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**37. In April 2022, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) established 2 separate Working Groups- Sponsor of a Mutual Fund and Trustees of Mutual Funds for Asset Management Companies (AMC).**

**Who will be the chairperson of the working group on sponsors of Mutual Fund?**

- 1) Navneet Munot
- 2) A.Balasubramanian
- 3) Anthony Heredia
- 4) Manoj Vais
- 5) T S Ramakrishnan

**Answer- 2) A.Balasubramanian**

**Explanation:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has established 2 separate Working Groups for Asset Management Companies (AMC). The purpose of the 2 working groups are;

- To review the Role and Eligibility of a Sponsor of a Mutual Fund to facilitate growth and innovation in the industry.
- To streamline the role and obligations of Trustees of Mutual Funds.

**Chairpersons of the working group:**

**i.** The working group on sponsors will be chaired by **A.Balasubramanian**, Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Aditya BirlaSun Life AMC Limited and Chairman, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

**ii.** The working group on MF trustees will be chaired by Dr Manoj Vaish, Independent Trustee, Mirae Mutual Fund.

**38. Name the organisation that recently (in April '22) signed a USD 100 million loan pact with Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) to help small farmers from various countries.**

- 1) Asian Development Bank
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 3) International Monetary Fund
- 4) United Nations Development Programme
- 5) World Bank

**Answer- 1) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

**Explanation:**

The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has signed USD 100 million(Rs.760 crores) loan pact with a French firm Louis Dreyfus Company (**LDC**) to help small farmers in countries such as India, Indonesia, Pakistan,Thailand and Vietnam to recover from the economic challenges posed by the pandemic (COVID-19) and improve their resilience to climate change impacts.

**i.** The pact will be accompanied by a Technical Assistance (TA) grant comprising USD 205,000 from ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund for COVID Recovery and USD 385,000 from the Strategic Climate Fund, administered by ADB.

**39. Which life insurance company recently partnered with Common Services Centers (CSC) to boost insurance penetration in rural India?**

- 1) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- 2) Max Life Insurance
- 3) HDFC Life Insurance



- 4) Tata AIA Life Insurance
- 5) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer- **4) Tata AIA Life Insurance**

**Explanation:**

**Tata AIA Life Insurance**, one of the leading insurers in the Indian private sector, has teamed with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's Common Services Centers (**CSC**) to engage its network of over 4 lakh village-level entrepreneurs (**VLEs**) at the last mile for distribution of life insurance plans.

- i. This partnership will help Tata AIA Life Insurance expand its coverage to nearly 95% of gram panchayats, paving the door for life insurance to be provided in India's most rural locations.
- ii. CSC will provide the Tata AIA Life POS Smart Income Plus plan, which combines life insurance with savings opportunities through its network.

**40. Which bank recently (in April'22) partnered with Mashreq Neo to open Non-Resident (NR) Accounts for Indians in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?**

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

Answer- **3) Federal Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Mashreq Neo** has tied up with **Federal Bank** to enable its United Arab Emirates (**UAE**)-based Indian customers to open Non-Resident (**NR**) accounts with the Federal Bank in India instantly through the Neo app.

- i. Customers are able to view the balance in their NR accounts with Federal Bank on the Mashreq Neo App.
- ii. Mashreq Neo is a full-service digital bank from Mashreq Bank in Dubai, UAE.

**41. In April 2022, the \_\_\_\_\_ organisation sanctioned an amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for 3 projects under the Agartala Smart City Limited (ASCL).**

- 1) World Bank; Rs 551 crore
- 2) Asian Development Bank; Rs 289 crore
- 3) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; Rs 398 crore
- 4) Asian Development Bank; Rs 551 crore
- 5) World Bank; Rs 289 crore

Answer- **4) Asian Development Bank; Rs 551 crore**

**Explanation:**

The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) sanctioned an amount of \$76.25 million or **Rs 551 crore** for three specific projects under the **Agartala Smart City Limited (ASCL)**.

**Under this, ADB will fund the following:**

- i. 23 kilometres of road by retrofitting 15 stretches at a cost of Rs Rs 444.05 crore (Rs 444,06,70,678.47).
- ii. Revive lakes and water bodies of **Maharaja Bir Bikram College** and its adjoining areas at Rs 30.67 crore (Rs 30,67,94,895.15)

iii. Renovate and restore Ujjayanta Palace and its surrounding at Rs 35.68 crore (Rs 35,68,76,451.07) in the current financial year in a phased manner.

**42. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently (in April '22) signed an agreement with the Government of India to offer a \$2 million project readiness financing (PRF) loan to support urban development projects in which state?**

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Assam

**Answer- 1) Nagaland**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (GoI) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$2 million **Project Readiness Financing (PRF)** loan for the proposed **Nagaland Urban Infrastructure Development Project**.

i. It will design the climate-resilient urban infrastructure, strengthening institutional capacity, and improving municipal resource mobilization in 16 district headquarter towns (DHTs) in Nagaland.

**About Asian Development Bank (ADB):**

**President-** Masatsugu Asakawa

**Headquarters-** Manila, Philippines

**Member Nations-** 68 (Including India)

**43. RBI recently (in April'22) mandated that all Non Banking Financial Companies in the Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) and Middle Layer (NBFC-ML) to Place a Board Policy by \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 1st June 2023
- 2) 30th August 2022
- 3) 1st January 2023
- 4) 30th December 2022
- 5) 1st April 2023

**Answer- 5) 1st April 2023**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) mandates all Non-Banking Financial Companies in the Upper Layer (**NBFC-UL**) and Middle Layer (**NBFC-ML**) shall put in place a Board approved policy by April 1, 2023 and to have independent Compliance Function & to appoint of **Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)** by October 1, 2023.

**44. Which bank celebrated its 128th Foundation Day on 12th April, 2022?**

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

**Answer- 1) Punjab National Bank**



**Explanation:**

Punjab National Bank (**PNB**), a public sector bank, has celebrated its **128th Foundation Day** on **April 12, 2022**. PNB was established in **1894** as the **First Swadeshi Bank** after being influenced by the swadeshi movement.

- i.** Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of PNB launched a cardless cash withdrawal service and a virtual debit card for its users
- ii.** It has also launched digital initiatives such as, Insta Personal Loan to Pensioners, Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) facility on PNB One App, PNB 360 Information Portal for employees, Trade Finance Redefined Portal and Collection of loan EMI through Bharat Bill Pay.

**45. Name the bank that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), GIFT SEZ to promote global and Indian businesses.**

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

Answer- **3) ICICI Bank**

**Explanation:**

**ICICI Bank**, a leading private sector bank in India, has signed an **MoU** with **GIFT SEZ** (Special Economic Zone), India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), located at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- i.** The MoU aims to promote the GIFT SEZ to Indian and international businesses, particularly in the areas of information technology (IT), IT-enabled services (ITeS), and financial services.
- ii.** According to the MoU, ICICI Bank and GIFT SEZ will collaborate to bring global investors and capital market firms to GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to establish Global In-house Centres (GICs).

