's largest alliance for women, children, and adolescents.
- B) The report stated that Almost half of all pre-term births (babies born before the 37th week of pregnancy) in 2020 happened in five countries: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China and Ethiopia.
- C) In 2020, Bangladesh had the highest estimated pre-term birth rate (16.2%), followed by Malawi (14.5%) and Pakistan (14.4%) & India and South Africa, at an estimated 13% each.
- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C





- 4) Only A & C
- 5) Only A

Answer-1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

According to the report 'Born Too Soon: Decade of Action on Preterm Birth', published on May 10, 2023, **almost half of all pre-term births** (babies born before the 37th week of pregnancy) in 2020 happened in **five countries**: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China and Ethiopia.

- The report alarms 'silent emergency', as for every 10 babies born, 1 is preterm, and every 40 seconds, 1 of those babies dies.
- i. The report was created by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) together with PMNCH, the world's largest alliance for women, children, and adolescents.
- ii. In 2020, **Bangladesh** had the **highest estimated pre-term birth rate** (16.2%), followed by Malawi (14.5%) and Pakistan (14.4%). India and South Africa, at an estimated 13% each.
- **iii. India** tops the **list of pre-term birth numbers** with 30.16 lakh births, Pakistan is at 9.14 lakh, Nigeria at 7.74 lakh and China at 7.52 lakh.

53. Name the bank that has recently (in May '23) partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to launch an electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility for customers.

- 1) South Indian Bank
- 2) RBL Bank
- 3) Federal Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer-3) Federal Bank

Explanation:

Federal Bank Limited partners with National E-Governance Services Limited **(NeSL)** to launch an electronic Bank Guarantee **(e-BG) facility** for its customers, enabling them to obtain a Bank Guarantee digitally, replacing the traditional paper-based process.

- **i.** Under the e-BG facility, which is issued through NeSL's e-BG platform, all the processes such as issuance, invocation, amendment, and cancellation of Bank Guarantees will be made digitally and overcomes the need for physical printing of any document or request.
- ii. The platform is safe, secure, and fast, making trade and business activities convenient.

54. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 'Harit Sagar Guidelines – 2023' released in May 2023?

- A) Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, launched 'Harit Sagar Guidelines 2023', the Green Port Guidelines, to meet the larger vision of achieving the Zero Carbon Emission Goal.
- B) During the event, 'Sagar Shreshtha Samman Awards 2023' were also conferred to major ports for their all-time best performance on select operational and financial parameters during FY 2022-23.
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai (Maharashtra) received Sagar Shrestha Samman Award 2023 from Sarbananda Sonowal.
- 1) Only A





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

Answer-2) Only A & B

Explanation:

On May 10, 2023, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy), launched 'Harit Sagar Guidelines – 2023', the Green Port Guidelines, in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The guidelines were prepared by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways to meet the larger vision of achieving the Zero Carbon Emission Goal.
- i. On May 10, 2023 at 'Harit Sagar Guidelines 2023' launch event, the 'Sagar Shreshtha Samman Awards 2023' were also conferred to major ports for their all-time best performance on select operational and financial parameters during FY 2022-23.
- **ii. Visakhapatnam Port Authority** (VPA) (Andhra Pradesh) received **Sagar Shrestha Samman Award 2023** from Sarbananda Sonowal. VPA's chairman M Angamuthu received the award. Other Recipients of Sagar Shreshtha Samman Awards 2023.

55. Name the union minister who has recently (in May '23) launched "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi", to strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

- 1) Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
- 2) Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)
- 3) Dharmendra Pradhan (Union Minister of Education)
- 4) Virendra Kumar (Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment)
- 5) Smriti Zubin Irani (Union Minister of Women and Child Development)

Answer- 5) Smriti Zubin Irani (Union Minister of Women and Child Development) Explanation:

On 10th May 2023, Union Minister **Smriti Zubin Irani**, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), launched "**Poshan Bhi**, **Padhai Bhi**", the flagship programme of MoWCD, to strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education (**ECCE**) component of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0),

- The programme was launched during the national event organised by MoWCD on key initiatives for strengthening ECCE at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.
- i. ECCE is an important component of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) and is envisaged under the National Education Policy.
- **ii.** Under this campaign, work will be undertaken in Anganwadis across India to provide nutrition as well as better education to children in the age group of 3 to 6 years.

56. Name the company that has recently (in May '23) become the 1st firm to receive the Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) licence in the agritech space.

- 1) Annapurna Finance
- 2) Veritas Finance Private Limited
- 3) Ora Finance Private Limited
- 4) Laxmi India Finance Private Limited
- 5) Fino Finance Private Limited





Answer- 3) Ora Finance Private Limited

Explanation:

Ora Finance Private Limited, a subsidiary of a fintech-driven agritech firm Unnati, has become the **1st firm** to receive the Non-Banking Financial Company **(NBFC) licence** in the agritech space.

- **i.** Ora Finance will enable the company to meet the financial needs of those in the agricultural sector, like farmers, retailers, traders, brands, and food processors.
- **ii.** Unnati has a network of over 1 lakh registered retailers and traders who use its uStore app to engage with the farmers and manage their agri-business on a day-to-day business.

57. In May 2023, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the first
integrated test on an intermediate configuration of the 2000kN (Kilonewton) thrust Semi-
cryogenic Engine at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in

- 1) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Chandipur, Odisha

Answer-4) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the first integrated test on an intermediate configuration of the 2000kN (Kilonewton) thrust Semi-cryogenic Engine at the newly commissioned Semi-cryogenic Integrated Engine & Stage Test facility at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

i. The design and development of a Semi-cryogenic Engine were undertaken by the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) of ISRO with Indian industry participation, and it works on a Liquid Oxygen (LOX)-Kerosene propellant combination which willpower the booster stages of future launch vehicles. ii. This test has demonstrated the successful performance of the test facility, and Power Head Test Article (PHTA) in the first attempt.

58. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to Israel Foreign Minister Eli Cohen's Visit to India in May 2023?

- A) Israel Foreign Minister Eli Cohen launched the project World on Wheels (WoW) Bus, by the Embassy of Israel in India.
- B) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Israel Foreign Minister Eli Cohen signed an agreement, that will allow 42,000 Indian workers to work in the Jewish state of Israel in the fields of construction and nursing
- C) New agreements were also signed by both nations in the area of mobility, water, and agriculture.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-5) All A, B & C





Explanation:

Foreign Minister of Israel **Eli Cohen** has arrived in New Delhi, Delhi, for his first official three-day visit to India from May 9 to 11, 2023.

i.Israel Foreign Minister Eli Cohen launched the project World on Wheels **(WoW)** Bus, by the Embassy of Israel in India.

ii.Eli Cohen had a meeting with his Indian counterpart, External Affairs Minister S **Jaishankar**. iii.Under the meeting, both ministers signed an agreement that will allow 42,000 Indian workers to work in the Jewish state of Israel in the fields of construction and nursing.

iv. New agreements were also signed by both nations in the area of mobility, water, and agriculture.

59	- became the 1st Indian state to launch Institutional Ranking Framework
recently (in May	'23) to assess the quality of higher education institutions.

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 1) Kerala

Explanation:

On 3rd May 2023, R. Bindu, Minister of Higher Education of Kerala, formally launched the Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework **(KIRF)**, modelled on the lines of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), to assess the quality of higher education institutions in Kerala.

• With this launch, **Kerala** became India's 1st state to establish a State-specific ranking framework for its higher education institutions.

i. The KIRF is a set of metrics for ranking of academic institutions, based on the parameters agreed upon by the Executive of the KSHEC.

60. In May 2023, the World Bank approved a loan of USD _____ for Zoonotic Disease Prevention in India for Animal Health System Support for One Health Program. (AHSSOH).

- 1) 50 million
- 2) 82 million
- 3) 79 million
- 4) 100 million
- 5) 70 million

Answer-2) 82 million

Explanation:

On May 10, 2023, the World Bank's (WB) Board of Executive Directors has approved **USD 82 million** loan for Animal Health System Support for One Health Program (AHSSOH) that will support India's Livestock Health and Disease Control Program, which seeks to control animal diseases by adopting global best practices for animal health management and to prevent, detect, and respond to endemic zoonotic diseases.

- The loan has a maturity of 11.5 years with a grace period of 4.5 years.
- The loan will be disbursed from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).





61. Which bank has recently (in May '23) unveiled the "Privy League" an Exclusive Premium Banking Programme and offered India's 1st LED Debit Cards?

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

Answer- 5) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Explanation:

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) has launched a premium banking programme, Privy League targeting High-Net-Worth Individuals **(HNI)**. The program offers lifestyle privileges and bespoke financial solutions.

i.The Privy League is the Kotak Mahindra Bank's flagship premium banking program, designed to celebrate its customers' achievements.

- It include Signature **LED Debit Card**, designed for Privy League Platinum tier, which is India's first LED card. It offers 75% discount on Priority Pass.
- It also offer **Premium Metal Debit Card**, designed by artist Arunanshu Chowdhury for the Privy League black tier, offering luxury deals and complimentary airport lounge access, among many other benefits.

62. In May 2023, _____ launched a significant financing program, 'Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific' (IF-CAP).

- 1) International Development Association
- 2) World Bank
- 3) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- 4) Asian Development Bank
- 5) International Finance Corporation

Answer- 4) Asian Development Bank

Explanation:

In May 2023, the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** announced the launch of a significant financing program, the 'Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific' **(IF-CAP)**, to support Asia and the Pacific region in the battle against climate change.

• The announcement was made by Masatsugu Asakawa, President of ADB on the first day of the ADB's 56th Annual Meeting in Incheon, South Korea.

i.As Asia and the Pacific is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, such as hurricanes, droughts, heat waves, floods, and sea-level rises. There is an immense climate financing gap that must be filled to win the battle against climate change.

63. Name the Badminton legends who have recently (in May '23) been elected to the BWF Hall of Fame for 2023 by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

- 1) Lee Chong Wei and Axelsen Viktor
- 2) Axelsen Viktor and Naraoka Kodai
- 3) Lin Dan and Lee Chong Wei
- 4) Axelsen Viktor and Christie Jonatan
- 5) Lin Dan and Axelsen Viktor





Answer- 3) Lin Dan and Lee Chong Wei

Explanation:

On 2nd May 2023, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) announced that the Badminton legends Lin Dan from China and Lee Chong Wei from Malaysia have been elected to the BWF Hall of Fame for 2023.

They will be inducted into the hall of fame at a ceremony on 26th May 2023 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre **(KLCC)** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

64. In May 2023, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the banks are set to commence a '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within 100 days.

The banks will commence the campaign on _____ 2023.

- 1) 1st October
- 2) 1st September
- 3) 1st August
- 4) 1st June
- 5) 1st July

Answer- 4) 1st June

Explanation:

As per the announcement of Reserve Bank of India **(RBI)** on May 12, 2023, banks are set to commence a **'100 Days 100 Pays' campaign**, where they will trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within 100 days. The banks will commence the campaign on **June 01**, 2023.

- i. Objective of the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign is to complement the ongoing efforts and initiatives by the RBI to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/ claimants.
- **ii.** As per the RBI data, at the end of February 2023, the total amount of unclaimed deposits transferred to the RBI by Public Sector Banks in respect of deposits that have not been operated for 10 years or more was Rs 35,012 crore.

65. In May 2023, the Ministry of Defence approved the ______ Positive Indigenization List (PIL) of 928 strategically-important Line Replacement Units (LRUs) to promote Aatmanirbharta in Defence.

- 1) 4th
- 2) 6th
- 3) 3rd
- 4) 5th
- 5) 2nd

Answer- 1) 4th

Explanation:

The Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence **(MoD)** approved the **4th** Positive Indigenization List **(PIL)** of 928 strategically-important Line Replacement Units (LRUs)/Subsystems/Spares & Components including high-end materials & spares.

• The import substitution value of this list is worth **Rs 715 crore**.





 Details of these items are available on SRIJAN Portal and these will only be procured from the Indian Industry after the timelines indicated in the list.

66. In May 2023, the members of ______ (organisation) unanimously adopted India's proposal to support the development and adoption of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

- 1) BRICS
- 2) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- 3) Shanghai Co-operation Organisation
- 4) BIMSTEC
- 5) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

Answer- 3) Shanghai Co-operation Organisation

Explanation:

The **members** of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation **(SCO)** unanimously adopted **India's proposal** to support the development and adoption of **India's** Digital Public Infrastructure **(DPI)** like Aadhaar, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and DigiLocker.