**46. Recently (in April '22) Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance notification, the Central Government in exercise of the powers has amended acts to enhance authorised the Share Capital of NICL, OICL & UIICs**

**Which of the following is correct according to acts with respect to the increase in Authorised Share Capital:**

- 1. **NICL - Rs 15000 crore**
- 2. **OICL - Rs 7500 crore**
- 3. **UIIC - Rs 5000 crore**

- 1) Only a
- 2) Only b
- 3) Only c
- 4) Only c & b
- 5) Only a & b

Answer- **5) Only a & b**

**Explanation:**

On April 13, 2022, in accordance with the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance notification, the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and sub-

section (6) of section 16 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972 (57 of 1972) amended the acts

General Insurance Companies	Present Authorized Capital	Previous Authorized Capital
NICL	Rs 15,000 crore	Rs 7,500 crore
OICL	Rs 7,500 crore	Rs 5,000 crore
UIC	Rs 7,500 crore	Rs 5,000 crore

**47. Which digital payments platform along with Extreme IX (Internet Exchange) collaborated recently (in April '22) to provide faster digital payment service?**

- 1) Phone Pe
- 2) Google Pay
- 3) Paytm
- 4) Paypal
- 5) Razorpay

Answer- **1) Phone Pe**

**Explanation:**

In a First initiative in digital payments platform, the **Phone Pe** and **Extreme IX** (Internet Exchange) collaborated to provide faster digital payment service to over 370 million PhonePe users by decreasing the latency irrespective of their location or Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

i. The partnership makes PhonePe the first digital platform to participate in an **Internet Exchange** in India.

**48. What is the name of the portal which Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) launched recently (in April '22) exclusively for Business Banking and Corporate Clients?**

- 1) Kotak NYF
- 2) Kotak KOT
- 3) Kotak MBL
- 4) Kotak ATY
- 5) Kotak FYN

Answer- **5) 'Kotak FYN'**

**Explanation:**

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) launched its new enterprise portal '**Kotak FYN**' exclusively for Business Banking and Corporate Clients. The portal can be used to carry out all trade and services transactions.

i. By the last quarter of 2022, the Kotak FYN portal will include services like account services, payments and collections.

ii. To provide customers with a seamless experience in a unified view across all product platforms.

**49. Which company recently (in April'22) became India's first fintech led NBFC factor to receive the Certificate of Registration (CoR) under Registration of Factors (Reserve Bank) Regulations 2022?**

- 1) Opel Finance
- 2) Bajaj Finance
- 3) 121 Finance



- 4) NeelGagan Finance
- 5) Mahindra & Mahindra Finance

Answer- **3) 121 Finance**

**Explanation:**

Jaipur (Rajasthan)-based **121 Finance** becomes **India's first fintech led NBFC** (non-banking financial company)-**Factor** to receive the Certificate of Registration (**CoR**) under Registration of Factors (Reserve Bank) Regulations 2022. i. e , it is the first NBFC to convert from an Investment and Credit Company (ICC) to an NBFC-Factor.

**i.** Under this registration, MSME can sell a receivable invoice to 121 Finance, without any collateral. With this the business can convert these invoices into cash instantly and be free from the management of the receivables.

**50. Which of the following companies recently (in April'22) launched the world's first crypto-backed payment card named 'Nexo Card' along with Nexo company?**

- 1) Mastercard
- 2) American Express
- 3) DiPocket
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- **5) Only 1 & 3**

**Explanation:**

A partnership of London (United Kingdom)-based **Nexo** with **Mastercard**, and **DiPocket** launched the world's first crypto-backed payment card namely '**Nexo Card**' in selected European countries.

**i.** Available both in virtual and physical form, this card allows users to spend without having to sell their digital assets such as bitcoin, which are used as collateral to back the credit granted.

**ii.** Interest remains at 0% for customers who maintain a loan-to-value ratio of 20% or below.

**iii.** Every Nexo Card transaction will get instant crypto cashback up to 2%, paid out in Bitcoin or in Nexo's native NEXO Token.

**51. In April 2022, the central govt. amended Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 to allow \_\_\_\_ of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).**

- 1) 20%
- 2) 10%
- 3) 15%
- 4) 30%
- 5) 40%

Answer- **1) 20%**

**Explanation:**

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (aa) and (ab) of sub-section (2) of section 46 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), the **Central Government** has amended **Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019** with Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 allowing Foreign Direct Investment (**FDI**) in the Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) upto **20%**, and to align with the modified FDI policy.

i. The amendment also allows start-ups to issue convertible notes for a maximum period of 10 years from earlier 5 years.

**52. Which organisation recently (in April'22) created a Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) to help Vulnerable Countries?**

- 1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 2) World Trade Organization
- 3) International Monetary Fund
- 4) Asian Development Bank
- 5) World Bank

Answer- **3) International Monetary Fund**

**Explanation:**

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) has decided to create a new facility named the Resilience and Sustainability Trust (**RST**), which will come into effect on May 01, 2022.

**i. Objective:** To guide low-income and vulnerable middle-income countries in addressing longer-term structural concerns that pose macroeconomic risks, including climate change and pandemics.

**ii.** The aim is to establish a trust with at least USD 45.8 billion in resources in order to balance the demands of potential contributors and borrowers.

**53. Which bank recently (in April '22) raised USD 500 million through the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City branch?**

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

Answer- **3) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

State Bank of India (**SBI**), India's largest commercial bank, has raised **USD 500 million** through a three-year syndicated loan facility, via its International Financial Services Centre (**IFSC**) Gujarat International Finance Tec (**GIFT**) City branch.

**i.** The facility is worth USD 400 million, with a USD 100 million green shoe option.

**ii.** The SBI's Gift City branch has raised its first offshore USD Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) linked syndicated loan.

**54. In April 2022, RBI imposed a monetary penalty of \_\_\_\_\_ on Manappuram Finance Limited for Violating the Know Your Customer (KYC) and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) Norms.**

- 1) Rs 17.63 lakh
- 2) Rs 19.23 lakh
- 3) Rs 25.89 lakh
- 4) Rs 45.26 lakh
- 5) Rs 12.23 lakh

Answer- **1) Rs 17.63 lakh**



**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a **monetary penalty** of **Rs 17.63 lakh** on **Manappuram Finance Limited** for **non-compliance** with certain provisions of the Master Direction on Issuance and Operation of Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) dated October 11, 2017 (updated as on February 28, 2020) and the Master Direction – Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction dated February 25, 2016 (as updated on April 20, 2020).

- i. The penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under **Section 30** of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.
- ii. Recently RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 93 lakh** on **Axis Bank** and **Rs 90 lakh** on **IDBI Bank** and penalty imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of **section 47 A (1) (c)** read with section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act).

**55. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the recent (as of April'22) steps taken by RBI regarding Non-Banking Financial Company-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)?**

- A) RBI notified Large Exposures Framework (LEF) for Non-Banking Financial Company-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) with effect from October 1, 2022.
- B) The sum of all the exposure values of a NBFC-UL, to a single counterparty and to a group of connected counterparties, must not be higher than 30% and 20% respectively.
- C) RBI mandates NBFC-UL to maintain Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital of at least 12% of Risk Weighted Assets as compared to 3.5% for banks.

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

Answer- **1) Only A**

**Explanation:**

RBI notified Large Exposures Framework (LEF) for Non-Banking Financial Company-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) with effect from **October 1, 2022**.

- i. The sum of all the exposure values of a NBFC-UL, to a single counterparty and to a group of connected counterparties, must not be higher than **20%** and **25%**, respectively, of its available eligible capital base at all times.
- ii. RBI mandates NBFC-UL to maintain Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital of at least **9%** of Risk Weighted Assets as compared to **5.5%** for banks.

**56. Which of the following points are "correct" with respect to the recent (in April'22) steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

- A) RBI allowed Rural Cooperative Banks to raise funds from people in their area of operation or existing shareholders through preference shares and debt instruments.
- B) The outstanding amount of Redeemable Non-Cumulative Preference Shares (RNCPS) and Perpetual Debt Instruments should not exceed 50% of total Tier-II capital.
- C) RBI has broadened the scope of exemptions for opening current and CC/OD accounts to allow them to open and operate inter-bank accounts as well as accounts of all India financial institutions (AIFIs).

- 1) Only A

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

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

**Explanation:**

RBI allowed **Rural Cooperative Banks** to raise funds from people in their area of operation or existing shareholders through **preference shares** and **debt instruments** with effect from April 19, 2022.