- The proposal was adopted during the meeting between the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Ministers of SCO member states chaired by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Communications and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.
- The DPI aims to deploy digital technology among SCO member states and ensure digitally inclusive growth.
- The SCO recognizes the need for interoperability and setting common standards for digital systems.

67. In May 2023, the World Health Organisation (WHO) launched its first-ever comprehensive framework, Accelerating anaemia reduction: a comprehensive framework for action to reduce the anaemia in women of reproductive age by ______ (Year).

- 1) 2026
- 2) 2028
- 3) 2024
- 4) 2027
- 5) 2025

Answer- 5) 2025

Explanation:

The World Health Organisation **(WHO)** launches its first-ever comprehensive framework on reducing anaemia, Accelerating anaemia reduction: a comprehensive framework for action, calling on countries to accelerate action to **reduce** the prevalence of **anaemia** in **women of reproductive age** by **2025**.

- i. The United Nations Health Agency launched a comprehensive framework on reducing anaemia during the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC) 2023 held from May 8-11 2023, in Cape Town, South Africa.
- **ii.** Reduction of anaemia is one of the World Health Assembly (the decision-making body of WHO) Global Nutrition Targets for 2025, which is accorded as a 50% reduction of anaemia in women of reproductive age.





- 68. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) constituted a 5-member expert committee under the chairmanship of ______ to provide advice related to mental health and insurance.
- 1) G. Gururaj
- 2) Pratima Murthy
- 3) B.N. Gangadhar
- 4) Satish Chandra Girimaji
- 5) N Pradhan

Answer- 2) Pratima Murthy

Explanation:

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) constituted a 5-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers under the chairmanship of Pratima Murthy, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), to provide advice and inputs to IRDAI on matters related to mental health and insurance.

i. Objective: To make a complete examination of the various aspects such as types of conditions, and types of treatments from an insurance perspective to deal with products designed to cover mental illnesses and other related aspects.

69. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in May '23) launched the mobile app 'Meri LiFE (My life)' to track the progress being made on Mission LiFE.

- 1) Bhupender Yadav (Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)
- 2) Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)
- 3) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Union Minister of External Affairs)
- 4) Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
- 5) Giriraj Singh (Union Minister of Rural Development)

Answer- 1) Bhupender Yadav (Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change) Explanation:

Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change launched a mobile application named **Meri LiFE** (My life) in New Delhi, Delhi to **activate** the youth action for climate change.

i. This app is inspired by the concept of LiFE, envisioned by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at COP (Conference of the Parties) 26, which emphasises mindful and deliberate utilisation instead of mindless and wasteful consumption.

Objective:

- The **Meri LiFE app** will showcase the power of citizens, especially young people in saving the environment.
- This app will help in creating a structured way to track the progress being made on Mission LiFE.

70. Name the personality who has recently (in May '23) become India's 82nd GrandMaster (GM) by defeating GM Hans Niemann from United States of America (USA) in the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023.

- 1) Sayantan Das
- 2) Vuppala Prraneeth
- 3) Vignesh NR





- 4) Pranesh
- 5) Koustav Chatterjee

Answer- 2) Vuppala Prraneeth

Explanation:

16-year-old **Vuppala Prraneeth** from Telangana, has become **India's 82nd GrandMaster (GM)** by defeating GM Hans Niemann from United States of America (USA) in the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023, which took place from May 4-12, in Baku Crystal Hall, Baku, Azerbaijan.

i. With this win Vuppala Prraneeth crossed the required 2500 FIDE's (International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation) Elo live ratings, to achieve the GM title.

ii. He is the sixth Grandmaster from the Telangana State.

Note- Indian GM Leon Luke Mendonca won the Baku Open 2023 title defeating Vuppala Prraneeth in the final round of Baku Open 2023.

71. Which company/institute has recently (in April '23) collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) to launch the first ever 'Millets Experience Centre' (MEC) in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd
- 2) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd
- 3) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 4) Food Corporation of India
- 5) Indian Institute of Millets Research

Answer- 2) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd Explanation:

On April 28 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) collaborated with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) has launched the first ever 'Millets Experience Centre' (MEC) at Dilli Haat, INA (Indian National Airways), New Delhi in Delhi, in order to enhance the public awareness on Millets and encourage the utilisation of Millets. i. MEC established at DilliHaat which, is known as the food bazaar of Delhi is a national and cultural hub for visitors from all over the world, will further provide the visitors a chance to witness India's 'Millet Movement.

72. According to the 'Future of Jobs Report 2023 Insight Report May 2023', released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Indian job market is expected to expand by _____ over the next 5 years with top job creation from the artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and data segments.

- 1) 12%
- 2) 15%
- 3) 30%
- 4) 22%
- 5) 10%

Answer-4) 22%

Explanation:

According to the **4th edition** of World Economic Forum's **(WEF)** bi-annual survey report Future of Jobs Report 2023 Insight Report May 2023, the **Indian job market** is expected to expand by **22%**





over the **next five years** with top job creation from the artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and data segments.

- Globally, the job market is estimated to expand at 23%, with 69 million new jobs expected to be created over the next 5 years.
- The study also estimates that about 83 million will be eliminated by 2027.
- The survey report included 803 companies, which combined employ more than 11.3 million people across 45 economies from across the globe and 27 sector clusters.

73. Who has recently (in April '23) presented with the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Fellowship?

- 1) Sendhil Ramamurthy
- 2) Mindy Kaling
- 3) Meera Syal
- 4) Naveen Andrews
- 5) Dev Patel

Answer- 3) Meera Syal

Explanation:

UK (United Kingdom) based Indian-origin actor, writer **Meera Syal**, 61 has been **presented** a **BAFTA** (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) **Fellowship**, the highest accolade granted annually by the BAFTA, a world-leading independent arts charity, upon an individual in recognition of an outstanding and exceptional contribution to films, games and/or television.

i. On May 14, 2023, the fellowship will be presented to Meera Syal, during the BAFTA Television Awards ceremony as part of a special commemoration of her work to date at the Royal Festival Hall in London, UK.

74. Name the personality who has recently (in April '23) conferred with the Shatabdi Purush (Man of the Century) Title.

- 1) Deepak Baij
- 2) Mohan Mandavi
- 3) Renuka Singh
- 4) Santosh Pandey
- 5) Pandit Ramkishan

Answer- 5) Pandit Ramkishan

Explanation:

On 30th April 2023, a former Member of Parliament **(MP)** – Lok Sabha, **Pandit Ramkishan** was honoured with the **title of Shatabdi Purush (Man of the Century)** to recognise his efforts as a socialist leader during the event organised to mark the birth centenary celebrations of Madhu Limaye, a socialist ideology and ace parliamentarian, in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Pandit Ramkishan had actively participated in the movements launched by socialist leaders
 Jayaprakash Narayan and Lohia and was put behind bars several times while fighting for
 tribals, Dalits and the poor.
- He was elected once to the Lok Sabha in 1977 and 4 times to Rajasthan Assembly (1962, 1967, 1974 and 1990).





75. Which organisation has recently (in May '23) collaborated with the NITI (National Institute for Transforming India) Aayog to release the 'Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023'?

- 1) United Nations Environment Programme
- 2) World Health Organization
- 3) United Nations Development Programme
- 4) United Nations Human Settlement Programme
- 5) Food and Agriculture Organization

Answer- 3) United Nations Development Programme

Explanation:

On May 1, 2023, the **NITI Aayog** (National Institute for Transforming India) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme **(UNDP)** released the **'Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023'** which features 75 case studies which truly highlight the theme 'Achievement@75' at the grassroot levels.

- The compendium was also framed to commemorate 75 years of India's independence.
- The case studies have been sourced from the 28 States and 8 Union Territories (UTs) and over 30 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.
- The compendium is a compilation of innovations in policymaking at national and state levels in 14 key social sectors such as health, education, agriculture, information technology (IT), the environment, etc.

76. Which country hosted the 1st ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-23) in May 2023?

- 1) Singapore
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Vietnam

Answer- 1) Singapore

Explanation:

On May 2, 2023, the opening ceremony of the **1st ASEAN** (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)-India Maritime Exercise **(AIME-23)** was held at the Changi Naval Base in **Singapore** which was inaugurated and co-officiated by Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Indian Navy (IN) and Rear Admiral Sean Wat, Chief of Navy (CNV), Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and senior dignitaries from ASEAN.

- Through this exercise the Navies from ASEAN and IN will conduct joint drills.
- The inaugural edition of AIME is being co-hosted by the RSN and IN.
- i. India is represented by RAdm (Rear Admiral) Gurcharan Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet (FOCEF) along with indigenous warships INS (Indian Naval Ship) Delhi and INS Satpura, and P8I maritime patrol aircraft.
- **ii.** CNS Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar along with participating ships from India will also participate in the International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX-23) and International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) being hosted by Singapore.





- 77. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Union Minister of state of S & T, Jitendra Singh's visit to the United Kingdom from 26th April to 1st May, 2023?
- A) At the India-UK Science & Innovation Council meeting, Jitendra Singh announced the joint establishment of the India-UK 'Net Zero' Innovation Virtual Centre focusing on industrial decarbonisation & launching the 1st-ever India-UK scientific deep-sea voyage.
- B) India and the UK signed a landmark agreement to collaborate on science and innovation to drive economic growth, create skilled jobs & improve lives in the UK, India, and worldwide.
- C) The India-UK Science & Technology (S&T) collaboration has been growing at a rapid pace & the joint research programme has gone from an almost zero base to close to £300-400 million.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Ministry of State (Independent Charge (IC)) Science & Technology made a 6-day visit to the United Kingdom (UK) from April 26 to May 1, 2023, to hold a series of meetings with his counterpart Ministers in the Government of the UK as well as with the Indian diaspora, StartUps and academicians.

- Jitendra Singh chaired the **India-UK Science & Innovation Council meeting** co-chaired by George Freeman, UK Science Minister.
- At the council meeting, Jitendra Singh announced the joint establishment of the India-UK 'Net
 Zero' Innovation Virtual Centre focusing on industrial decarbonisation and launching the
 first-ever India-UK scientific deep-sea voyage.
- India and the UK signed a landmark agreement to collaborate on science and innovation that will drive economic growth, create skilled jobs and improve lives in the UK, India, and worldwide.
- The UK has emerged as India's second-largest international research and innovation partner.
- The India-UK Science & Technology **(S&T)** collaboration has been growing at a rapid pace and the joint research programme has gone from an almost zero base to close to £300-400 million.

-		eedom Index (WPFI) released by the Reporter rank out of 180 countries in terms of press
freedom, while	_ (country) ranked 1st for t	he 7th consecutive year.
1) 161; Denmark		
2) 150; Ireland		
3) 161; Norway		
4) 150; Denmark		
5) 171; Norway		
Answer- 3) 161; Norwa	ıy	





Explanation:

On 3rd May 2023, the 21st edition of the World Press Freedom Index **(WPFI)** was released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF – Reporters sans frontières), India's ranking slipped 11 positions from 2022, when it ranked 150, to **161st Rank** out of 180 countries in terms of press freedom.

i. In terms of press freedom, **Norway** is **ranked 1st** for the **seventh** consecutive year, followed by

i. In terms of press freedom, Norway is ranked 1st for the seventh consecutive year, followed by Ireland (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).

ii. The last 3 places are occupied solely by Asian countries: Vietnam (178th), China (179th), and North Korea (180th).

- 79. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships (BAC) held at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in April 2023?
- A) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia) won the Men's singles title by defeating Loh Kean Yew (Singapore).
- B) Tai Tzu-Ying (Chinese Taipei) won the Women's singles title by defeating An Se-young (South Korea).
- C) Indian pair Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy became the first Indian men's doubles pair to win the title at the BAC by winning the men's doubles title at the 2023 BAC.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

Indian pair **Chirag Shetty** and **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** won the **men's doubles title** at the **2023** Badminton Asia Championships **(BAC)** defeating Malaysian pair Teo Ee Yi and Ong Yew Sin. They became the **first Indian men's doubles pair** to win the title at the BAC (Both made history by winning the Badminton Asian Championship in Delhi after 58 years).