- i. The outstanding amount of **Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Shares** and **Perpetual Debt Instruments** along with outstanding Innovative Perpetual Debt Instruments (**IPDI**) should **not exceed 35%** of total **Tier-I capital** at any point of time with the maturity period of Perpetual (endless).
- ii. RBI has expanded the scope of exemptions under its circular for “opening of current accounts and cash credit (CC)/overdraft (OD) accounts” by banks, permitting them to open and operate inter-bank accounts and accounts of All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), among others.

**57. Name the bank that recently (on 21st April'22) signed an MoU with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to collect Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes.**

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- 3) Karur Vysya Bank
- 4) DCB Bank
- 5) IDFC First Bank

Answer- **2) Dhanlaxmi Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Dhanlaxmi Bank** has signed an **MoU** with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (**CBDT**) and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (**CBIC**) for collection of Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes.

- i. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorized the Bank to collect various taxes, based on a recommendation by the Controller General of Accounts.
- ii. As a result of this partnership, the customers of Dhanlaxmi Bank will be able to pay their direct taxes and GST payments & other indirect taxes through the branch network and digital platforms of the Bank.

**58. Which payment bank recently (in April '22) launched a fincluvation platform to encourage startups to develop financial products?**

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

Answer- **1) India Post Payments Bank**



**Explanation:**

**India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**, a 100% government-owned entity under the Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications, has launched '**Fincluvation**' – a joint initiative to collaborate with the **Fintech** (financial technology) Start-up Community to co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion.

i. Fincluvation will be an industry-first initiative that will build a robust platform to mobilise the start-up community in the development of meaningful financial products aimed at financial inclusion.

**59. In April 2022, The IFSCA was notified of 'International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, \_\_\_\_\_', a comprehensive regulatory framework for Investment Funds.**

- 1) 2022
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2021
- 4) 2018
- 5) 2019

Answer- **1) 2022**

**Explanation:**

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**), has notified 'International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, **2022**', a comprehensive regulatory framework for Investment Funds in the official gazette on April 19, 2022.

i. The IFSCA has proposed enabling retail closed-ended schemes to invest in unlisted securities, subject to certain conditions, in response to the growing need to make it easier for large investors to participate in private markets.

**60. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the recent (in April'22) steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

**A) RBI mandated non-individual borrowers with exposure of Rs 1 crore and above from Banks and Financial Institutions (FIs) to obtain Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) codes.**

**B) RBI directs the Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) to eliminate honorary positions or titles within one year.**

**C) RBI gave direction to UCBs in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 35A and Section 36(1)(d) of the Bank Regulation ACT, 1949.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

**RBI** mandated non-individual **borrowers** with exposure of **Rs 5 crores and above** from Banks and Financial Institutions (**FIs**) to obtain Legal Entity Identifier (**LEI**) codes.

i. **RBI** directs the Urban Cooperative Banks (**UCBs**) to **eliminate honorary positions or titles** within **one year**.

ii. RBI gave direction to UCBs in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 35A and Section 36(1)(d) of the Bank Regulation ACT, 1949.

**61. The National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) was recently (in April'22) declared that the BHIM UPI is functioning at NEOPAY terminals in which country?**

- 1) Israel
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) Nepal

**Answer- 2) United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

The National Payment Corporation of India's (NPCI) international arm, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), has announced that **BHIM UPI** (Bharat Interface for Money-Unified Payments Interface) has gone operational at **NEOPAY terminals** across the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

i. This initiative will empower Indian tourists to pay at NEOPAY terminals using BHIM UPI, which has become the preferred means of payment for Indian citizens.

**62. In April 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ issued a fine of Rs 2.06 crore on Ravi Narain, former MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).**

- 1) National Securities Depository Limited
- 2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 3) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Reserve Bank of India

**Answer- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India**

**Explanation:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a fine of **Rs 2.06 crore** on **Ravi Narain**, former Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Stock Exchange (NSE) in a case related to governance issues over the appointment of the chief strategic officer at NSE in 2013.

i. In two separate orders, SEBI imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh each on Raxon Strips Ltd and Ritika Enclave Pvt Ltd for non-genuine trades in illiquid stock options on BSE.

**63. Which organisation recently (in April '22) announced the launch of an International Sustainability Platform at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City–International Financial Services Centre (GIFT City IFSC), Gujarat?**

- 1) National Securities Depository Limited
- 2) NSE IFSC Limited
- 3) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Small Industries Development Bank of India

**Answer- 2) NSE IFSC Limited**



**Explanation:**

**NSE IFSC Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), has announced the launch of an **International Sustainability Platform** at **GIFT IFSC** (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City – International Financial Services Centre), Gandhinagar in **Gujarat**.  
**i.** This will be India's first ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) platform, facilitating the listing and trading of a variety of products such as green bonds. It is expected to get operationalised in the second half of 2022, subject to regulatory approvals.

**64. In April 2022, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) approved a grant of \_\_\_\_\_ to Maharashtra government under the SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF) to meet MSMEs' skilled manpower demand.**

- 1) Rs. 600 crores
- 2) Rs. 100 crores
- 3) Rs. 300 crores
- 4) Rs. 500 crores
- 5) Rs. 200 crores

Answer- **1) Rs. 600 crores**

**Explanation:**

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**) has granted the Maharashtra government the first approval under the SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF) of **Rs. 600 crores** to meet the growing demand for skilled labour.

**i.** It has given an in-principle approval for the amount needed to revive and upgrade several Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and polytechnics managed by the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training under the Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Maharashtra.

**65. Which organisation recently (in April '22) imposed penalties of Rs 10 lakh each on four entities for violating marketing norms?**

- 1) National Securities Depository Limited
- 2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 3) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Reserve Bank of India

Answer- **4) Securities and Exchange Board of India**

**Explanation:**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has imposed penalties totalling Rs 40 lakh on 4 entities, a fine of Rs 10 lakh each on HPC Biosciences Limited, Tarun Chauhan, Madhu Anand and Arun Kumar Gupta for failing to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act and public issue norms.

**i.** SEBI has also levied a fine of Rs 5 lakh on Ashish Pandey, who was the CFO of Ricoh India Ltd and company secretary of Fourth Dimensional Solutions Ltd (FDSL) in 2017-18, for violation of market norms in the matter of Ricoh India Ltd.



**66. Which of the following points is “Incorrect” with respect to recent (in April’22) steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

- 1) The RBI issued the RBI (Credit Card and Debit Card) Directions, 2022 in the exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 35A and 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, and Chapter IIIB of the RBI Act, 1934.
- 2) NBFCs should get prior approval from RBI to undertake credit card business with the minimum net owned fund of Rs 100 crore.
- 3) SCBS, other than RRBs, with a net worth of Rs 200 crore can do credit card business either independently or in tie-up arrangement with other card-issuing banks or NBFCs with their board approvals.
- 4) RBI launches the 98th Quarterly Industrial Outlook Survey 2022 to Assess Business Sentiment for the Q1FY23 and expectations for the ensuing Q2FY23 period.
- 5) RBI also launched the 33rd round of the quarterly Services and Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS) 2022.

**Answer- 3) SCBS, other than RRBs, with a net worth of Rs 200 crore can do credit card business either independently or in tie-up arrangement with other card-issuing banks or NBFCs with their board approvals.**

**Explanation:**

Scheduled commercial banks, other than regional rural banks (RRBs), with a net worth of Rs **100 crore and above** can do credit card business either independently or in tie-up arrangement with other card-issuing banks or NBFCs with their board approvals.