- 2023 BAC was held at the Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Indoor Hall in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 25th to 30th April 2023.
- This also marks India's 2nd ever title at the BAC after Dinesh Khanna, who won India's first gold, in men's singles, at BAC in 1965.
- i. Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia) won the Men's singles title by defeating Loh Kean Yew (Singapore).
- ii. Tai Tzu-Ying (Chinese Taipei) won the Women's singles title by defeating An Se-young (South Korea).
- 80. Which company has recently (in May '23) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for technical assistance for Solid Waste Management (SWM) & Used Water Management (UWM) under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0?
- 1) Afcons Infrastructure Limited
- 2) Larsen & Toubro Limited
- 3) Rail India Technical and Economic Service Limited
- 4) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- 5) Ahluwalia Contracts (India) Limited





Answer- 3) Rail India Technical and Economic Service Explanation:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rail India Technical and Economic Service Limited (RITES Limited) for technical assistance for Solid Waste Management (SWM) & Used Water Management (UWM) under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0.

- The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of RITES will assist SBM-U for a period of 3 years.
- The MoU will focus on accelerating SWM & UWM a newly funded component for towns with less than 1 lakh population..
- i. Under UWM, RITES will provide technical support for standards & specifications in the field of sewage and faecal sludge management and reuse, engineering design and process of waste water treatment units.
- 81. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Union Minister of Defence, Rajnath Singh's visit to the Maldives in May 2023?
- A) Union Minister of Defence, Rajnath Singh, paid an official visit to Maldives & held bilateral talks with Mariya Ahmed Didi, Minister of Defence & Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives.
- B) He handed over the 2 naval vessels, Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) and a Landing Craft Assault ship to the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF).
- C) Defence Minister (India) Rajnath Singh and Mariya Ahmed Didi, Minister of Defence of the Maldives laid the foundation stone for the MNDF Coast Guard 'Ekatha Harbour' in Male, Maldives.
- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) Only A

Answer-1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

Union Minister of Defence, **Rajnath Singh**, paid an official visit to Maldives from 1st to 3rd May 2023. During his 3 day visit, he held bilateral talks with Mariya Ahmed Didi, Minister of Defence of the Maldives and Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives.

- He also called on President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and discussed ongoing projects and ways to further strengthen defence ties.
- i. On 2nd May 2023(day 2 of the visit) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over the **2 naval** vessels, Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) and a Landing Craft Assault ship to the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF).
 - The FPV, capable of coastal and offshore surveillance at high speeds, was commissioned as the MNDF Coast Guard ship Huravee.
- **ii.** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Mariya Ahmed Didi, Minister of Defence of the Maldives laid the foundation stone for the MNDF Coast Guard **'Ekatha Harbour**' in **Male**, Maldives.
 - The development of the Coast Guard Harbour and repair facility at Sifavaru is one of the biggest grant-in-aid projects in India.





82. According to the data released by	Reserve Bank o	of India	(RBI) in May	2023, Ind	ia's services
exports increased by a record	in 2022-23 (F	FY23) to	USD 322 bill	ion.	

- 1) 18.3%
- 2) 26.6%
- 3) 23.6%
- 4) 32.4%
- 5) 35.7%

Answer- 2) 26.6%

Explanation:

According to the data released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 2nd May 2023, India's services exports increased by a record 26.6% in 2022-23 (FY23) to USD 322 billion.

- Services imports grew 22.2 % to US\$179.7 billion, leading to a services trade surplus of US\$142.5 billion.
- i. Merchandise exports rose by only 6% to US\$ 447 billion in FY23.
 - With a US\$267 billion merchandise trade deficit in FY22, India has a cumulative trade deficit (or net exports) of US\$124.5 billion.
- **ii.** The Union government has set a goal of US\$ 2 trillion in combined goods and services exports by **2030**.

83. In May 2023, Ajaypal Singh Banga was appointed as the ____ President of the World Bank (WB).

- 1) 16th
- 2) 14th
- 3) 12th
- 4) 15th
- 5) 13th

Answer-2) 14th

Explanation:

On May 3, 2023, Vice Chairman of General Atlantic **Ajaypal Singh Banga**, known as Ajay Banga, (63) was appointed as the **14th President** of the World Bank **(WB)** by the 25-Executive Directors of the WB for a **five-year term** beginning June 2, 2023.

- He will succeed incumbent President David Malpass and become the first-ever Indian-American President of WB.
- He is also the first-ever Indian-American and Sikh-American to head either of the two top international financial institutions: the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the WB.

Note- The government of India honoured him with "Padma Shri" for trade and Industry in 2016.

84. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the recent launch/inauguration made by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh in May 2023?

- A) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, CM of AP, laid the foundation stone of Rs 21,844 crore Vizag Tech Park Limited, a subsidiary of Adani Group company which will house 300 megawatt (MW) data centres.
- B) AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for Rs 4,592 crore International Greenfield Airport at Bhogapuram village in Vizianagaram district, AP.





- C) He also laid the foundation for the Rs 194 crore Taraka Rama Sagaram project and the Rs 24 crore Chintapalli Fish Landing Centre in the Vizianagaram district of AP.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

On 3rd May 2023, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP), laid the foundation stone of **Rs 21,844 crore Vizag Tech Park Limited (VTPL)**, a subsidiary of Adani Group company which will house 300 megawatt (MW) data centres.

- Vizag Tech Park will be India's 1st data park. The event was attended by Rajesh Adani, Managing Director (MD) of Adani Group and Karan Adani, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Adani Group.
- The Vizag Tech Park (coming up in an area of 190.29 -acres) would consist of: A 200 MW Integrated Data Centre (130 acres) at Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam, AP, with an investment of Rs 14,634 crore
- A 100 MW Integrated Data Centre (60.29 acres) at Kapuluppada, UP, with an investment of Rs 7,210 crore.
- i. AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for **Rs 4,592 crore International Greenfield Airport** at Bhogapuram village in Vizianagaram district, AP.
- **ii.** In addition to the Bhogapuram airport, CM Jagan Mohan Reddy also laid the foundation for the **Rs 194 crore Taraka Rama Sagaram project** and the Rs 24 crore Chintapalli Fish Landing Centre in the Vizianagaram district of AP.
- 85. According to the report published by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in April 2023, India is projected to have 41 Gigawatt (GW) of energy storage capacity along with 777GW of total installed power capacity by _____ (year).
- 1) 2025-26
- 2) 2026-27
- 3) 2027-28
- 4) 2028-29
- 5) 2029-30

Answer- **5) 2029-30**

Explanation:

According to the "Report on Optimal Generation Capacity Mix for 2030 version 2.0" published by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Ministry of Power, in April 2023, India is projected to have **41 Gigawatt (GW)** of energy storage capacity along with 777GW of total installed power capacity by **2029-30**.