- i. The RBI issued the RBI (Credit Card and Debit Card) Directions, 2022 w.e.f 1st July 2022, in the exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 35A and 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, and Chapter IIIB of the RBI Act, 1934.
- ii. NBFCs should get prior approval from RBI to undertake credit card business with the minimum net owned fund of Rs 100 crore.
- iii. RBI launches 98th Quarterly Industrial Outlook Survey 2022 to Assess Business Sentiment for the Q1FY23 and expectations for the ensuing Q2FY23 period.
- iv. RBI also launched the 33rd round of the quarterly Services and Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS) 2022.

**67. Which organisation recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (WBSIDCL) to Develop the MSME Ecosystem in West Bengal?**

- 1) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Reserve Bank of India

**Answer- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**), India’s leading financial institution for the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, has **signed** an **MoU** with West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (**WBSIDCL**).



i. The MoU aims to enhance the eco-system for micro and small firms in West Bengal and was signed during the MSME sectoral session of the Bengal Global Business Summit (**BGBS**), which was held in Kolkata on April 21, 2022.

**68. Which company recently (in April'22) partnered with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to boost its digital transformation?**

- 1) HDFC Cards
- 2) SBI Cards
- 3) American Express
- 4) Visa Inc
- 5) Mastercard

Answer- **2) SBI Cards**

**Explanation:**

Tata Consultancy Services (**TCS**) has signed a deal with SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd. (**SBI Card**), India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, to accelerate SBI Card's digital transformation journey.

i. It will also allow SBI Card to increase its e-card issuance, rewarding customers and giving the company a competitive edge in the market.

**About SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd. (SBI Card):**

**MD & CEO** – Rama Mohan Rao Amara

**Founded** – 1998

**Headquarters** – Gurgaon, Haryana.

**69. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that recently (in April'22) partnered with Kyndryl to provide IT & Digital transformation.**

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

Answer- **1) Suryoday SFB**

**Explanation:**

The **Suryoday** Small Finance Bank (**SSFB**) joined hands with New York, United States (US)-based **Kyndryl**, to provide Digital & IT transformation for a period of 5 years.

i. Under this partnership, Kyndryl will drive bank's Information technology (IT)/Digital transformation program, improve operational efficiency, and increase digital banking adoption among bank's customers.

**70. Which payment Banks recently (in April'22) partnered with IndusInd Bank to provide Fixed Deposit (FD) facility?**

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

**Answer- 3) Airtel Payments Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Airtel Payments Bank** has teamed up with **IndusInd Bank** to provide its customers with a Fixed Deposit (FD) facility.

i. Customers of the Airtel Payments Bank can open FDs starting at Rs. 500 and up to Rs. 190,000 in a few minutes using the Airtel Thanks mobile application and With this collaboration, Airtel Payments Bank's savings account customers will receive an annual interest rate of up to 6.5%, and senior people will receive an additional 0.5% on all fixed deposits.

**71. Which organisation recently (in April '22) partnered with FinMapp company to launch a fixed deposit (FD) feature?**

- 1) Bajaj Finance Ltd
- 2) Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Ltd
- 3) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd
- 4) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd
- 5) Muthoot Finance Ltd

**Answer- 1) Bajaj Finance Ltd**

**Explanation:**

Fintech firm **FinMapp** has collaborated with Pune (Maharashtra)-based **Bajaj Finance Limited** to launch a Fixed Deposit (FD) feature on its application for an improved customer experience.

i. FinMapp offers an interest rate of 7.35% on the FD of app users and Investors can choose from multiple tenures for their FDs viz. 15, 18, 22, 30, 33, and 44 months, or can opt for tenures of one, three, and five years, respectively.

**72. Which company recently (in April'22) introduced contactless RuPay Cards in the form of Keychain along with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Transcorp PPI.?**

- 1) Smallcase
- 2) Zolve
- 3) Cashfree Payments
- 4) Multipl
- 5) Pencilton

**Answer- 5) Pencilton**

**Explanation:**

**Pencilton**, a teen-focused fintech start-up, has launched PencilKey, a National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) compatible RuPay on-the-go contactless keychain for teens, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Transcorp PPI.

i. PencilKey is linked to the PencilCard which is an all-in-one prepaid card, metro card, and bus card.

**73. Which bank recently (in April '22) launched World Gold, a new feature on a mobile banking platform for senior citizens?**

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



Answer- **3) Bank of Baroda**

**Explanation:**

The Bank of Baroda (**BoB**) has launched '**bob World Gold**', a new feature on its 'bob World' mobile banking platform targeted towards seniors and elderly. The bob World Gold feature is available on both Android and iOS.

**i.** It aims to provide customers with a simpler, smarter, more personalised, and senior-friendly banking experience by allowing them to access a variety of banking services digitally in a way that is convenient for them.

**74. Name the organisation that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with the National Insurance Academy (NIA) for capacity building and creating a skilled talent pool.**

- 1) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 2) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- 3) National Securities Depository Limited
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Answer- **2) International Financial Services Centres Authority**

**Explanation:**

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) signed an **MoU** with the Pune-based National Insurance Academy (**NIA**) for capacity building and creating a skilled talent pool.

**i.** This MoU aims to build the required skilled manpower for the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) and improve capacity development in the insurance sector.

**ii.** To address the needs of IFSC insurance firms, IFSCA has already signed an MoU with the Insurance Institute of India (III).

**75. Which bank recently (in April '22) launched "India's 1st Open-For-all" digital ecosystem for MSMEs in India?**

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

Answer- **1) ICICI Bank**

**Explanation:**

**ICICI Bank** has launched India's First 'Open-For-All' digital ecosystem with an open architecture to empower all Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India, including customers of other banks, by integrating banking services with value-added offerings.

**i.** The ecosystem is supported by three pillars: Enhanced banking services for existing customers, A variety of banking services to MSMEs, who are customers of other banks & A wide range of added-value services for everyone

**76. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) recently (in April'22) reduced the time taken for allotment & listing of REITs (real estate investment trusts) and InvITs (infrastructure investment trusts) from 12 days to \_\_\_\_ days.**

- 1) 4 days
- 2) 6 days
- 3) 8 days
- 4) 10 days
- 5) 5 days

**Answer- 2) 6 days**

**Explanation:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has reduced the time taken for allotment and listing of **REITs** (real estate investment trusts) and **InvITs** (infrastructure investment trusts) after the closure of issue **6 working days**, against the current requirement of 12 working **days**. This will be applicable from June 1, 2022.

**i.** For InvITs, this decision has been taken in exercise of the powers conferred under Regulation 16(9) and 33 of SEBI (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, and Section 11(1) of the SEBI, 1992.

**ii.** For REITs, it has been taken in exercise of the powers under Regulation 16(1) and 33 of SEBI (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 and Section 11(1) of the SEBI, 1992.

**77. To which bank, the RBI recently (in April 22) imposed a penalty of Rs 1.12 crore for non-compliance related to certain directions issued under the Know Your Customer (KYC)?**

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

**Answer- 4) Bank of Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**RBI** has imposed a monetary **penalty of Rs 1.12 crore** on the Bank of Maharashtra (**BoM**), a Public Sector Bank, for non-compliance pertains to certain directions issued under the Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, of 2016.

**i.** This penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with sections 46 (4) (i) and 51 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act).

**ii.** RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Haryana State Co-operative Apex Bank Limited for non-compliance with its directions on Housing Finance and also imposed a penalty of Rs 12 lakh to Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Limited for non-compliance with 'Interest Rate on Deposits.



# ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

**1. According to India Ratings and Research (in March'22), India's GDP growth for FY23 is expected to be \_\_\_\_\_, down from an earlier projection of 7.6%.**

- 1) 7- 7.2%
- 2) 7.3- 7.5%
- 3) 6.8- 7.0%
- 4) 6.9- 7.1%
- 5) 7- 7.1%

Answer- **1) 7- 7.2%**

**Explanation:**

India Ratings and Research (**Ind-Ra**) downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product (**GDP**) growth forecast for FY23 to **7-7.2%** from an earlier estimate of 7.6% amid Russia-Ukraine conflict.