- The report was prepared by the CEA team headed by Chief Engineer Ammi Ruhama Toppo.
- The study is an exercise to assess the least cost generation capacity mix to meet the projected Electricity Demand for 2029-30.
- **i.** The report stated that under the base case scenario, where the total fossil fuel and non-fossil fuel capacities are assumed to be 276 GW and 500 GW, respectively, India will require 41.65 GW/208.25





Gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to meet its electricity demand in 2029-30.

86. In May 2023, the Minister of State (MoS) of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur flagged off MV-ITT LION (V-273) from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in _____ a first shipment to operationalize the Sittwe Port in the Rakhine State of Myanmar.

- 1) Mormugao, Goa
- 2) Kandla, Gujarat
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Paradip, Odisha
- 5) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer-3) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

The Minister of State (MoS) **Shantanu Thakur**, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways flagged off **MV-ITT LION (V-273)** from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, **Kolkata (West Bengal)**, a first shipment to operationalize the Sittwe Port in the Rakhine State of Myanmar.

- It should be noted that this port in Myanmar has been built under grant assistance from the Government of India as part of Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP).
- **i.** The Inland Waterways Authority of India **(IWAI)** was the Project Development Consultant for the implementation of Port and Inland Water Transport (IWT) components of the work has been successfully completed.
- **ii.** MV-ITT LION (V-273) carrying 20,000 bags containing 1,000 metric tonnes of cement will reach Sittwe Port on May 9, 2023.

87. President of India, Droupadi Mur	mu launched the "Addiction Free Odisha" campaign of
Brahma Kumaris Centre, in	(district), during her visit to odisha in May 2023.

- 1) Mayurbhani
- 2) Sambalpur
- 3) Balangir
- 4) Malkangiri
- 5) Nabarangpur

Answer- 1) Mayurbhanj

Explanation:

On 4th May 2023, During her 3-day (4th to 6th May 2023) visit to Odisha, Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, launched the "Addiction Free Odisha" campaign of Brahma Kumaris Centre at Hatbadra, Mayurbhanj, Odisha.

- On 4th May 2023, President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stones for the Skill Training Hub and Community Centre at Pahadpur in Mayurbhanj.
- On 5th May 2023, President paid tribute to Pandit Raghunath Murmu on his birth anniversary. Later, she also visited the Similipal Sanctuary, Mayurbhanj.
- On 6th May 2023, the President will grace the 12th convocation of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University at Baripada.





88. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in May '23) reviewed the 'Food Street Project' aimed at developing 100 healthy and hygienic food streets across India.

- 1) Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)
- 2) Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
- 3) Smriti Zubin Irani (Union Minister of Women and Child Development)
- 4) Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of AYUSH)
- 5) PashuPati Kumar Paras (Union Minister of Food Processing Industries)

Answer- 2) Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare) Explanation:

Union Minister Dr **Mansukh Mandaviya**, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare **(MoHFW)**, reviewed the **'Food Street Project'** aimed at developing 100 healthy and hygienic food streets across India with senior officers of the MoHFW and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

- i. The initiative will be implemented through National Health Mission (NHM) in convergence with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) apart from FSSAI's technical support.
- **ii.** NHM would provide Rs 1 crore to operationalise per food street as a pilot project to support 100 such food streets at different locations across India.
- 89. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the recent step taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2023?
- A) Under India's G20 presidency, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) jointly launched G20 TechSprint 2023.
- B) It is the 2nd edition of the global technology hackathon for innovators to promote innovative solutions aimed at 'International cross-border payments'.
- C) RBI updated its instructions in the Master Direction (MD) on Know Your Customer (KYC) related to wire transfers and also aligned the same with the relevant recommendation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) Only A

Answer-4) Only A & C

Explanation:

On May 4, 2023, under India's G20 presidency, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) jointly launched G20 TechSprint 2023, the **4t**h edition of the global technology hackathon for innovators to promote innovative solutions aimed at **'Transforming cross-border payments'**.

- The competition is open to developers from around the world for submitting applications from May 4, 2023, to June 4, 2023, and it will conclude in Q3 2023 (i.e. around August/ September 2023).
- The Shortlisted teams will be invited to develop their solutions over a six-week period and each team will be eligible for a stipend of Rs 8 lakh (~ USD 10,000).
- The winners for each problem statement will receive an award of Rs 40 lakh (~USD 50,000).





i. Recently, RBI updated its instructions in the Master Direction (MD) on Know Your Customer (KYC) related to wire transfers and also aligned the same with the relevant recommendation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

- 90. During the Internal Governmental Commission meeting on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC), which country, along with India has recently (in May '23) agreed to explore the RuPay & Mir cards for easy payments?
- 1) Russia
- 2) France
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) United Arab Emirates

Answer- 1) Russia

Explanation:

In the recently held high-level Internal Governmental Commission meeting on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC), India and Russia discussed and agreed to explore the possibility of accepting RuPay (India) and Mir cards (Russia) in each other's country for hassle-free payments.

- **i.** The meeting was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Russia Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.
- **ii.** The mutual acceptance of both RuPay and Mir Card will help Indian and Russian citizens to make hassle-free payments in Indian rupees and Russian rubles in their respective countries.
- 91. In May 2023, Three imprisoned women journalists from _____ (country), Narges Mohammadi, Elaheh Mohammadi & Niloofar Hamedi received the 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- 1) Ukraine
- 2) Iran
- 3) Syria
- 4) Afghanistan
- 5) Türkiye

Answer-2) Iran

Explanation:

On May 2, 2023, the United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced three imprisoned **Iranian** women journalists – **Niloofar Hamedi, Elaheh Mohammadi**, and **Narges Mohammadi** as the laureates of the 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, an award that celebrates press freedom.

- **i.** The three journalists were selected following the recommendation of an international jury of media professionals.
- **ii.** The Award Ceremony took place on 2 May 2023 in New York, United States of America (USA) in the presence of Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO.





92. In which city, the 'Agni Daman-23', a mutual firefighting Exercise was recently (in April '23) conducted to raise awareness and train the personnel of both civil and military agencies on firefighting?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Siliguri, West Bengal
- 5) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Answer- 2) Pune, Maharashtra

Explanation:

On 28th April 2023, A mutual firefighting Exercise named 'Agni Daman-23' was conducted to raise awareness and train the personnel of both civil and military agencies on firefighting at 29 Field Ammunition Depot, Dehu Road under the aegis of Headquarter Southern Command, Pune (Maharashtra).