This revision is based upon the Ind-Ra's two scenarios regarding FY23 Economic Outlook, both with a half cost pass-through into the domestic economy.

**Scenario-One: Crude oil price is assumed to be elevated for 3 months in FY23:**

- Ind-Ra expects GDP to grow 7.2% YoY (Year-on-Year) in FY23
- Size of the Indian economy in FY23 will still be 10.6%
- Retail inflation to average around 5.8% in FY23

**2. Which institute's Centre for Digital Transformation recently (in March'22) launched a Retail Tech Consortium to improve collaboration among retail technology firms in India?**

- 1) IIM Ahmedabad
- 2) IIM Lucknow
- 3) IIM Indore
- 4) IIM Kozhikode
- 5) IIM Bangalore

Answer- **1) IIM Ahmedabad**

**Explanation:**

The Centre for Digital Transformation at the Indian Institute of Management (**IIM**) **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat has set up a Retail Tech Consortium and plans to collaborate with several retail and technology firms in India.

Flipkart has joined as a principal partner for the inaugural year of the consortium.

**3. As per Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI's) Economic Outlook Survey (as of April'22), India's Gross Domestic Product is expected to grow at \_\_\_\_\_ in FY23.**

- 1) 7.6%
- 2) 7.0%
- 3) 6.8%
- 4) 6.9%
- 5) 7.4%

Answer- **5) 7.4%**

**Explanation:**

**FICCI** (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) released its Economic Outlook Survey projecting India's annual median Gross Domestic Product (**GDP**) at **7.4%** in **FY23** with a minimum growth estimate of 6% and maximum of 7.8%.

**4. As per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (in April'22), India's trade deficit increased to \_\_\_\_\_ in FY22 from \$102.63 billion in FY21.**

- 1) \$112.34 billion
- 2) \$105.27 billion
- 3) \$192.41 billion
- 4) \$158.43 billion
- 5) \$163.87 billion

Answer- **3) \$192.41 billion**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the preliminary data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, **India's trade deficit** increased by 87.5% to **\$192.41 billion** in FY22 as against \$102.63 billion in FY21.

- i.** This is due to the record high imports of \$610.22 billion because the value of inbound petroleum shipments nearly doubled as compared to a year earlier.
- ii.** The value of total goods exported witnessed 43.18% growth to a record \$417.81 in FY22, along with an increase in imports by 54.71% to \$610.22 billion. This left a trade gap of \$192.41 billion.
- iii.** The trade deficit in March 2022 was \$18.69 billion.

**5. According to the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022-Mobilizing Taxes for Development by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), India's economic growth (as of April'22) was projected at \_\_\_\_\_ in FY22.**

- 1) 7.4%
- 2) 7.0%
- 3) 7.2%
- 4) 7.5%
- 5) 8.0%

Answer- **4) 7.5%**

**Explanation:**

The Manila (Philippines)-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its flagship 'Asian Development Outlook (**ADO**) 2022-Mobilizing Taxes for Development', projected India's economic growth at **7.5%** in **FY22** and 8% in **FY23**.

- i.** While **South Asian** economies collectively will grow at 7% in 2022 and **7.4%** in **2023**. It will be followed by Southeast Asia with 4.9% and East Asia with 4.7% in 2022.
- ii.** Inflation in India will be at 5.8% in 2022 and 5% in 2023.

**6. As per the Ministry of Commerce & Industry data (in April'22), India's agriculture exports products crossed the \_\_\_\_\_ mark in FY22, which is the highest ever for the 1st time.**

- 1) USD 20 billion
- 2) USD 70 billion
- 3) USD 50 billion
- 4) USD 30 billion



5) USD 40 billion

Answer- **3) USD 50 billion**

**Explanation:**

**Exports of agricultural products** from India surpassed the **USD 50 billion** mark for the first time during the financial year 2021-22 (**FY22**), owing to significant growth in sugar, rice, wheat, and other cereals exports.

**i.** The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**, has released the provisional figures stating that agricultural exports rose to USD 50.21 billion in 2021-22, which is 19.92%.

**ii.** The highest ever exports have been achieved for staples like Rice (USD 9.65 billion), wheat (USD 2.19 billion), Sugar (USD 4.6 billion) and other cereals (USD 1.08 billion).

**7. Which of the following companies recently (in April '22) announced a joint venture for green hydrogen business in India?**

1) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

2) Larsen & Toubro

3) ReNew Power

4) Only 1 & 3

5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOCL**), Larsen & Toubro (**L&T**), and ReNew Power ("**ReNew**") have signed a binding term sheet for the formation of a **Green Hydrogen Joint Venture (JV)** company to develop, execute & own green hydrogen assets in India

**i.** The 3 companies will hold equal stakes in the proposed Green Hydrogen JV.

**ii.** Additionally, IOCL and L&T have signed a binding term sheet to form a JV with equity participation to manufacture and sell Electrolyzers used in the production of Green Hydrogen.

**8. Which country's Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) to boost the Semiconductor ecosystem?**

1) United States

2) Germany

3) France

4) Indonesia

5) Singapore

Answer- **1) United States**

**Explanation:**

India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (**IESA**) and United States' Semiconductor Industry Association (**SIA**), have signed an **MoU** in order to foster collaboration and identify potential opportunities between the two countries' Semiconductor ecosystem.

**i.** The MoU will assist both the countries in Semiconductor related matters by co-organising meetings between the member companies in order to promote cooperation on issues of mutual interest.

**About India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA):**

**Chairperson** – Rajeev Khushu

**Headquarters** – Bangalore, Karnataka

**Report** – India Semiconductor Industry Report along with India Brand Equity Foundation

**9. In April 2022, the World Trade Organization (WTO) revised its forecast for global trade growth for 2022 to \_\_\_\_ from 4.7%.**

- 1) 3.5%
- 2) 3.7%
- 3) 4.5%
- 4) 4.2%
- 5) 3%

Answer- **5) 3%**

**Explanation:**

The World Trade Organisation (**WTO**), in its annual report on trade statistics and outlook, declined its projection for global merchandise trade volume growth (in volume) for **2022** to **3%** from **4.7%** amid the Ukraine-Russia War.

**i.** In 2023, it expects merchandise trade volume growth of 3.4%.

**ii.** World GDP at market exchange rates is expected to grow by 2.8% in 2022, down 1.3 percentage points from the previous forecast of 4.1%. Growth should pick up to 3.2% in 2023.

**10. According to the World Bank's Reshaping norms: A new way forward – South Asia Economy Focus-Spring 2022 report, India's GDP for FY23 was reduced to \_\_\_\_ from 8.7%.**

- 1) 8.6%
- 2) 8.2%
- 3) 8%
- 4) 8.3%
- 5) 8.5%

Answer- **3) 8%**

**Explanation:**

The **World Bank** in its report titled 'Reshaping norms: A new way forward – South Asia Economy Focus-Spring 2022, which primarily focuses on South Asian economy, has downgraded **India's** Gross Domestic Product (**GDP**) prediction for the financial year 2022–23 (**FY23**) to **8%** from **8.7%** due to Russia-Ukraine war.

**i.** In addition, the World Bank has lowered its growth forecast for South Asia, excluding Afghanistan, by 1% point to 6.6% in 2022 and estimated a 6.3% growth for 2023.

**11. According to the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's retail inflation rose to \_\_\_\_ in March 2022.**

- 1) 2.45%
- 2) 3.24%
- 3) 6.95%
- 4) 4.23%
- 5) 5.23%

Answer- **3) 6.95%**



**Explanation:**

The National Statistical Office (**NSO**) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (**MoSPI**) has released two key economic statistics, that revealed

- i. Retail inflation in India**, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased to **6.95%** in **March 2022**.
- ii.** Manufacturing output of India, measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (**IIP**), witnessed a growth of **1.7%** in **February 2022**.
- iii.** The high rate of inflation in March 2022 was due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

**12. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reduced India's GDP to \_\_\_\_\_ from 9% in FY23, according to the World Economic Outlook (WEO) report.**

- 1) 5.4%
- 2) 9.2%
- 3) 7.5%
- 4) 8.2%
- 5) 6.5%

Answer- **4) 8.2%**

**Explanation:**

In its latest World Economic Outlook (**WEO**) report, the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) lowered India's growth forecast to **8.2%** for the current financial year 2022-23 (**FY23**), down from a previous estimate of **9%** in January 2022.

- i.** It cited Russia's invasion of Ukraine has had an influence on prices and supply chains.
- ii.** India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to drop to 6.9% in 2023-24 (FY24) from 7.1% (Predicted by IMF in January 2022).

**13. Which country's central bank recently (in April '22) included a new payment system, "Hello," in the national register of credit institutions?**

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

Answer- **4) Russia**

**Explanation:**

The Central Bank of the **Russian Federation**, also known as the Bank of Russia, has included a new payment system, "**Hello**", into the national register of credit institutions.

- i.** Hello is a set of payment services and institutions that enable money transfer transactions. The payment system, operated by Hello LLC, was registered on 15th April 2022.

**14. Name the institute that recently (in April'22) signed an agreement with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) to develop Green Hydrogen Technology.**

- 1) IIT- Ropar
- 2) IIT- Bombay
- 3) IIT- Guwahati
- 4) IIT- Kanpur

5) IIT- Madras

Answer- **2) IIT- Bombay**

**Explanation:**

Larsen & Toubro (**L&T**) signed a pact with Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Bombay**, Maharashtra to co-research and develop green hydrogen technology.

i. Under this partnership, L&T will utilize its engineering expertise, product scale-up and commercialization know-how, while IIT Bombay will use its cutting-edge research in hydrogen technologies and world-class technologists to develop indigenous globally-competitive technologies.

**15. Which company recently (in April '22) signed an agreement for USD 2 billion with Abu Dhabi Chemicals Derivatives Company RSC Limited (TA'ZIZ) for the TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC project?**

- 1) Aditya Birla Group
- 2) Larsen & Toubro
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited
- 5) Adani Group

Answer- **4) Reliance Industries Limited**

**Explanation:**

Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) has signed a formal shareholder agreement for over USD 2 billion with Abu Dhabi Chemicals Derivatives Company RSC Limited (**TA'ZIZ**) for the joint venture, TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC project, a world-scale chemical production partnership at the TA'ZIZ Industrial Chemicals Zone in Ruwais, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE).

i. TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC joint venture(JV) will construct and operate a Chlor-Alkali, Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) and Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) production facility with a total investment of USD 2 billion (United Arab Emirates Dirham (AED) 7.34 billion).

**16. In April 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st Indian company to reach the market capitalization (m-cap) of Rs 19 lakh crore.**

- 1) Wipro
- 2) Reliance Industries Limited
- 3) Hindustan Unilever
- 4) Infosys
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer- **2) Reliance Industries Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** became the 1st Indian company to reach the Rs 19 lakh crore market valuation mark.

i. RIL has achieved the feat after market heavyweight stock increased 1.85% to its record high of Rs 2,827.10 on the BSE.

**17. Which organisation recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with Energy Vault Holdings to develop Gravity-Based Energy Storage Technology?**

- 1) Gail India
- 2) Bharat Petroleum Limited
- 3) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation



- 4) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 5) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

Answer- **5) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

The **NTPC Limited** (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) inked an **MoU** with the **Energy Vault Holdings, Inc.** (Incorporated), to deploy the firm's EVx™ gravity-based energy storage technology and software solutions to support the state-run power generation company's clean energy transition.

i. The MoU aims to collaborate and formalise a long-term strategic partnership for deployment of Energy Vault's EVx™, a gravity-based energy storage technology and software solutions, based on the outcome of a joint feasibility study.

## **MoUs AND AGREEMENTS**

**1. Which company recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with Tawazun Economic Council (TEC), UAE to explore new business opportunities in the field of defence?**

- 1) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- 2) DRDO
- 3) Bharat Electronics Ltd
- 4) ISRO
- 5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

Answer- **1) Bharat Dynamics Ltd**

**Explanation:**

Bharat Dynamics Limited (**BDL**) and Tawazun Economic Council (**TEC**), United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), exchanged an MoU to explore new business opportunities in various areas of mutual interest in the field of defence.

i. Both BDL and TEC will work together to identify different business opportunities and assess the viability and feasibility of jointly implementing them in the field of co-development, co-production, establishment of joint ventures and supply of military products as well as licensed production.

**About Bharat Dynamics Limited:**

**Chairman and Managing Director** – Commodore Siddharth Mishra (Retd.)

**Headquarters** – Hyderabad, India

**2. In April 2022, the Leh administration announced it is set to sign a tripartite agreement with the Wildlife and Tourism departments to develop \_\_\_\_ as a Dark Sky Sanctuary.**

- 1) Himya
- 2) Anlay
- 3) Bazgoo
- 4) Changa
- 5) Hanle

Answer- **5) Hanle**

**Explanation:**

The Leh administration is set to sign a tripartite agreement to develop **Hanle** as a Dark Sky Sanctuary. The Leh Hill Council, Wildlife and Tourism departments will jointly develop the area for Astro Tourism.

i. The declaration of Hanle as a dark sky sanctuary was announced during the high-level meeting by Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary (Planning, Development and Monitoring Department), Ladakh.

**3. In April 2022, India's Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement with Dan Tehan, \_\_\_\_\_ Trade Minister.**

- 1) France
- 2) Germany
- 3) Russia
- 4) Australia
- 5) Sri Lanka

Answer- **4) Australia**

**Explanation:**

India's Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Australian Trade Minister Dan Tehan signed **India- Australia** Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA) in a virtual ceremony with the presence of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and Australian PM Scott Morrison.

i. The above agreement is set to provide zero-duty access to 96 per cent of India's exports to Australia including shipments from key sectors such as engineering goods, gems and jewellery, textiles, apparel and leather.

**About India & Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA):**

- i. This is the first trade agreement that India has signed with a developed country after a decade.
- ii. Also, India will be offering 70 percent of its tariff lines, which includes export interest of Australia such as raw materials and intermediaries such as coal, mineral ores and wines etc.
- iii. Australian goods exports to India (valued at more than \$12.6 billion a year), rising to almost 91 per cent (valued at \$13.4 billion) over 10 years.

**4. Which state's cabinet recently (in April '22) approved an MoU with the French Development Agency for biodiversity conservation?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Odisha
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **1) Assam**

**Explanation:**

The **Assam** Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma approved an MoU between the environment and forest department of the State and Agence Francaise de Development (**French Development Agency**), a French funding agency, to foster bilateral dialogue in the field of environment.

i. The MoU will enhance cooperation between the forest department and international stakeholders of Africa, Asia and France regarding biodiversity conservation in the Indo-Pacific region.



ii. The cabinet also approved raising Rs 170.15 crore as loan assistance from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for 15 projects of the Public Works Department (Roads).

**5. Which state/UT recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to promote commerce education among students for a period of 5 years?**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **2) Jammu and Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has signed an **MoU** with the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir (DSEK), for promoting Commerce Education among students of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for a period of five years.