- The exercise showcased teamwork of all the firefighting resources available with the Military and Civil establishment in Pune.
- **i. Participants:** A total of 56 firefighting columns including 32 from civil agencies like the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF), State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF), Fire Department Pimpri Chinchwad, Nagar Parishad Chakan, Tata Motors Ltd, Mahindra Vehicle Ltd, Bajaj Auto, among others participated in the exercise.
- 93. Name the company that has recently (in May '23) signed an MoU with Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd to manufacture and develop electro-mechanical bollards.
- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) Engineers India Limited
- 4) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

Explanation:

Bharat Electronics Limited **(BEL)**, signed a Memorandum of Understanding **(MoU)** with Bengaluru (Karnataka) based **Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd**, to jointly manufacture and develop business for state-of-the-art, electro-mechanical bollards for use in various defence, homeland security, paramilitary, and export projects.

- **i.** The bollards would safeguard vital installations by pre-empting the unauthorised entry of heavy vehicles.
- **ii.** The bollards are built to withstand the impact of IED(Improvised Explosive Device)-laden vehicles weighing from 24,000 to 1,50,000 kg and coming in at alarming speeds of 80 to 100 km/h.
- 94. In May 2023, the Union Government formed an 11-member high-level committee, under the chairmanship of ______, to restructure the 94-years-old Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- 1) Vinay Kumar
- 2) Himanshu Pathak
- 3) Sanjay Garg





- 4) Mahesh Gupta
- 5) Kuldeep Rawat

Answer- 3) Sanjay Garg

Explanation:

The Union Government has formed an **11-member** high-level committee under the chairmanship of **Sanjay Garg**, Additional Secretary(AS) of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DPRE) & Secretary, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), to restructure the 94-year-old ICAR, which was established in 1929, to meet the objective of Amrit Kaal.

i. The committee was formed on April 24, 2023, and it would submit the report within 30 days.

- 95. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002?
- A) The Ministry of Finance notified changes in the PMLA, 2002, widening its ambit to include the financial transactions facilitated by the Chartered Accountants (CA), Company Secretaries (CS), and Cost and Works Accountants (CWA).
- B) The changes have been made in the sub-clause (v) of clause (sa) of sub-section (4) of Section 25 of the PMLA, which defines 'relevant persons' and firms covered under the anti-money laundering law.
- C) Failure to meet the requirements will result in penalties imposed by the Director of Financial Intelligence Unit India (FIU-IND) under Section 13 of the Act.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-4) Only A & C

Explanation:

On 4th April 2023, the **Union Ministry of Finance** notified changes in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act **(PMLA)**, **2002**, widening its ambit to include the financial transactions facilitated by the Chartered Accountants **(CA)**, Company Secretaries **(CS)**, and Cost and Works Accountants **(CWA)**.

- Following the changes, the financial transitions by these professionals including operating and managing their client firms and trusts, and buying and selling business entities will be now covered under the anti-money laundering law.
- i. The changes have been made in the sub-clause (vi) of clause (sa) of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the PMLA, which defines 'relevant persons' and firms covered under the anti-money laundering law.
 - Prior to these changes, the PMLA 2002 did not include these professionals.
- **ii. Penalties:** Failure to meet the requirements will result in penalties imposed by the Director of Financial Intelligence Unit India **(FIU-IND)** under Section **13** of the Act.

96. According to the 'Global Report on Food Crises	s (GRFC) 2023' released by Global Network
Against Food Crises (GNAFC) in May 2023,	million people in 58 food-crisis
countries/territories were faced acute food insecu	urity at crisis or worse levels in 2022.

- 1) 324
- 2) 529
- 3) 120





4) 100

5) 258

Answer- 5) 258

Explanation:

The flagship publication of the Global Network Against Food Crises **(GNAFC)**, 'Global Report on Food Crises **(GRFC)** 2023', estimates that nearly 258 million people (i.e. 22.7% of the analysed population) in 58 food-crisis countries/territories were faced acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels (IPC/CH Phase 3-5) in 2022, up from 193 million people in 53 countries and territories in 2021.

- This is the highest number in the 7-year history of the GRFC.
- GRFC 2023, the 7th edition of the annual report produced by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN), was launched by GNAFC an international alliance of the United Nations, the European Union, governmental and non-governmental agencies, working to tackle food crises together.
- **i.** The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification- Cadre Harmonisé **(IPC-CH) Dashboard** is a visual display of the total number of people experiencing or facing high levels of acute food insecurity classified in Crisis or worse (IPC/CH Phase 3 or above).

97. In April 2023, the World Health Organisation (WHO) launched a new initiative called PRET to ensure the world to prepare for future outbreaks like the Covid-19 pandemic. In PRET, What does 'R' stand for?

- 1) Recover
- 2) Respond
- 3) Resilience
- 4) Reconnect
- 5) Respiratory

Answer- 3) Resilience

Explanation:

On April 26, 2023, World Health Organisation **(WHO)** launched a new initiative called **PRET** (Preparedness and **Resilience** for Emerging Threats) to ensure the world is prepared for future outbreaks like the Covid-19 pandemic.

i. Objective: To help world countries by providing guidance on integrated planning for responding to respiratory pathogens and their recovery by supporting to strengthen the systems and capacities. ii. PERT is a Call to Action to accelerate preparedness for pandemics and emerging threats globally.

98. According to Forbes' World's 10 Highest-Paid Athletes 2023 released in May 2023, Who has become the highest-paid athlete in the world in 2023?

- 1) Lionel Messi
- 2) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 3) Kylian Mbappe
- 4) LeBron James
- 5) Conor McGregor

Answer- 2) Cristiano Ronaldo

Explanation:

According to **Forbes' World's 10 Highest-Paid Athletes 2023**, Footballer **Cristiano Ronaldo** (Portugal) has become the **highest-paid athlete in the world in 2023** after he moved to Saudi





Arabia's Al Nassr in January 2023, after his exit from Manchester United, nearly doubling his annual salary to an estimated USD 75 million.