**About Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI):**

**President** – CA Debashis Mitra

**Established in-** 1949

**Headquarters** – New Delhi

**6. Name the state that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with Samsung Data System India and Abhitech IT Solutions to set up a world-class "Sports Digital Experience Centre."**

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Manipur
- 5) Assam

Answer- **4) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

The government of **Manipur** signed an **MoU** with **Samsung Data System India Pvt Ltd & Abhitech IT Solutions Pvt Ltd** to set up a world-class "**Sports Digital Experience Centre**" as a part of Manipur Olympian Park and Khuman Lampak Sports Complex in Imphal.

**i.** It is estimated that the construction of Manipur Olympian Park at Sangaitel, would be completed within 100 days.

**ii.** The statues of the 19 Olympians will be installed as a mark of honour for their dedication in the field of games and sports.

**iii.** Achievements of other players will also be displayed at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex.

**7. Name the company that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with NTPC Limited to blend the green hydrogen in Piped Natural Gas (PNG).**

- 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 2) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd
- 3) Indraprastha Gas Ltd

4) Mahanagar Gas Ltd

5) Gujarat Gas Ltd

Answer- **5) Gujarat Gas Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**NTPC Limited** (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) signed an MoU with Gujarat Gas Limited (**GGL**), India's largest City Gas Distribution (CGD) Company at NTPC Kawas, Gujarat office. The agreement was signed for the blending of **green hydrogen** in Piped Natural Gas (**PNG**).

- i. The project is the first of its kind in India and a step toward the decarbonization of the cooking sector and achieving self-sufficiency in the energy requirements.
- ii. Green hydrogen will be produced by using electricity from the existing 1 MW floating solar project of NTPC Kawas.

**8. Which company recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) to convert civil passenger aircraft to "Multi Mission Tanker Transport" (MMTT) aircraft in India?**

1) Indian Space Research Organisation

2) Bharat Dynamics

3) Defence Research and Development Organisation

4) Bharat Electronics

5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

Answer- **5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**

**Explanation:**

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) signed an **MoU** with Israel Aerospace Industries (**IAI**) to convert civil passenger aircraft to "Multi Mission Tanker Transport" (MMTT) aircraft in India. It also promotes "Atmanirbhar Bharat".

- i. HAL will convert civil aircraft into mid-air refuelling aircraft with cargo and transport capabilities.

**Aircraft Carrier Used:**

- The aircraft used in the conversion to tankers is Boeing 767 passenger aircraft.
- Boeing 767 is being used as it has a specialised fuel tanker called KC-46 Pegasus.

**9. In April 2022, Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) signed an MoU with the Jharkhand government to set up the Industrial Training Institute (ITI).**

**In which city of Jharkhand, the Industrial Training Institute to be set up to provide training in technical and vocational courses to students?**

1) Chirkunda

2) Deoghar

3) Chandil

4) Giridih

5) Ramgarh

Answer- **3) Chandil**

**Explanation:**

Tata Steel Foundation (**TSF**) signed an MoU with the **Jharkhand government** to set-up the Industrial Training Institute (**ITI**) at **Chandil** in the Seraikela-Kharsawan district, Jharkhand.

- i. The objective was to shape more young talents of Jharkhand and make them industry ready.



ii. The proposed ITI at Chandil will offer training in both technical and vocational courses, with an initial intake of 100 students and will begin functioning from 2023 academic session.

**About Jharkhand:**

**Capital** – Ranchi

**Chief minister** – Hemant Soren

**10. Name the company that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to support the FinTech ecosystem in GIFT IFSC.**

- 1) Nexus Venture Finance Limited
- 2) Gujarat Venture Finance Limited
- 3) Sequoia Capital Limited
- 4) Blume Ventures Finance Limited
- 5) Matric Ventures Finance Limited

**Answer- 2) Gujarat Venture Finance Limited**

**Explanation:**

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and GVFL Limited (formerly Gujarat Venture Finance Limited) have signed an MoU for cooperation and collaboration to support and facilitate the Financial Technologies (FinTech) ecosystem in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT), India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

i. The MoU focuses on the collaboration between IFSCA and GVFL Limited for the exchange of information and undertaking diverse initiatives as regards the FinTech industry, including holding seminars, webinars, conferences, etc., for the growth of FinTech in the GIFT IFSC.

**About International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA):**

**Chairperson**– Injeti Srinivas

**Headquarters**– GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**11. In April 2022, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed an MoU with the National Remote Sensing Centre -ISRO to develop the Bhuvan-Aadhaar portal to provide information and locations of Aadhaar centres across India.**

**Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 5) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

**Answer- 5) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology**

**Explanation:**

An MoU was signed between Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) under the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** (MeitY), New Delhi (Delhi), and the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Hyderabad, Telangana for technical collaboration.

i. As part of the new arrangement, NRSC will develop the Bhuvan-Aadhaar portal, which will provide information and locations of Aadhaar centres across India.

ii. The Bhuvan-Aadhaar portal will also allow residents to look for appropriate Aadhaar centres by location, according to their needs and it will provide complete geographic information storage,

retrieval, analysis, and reporting for Aadhaar centres, with a high-resolution backdrop of natural-colour satellite images.

**12. Which company recently (on April 22nd) signed an agreement with Ohm Clean Tech Private Limited to promote hydrogen mobility solutions in Northeast India?**

- 1) Oil India Limited
- 2) Hindustan Petroleum Limited
- 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 4) Bharat Petroleum Limited
- 5) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Answer- **1) Oil India Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Oil India Limited** (OIL) and Ohm Clean Tech Private Limited – a Hydrogen Fuel related start-up, inks an Incubation agreement for Design, Integration and Development of 9-M (metre) Hydrogen Fuel Cell powered e-bus and a Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carrier (LOHC) solution.

i. The Startup will be nurtured and mentored by Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-Guwahati).

**About Oil India Limited (OIL):**

**Headquarters** – Nodia, Uttar Pradesh.

**Chairman & Managing Director** – Sushil Chandra Mishra.

**13. Which organisation recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with SJVN Limited to Develop Renewable Projects for Indian Railways?**

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) Railway Energy Management Company Limited
- 3) Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

**SJVN** (Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam) **Limited**, a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Government of India has signed an MoU with engineering firm **BHEL** (Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited) and **REMC Limited** (Railway Energy Management Company) to develop renewable energy projects for the Indian Railways.

i. The signing of the MoU would bring in a new age of more efficient power consumption in the Indian Railways, as well as more competitive tariffs for the benefit of consumers.

ii. According to the MoU inked, all parties will collaborate to harness their core strengths in project development to establish renewable energy projects for Indian Railways.

**14. Name the state government that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU to set up a renewable energy plant and green hydrogen plant.**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Uttarakhand



5) West Bengal

Answer- **2) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The **Odisha** Government and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (**BPCL**) inked an **MoU** for a period of five years to set up a **renewable energy plant** and **green hydrogen plant** providing Round the Clock (RTC) power for consumers for both domestic consumption and export.

**i.** The MoU was signed between Bhupendra Singh Poonia, Managing Director, Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (IPICOL) and Amit Garg, Executive Director Renewable Energy, BPCL.

**About Odisha:-**

**Governor** - Ganeshi Lal

**Capital** - Bhubaneswar

**15. Which state government recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with the Thailand government to Promote Trade and Investment Promotion?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **4) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

The Industries & Commerce Department of the **Government of Telangana** and the Ministry of Commerce, the **Royal Thai** government have signed an MoU to promote trade and investments between Telangana and Thailand. KT Rama Rao, Telangana's Minister for Information Technology and Jurin Laksanawisit, Thailand's Minister of Commerce were virtually present to sign the MoU.

**i.** The MoU will kickstart the cooperation between Telangana and Thailand in Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Startups through the business incubator and innovation ecosystem "T-Hub" and "Thaitrade.com" of Thailand with the "GlobalLinker" of Telangana.