- He topped the list with a total earning of USD 136 million USD 46 million on-field and USD 90 million off-field. He has topped the list for the first time since 2017.
- i. Paris-Saint Germain (PSG)'s forward Lionel Messi(Argentina) stands 2nd with a total earning of USD 130 million.
- **ii.** 24 years old PSG player and France National football team captain Kylian Mbappé is ranked 3rd with a total earning of USD 120 million. He entered the list of the top 10 for the first time and he is the youngest member (under 30) featured on the 2023 list.
- 99. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC) 2023 competition held in April 2023?
- A) 3 student teams from India won the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC) 2023 competition, held near NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, in Huntsville, Alabama, USA.
- B) Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan won the Project Review Award Category under the College/University Division.
- C) Sai Akshara Vemuri and Chittineni Akarsh from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, were part of the six-member under-19 Indian team (Young Tinker Educational Foundation) which won the NASA HERC 2023 competition under Social Media Award Category.
- 1) Only A
- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer-5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

On April 22, 2023, **three student** teams from India won the **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Human Exploration Rover Challenge **(HERC) 2023 competition** which was held near NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, in Huntsville, Alabama, USA (United States of America).

Winners of the NASA HERC 2023 from India:

- **Project Review Award:** College/University Division: Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan.
- **Social Media Award:** High School Division: Young Tinker Educational Foundation, Bhubaneswar, Odisha & College/University Division: KIET Group of Institutions, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- i. Two students from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (AP) such as Sai Akshara Vemuri and Chittineni Akarsh were part of the six-member under-19 Indian team (Young Tinker Educational Foundation) which won the NASA HERC 2023 competition under Social Media Award Category.
 - The Two student winners from Vijayawada were felicitated by Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu Society (APNRTS) president and Adviser to the government Medapati S. Venkat and CEO P. Hemalatha Rao.





100. Name the personality who has recently (in May '23) become the 17th world chess champion & China's 1st Male World Chess Champion by defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi at the FIDE World Chess Championship 2023.

- 1) Wei Yi
- 2) Ding Liren
- 3) Bu Xiangzhi
- 4) Wang Yue
- 5) Ni Hua

Answer- 2) Ding Liren

Explanation:

Chinese chess grandmaster **Ding Liren** (32 years old) has become the **17th** world chess champion and **China's 1st Male** World Chess Champion by defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi at the **FIDE World Chess Championship 2023** in Astana, Kazakhstan.

i. Ding succeeds five-time champion and World's No 1. Magnus Carlsen of Norway, who held the title since 2013.

Note:

- With Ding's win, China now holds the World Chess Champion title for both men and women.
- Ju Wenjun is the current Women's World Chess Champion.
- Xie Jun of China was the 1st Asian female and 1st Chinese person to become a world chess champion.

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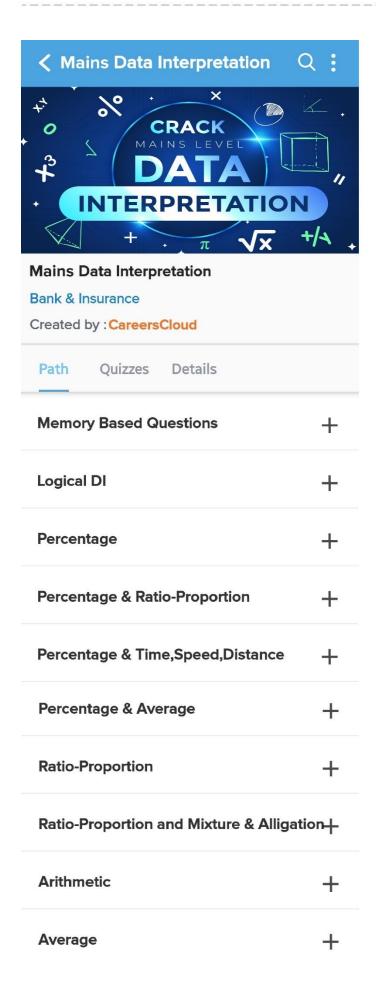
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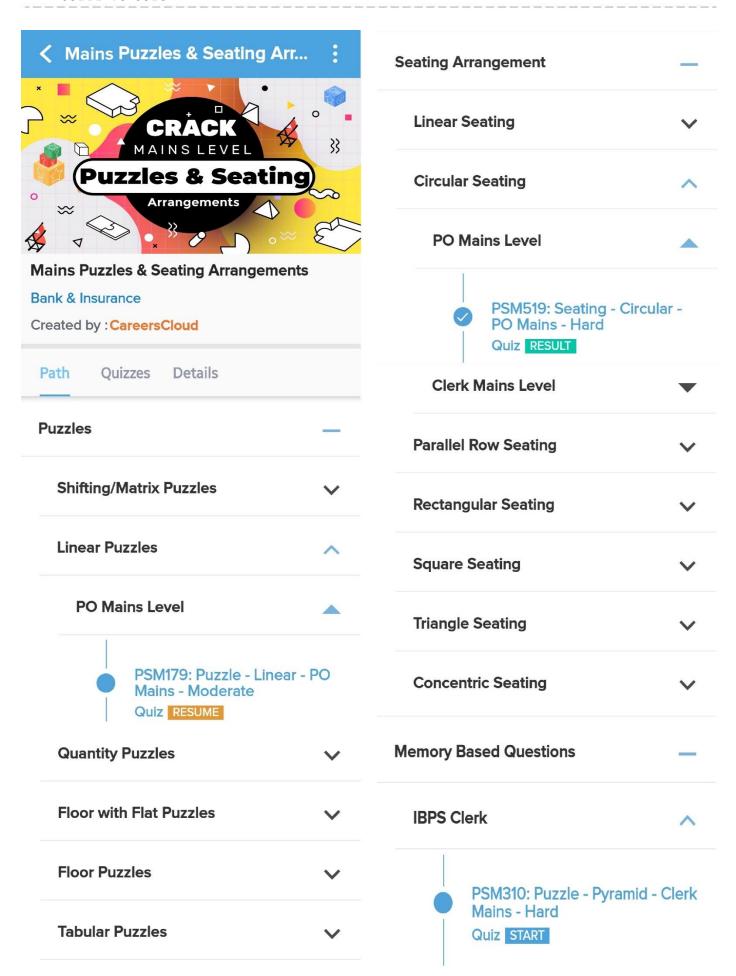




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