**16. Which institute recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to accelerate the indigenisation efforts of the IAF to achieve ATMA Nirbhar Bharat?**

- 1) IIT-Delhi
- 2) IIT-Kharagpur
- 3) IIT-Guwahati
- 4) IIT-Madras
- 5) IIT-Kanpur

Answer- **4) IIT-Madras**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Air Force (**IAF**) and Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT-M**) inked an **MoU** aimed for various developmental projects to support the IAF's Indigenisation efforts for achieving 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

**i.** Under the MoU the IAF identifies areas of Technological development and indigenous solutions towards sustenance of various weapon systems.

**17. Which country recently (in April'22) signed a 7-MoU for a project under the Indian Grant Assistance Scheme to implement a High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP)?**

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Australia

Answer- **2) Maldives**

**Explanation:**

India and **Maldives** signed seven MoUs for projects to be built under the Indian grant assistance scheme for the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) through local bodies.

**i.** These projects are worth a total grant of 26.8 million Rufiyaa (equivalent to approximately USD 1.7 million), and will promote health, sports, youth empowerment & heritage preservation along with socio-economic development of Maldives.

**ii.** This signing of MoU was on the lines of the announcement made during the official visit of India's Union Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to Addu City, Maldives in March 2022.

**18. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the recent (in April'22) MoUs were signed by Indian Organisations/Institute/Ministry?**

**A) The Indian Navy and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed an MoU for nurturing and inducting various technological domains into the Indian Navy.**

**B) The Naval Institute of Educational and Training Technology (NIETT) and Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM-B) inks MoU to exchange best practices in various fields.**

**C) Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Ministry of AYUSH signed 2 MoU to start Ayurveda Centres & AFMS military hospitals.**

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

Answer- **2) Only C**

**Explanation:**

The **Indian Navy** and Larsen and Toubro (**L&T**) signed an **MoU** for nurturing and inducting various technological domains into the Indian Navy.

**i.** The Naval Institute of Educational and Training Technology (**NIETT**) and Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (**IIM-K**) inks MoU to exchange of best practices in the field of instructional leadership, educational psychology, and management for 3 years with provision of extension.

**ii.** Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) and **Ministry of AYUSH** signed **2 MoU** to start Ayurveda Centres & AFMS military hospitals.

**19. Which organisation recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for the Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)?**

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Asian Development Bank



- 3) United Nations Environment Programme
- 4) World Health Organization
- 5) United Nations Development Programme

Answer- **5) United Nations Development Programme**

**Explanation:**

The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj (**MoPR**) and the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) signed an MoU to collaborate in the areas of knowledge sharing and strengthening monitoring mechanisms for the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**i.** The MoU was signed by the Secretary in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj Sunil Kumar and UNDP resident representative Shoko Noda on the final day of the Iconic Week Programme organised as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations.

**20. Which state's Disaster Management Authority recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) to develop a regional level Early Warning System (EWS) for rainfall and landslides?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Tripura

Answer- **3) Sikkim**

**Explanation:**

The **Sikkim** State Disaster Management Authority and the Geological Survey of India (**GSI**) inked an **MoU** to develop a regional level Early Warning System (**EWS**) which predicts excessive rainfalls resulting in landslides.

**i.** The objective of the MoU is to create a Disaster resilient ecosystem to save lives of people from natural disasters with the support of relevant and timely data from the GSI.

**ii.** The GSI has mapped around three lakh square-kilometres of land across 17 states, including Sikkim for their landslide susceptibility, providing 60 to 70 percent accurate forecast.

**21. Name the state government recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre(NIXI-CSC) to establish an international standard Data Centre.**

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

Answer- **1) Tripura**

**Explanation:**

The government of **Tripura** has signed an **MoU** with NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre(**NIXI-CSC**), a joint venture of the National Internet Exchange of India (**NIXI**) and CSE e-governance services Ltd, to establish an **international standard Data Centre** at Indranagar, headquarters of IT Bhavan, Tripura.

**i.** Tripura government also launched a new scheme "Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Incentive Scheme (**TIIPIS**), 2022" to boost the industrial development of Tripura for the next 5 years.

ii. Capital Investment Subsidy for MSME on fixed capital investment, maximum limit of subsidy is Rs 100 Lakhs for non-thrust sector enterprises and Rs 125 Lakhs for thrust sector enterprises.

**22. Name the Institute that recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO) to Conduct R&D on India's Power Sector.**

- 1) IIT-Guwahati
- 2) IIT-Kharagpur
- 3) IIT-Bombay
- 4) IIT-Delhi
- 5) IIT-Madras

Answer- **4) IIT-Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The Northern Regional Load Despatch Centre (**NRLDC**) of Power System Operation Corporation Limited (**POSOCO**) and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (**IIT-D**) signed an **MoU** to encourage research and development on issues related to India's power sector and strengthen interaction between the academia and industry.

i. The MoU aimed at strengthening industry-academia interaction with goals of knowledge sharing and capacity building through collaboration.

**23. Which state recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with the Netherlands for the "Cosmos Malabaricus Project" to illustrate the history of the state?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **5) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

The **Kerala government** has signed an **MoU** with the **Netherlands** for the '**Cosmos Malabaricus Project**', which aims to illustrate the historical significance of Kerala using the 18th century documents. In addition, the agreement aims to establish painting academics in Kerala's Kollam and Malappuram.

i. The Cosmos Malabaricus project is being jointly implemented by the Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR), the National Archives, and the Leiden University in the Netherlands.

**24. Which organisation/Institute recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology ( iCreate) for India's Tech strength?**

- 1) IIT- Kharagpur
- 2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 3) IIT- Bombay
- 4) NITI Aayog
- 5) IIT- Delhi

Answer- **2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**



**Explanation:**

The Chief Minister of Gujarat Bhupendra Patel, presided over the MoU signing between the Gujarat Government's Technology Incubator, **iCreate** (International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**) (Government of India's Premier Research and Development body) intends to foster rapid economic development and help create world class start-ups by harnessing the country's technological strength.

**About Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR):**

**President** – Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

**Director General**- Dr. Shekhar C. Mande

**Headquarter** – New Delhi, Delhi

**25. In April 2022, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Himachal Pradesh government signed an MoU to develop the Nagchala Airport in \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Kangra
- 2) Mandi
- 3) Shimla
- 4) Kullu
- 5) Rampur

Answer- **2) Mandi**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (**MoCA**) and Government of Himachal Pradesh (**HP**) signed an MoU to develop a Greenfield Airport with the project cost of **Rs 900 crore** (excluding land) in **Nagchala, Mandi district** of Himachal Pradesh.

**i.** The development of the Greenfield Airport at Nagchala, HP will be through a Joint Venture Company (JVC) between the AAI and Govt. of HP and the Airport will be developed with the proposed runway of 3,150 metres for which approximately 515 acres of land is required.

**26. Which state's Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation recently signed an MoU with the National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) for the Development of Ropeways under the Parvatmala Yojana?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation H.P. (**Himachal Pradesh**) Limited (**RTDC**) and National Highways Logistic Management Limited (**NHLML**) signed an MoU for the development of seven ropeways projects for a total length of 57.1 Kilometre under **Parvatmala Yojana** at a total cost of Rs. 3,232 crore in Himachal Pradesh.

**i.** The Initial phase will begin with the feasibility study of **seven ropeways projects** in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts of HP.

ii. The National Ropeways Development Programme – “**Parvatmala**” to improve connectivity and provide ecologically sustainable transport in place of conventional roads in the hilly areas and the **Nodal Ministry** is Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (**MoRTH**).

**27. Which organisation recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with Equinor ASA for exploration and production (E & P) and clean energy projects?**

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Limited
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- 3) Hindustan Petroleum Limited
- 4) Oil India Limited
- 5) Indian Oil Corporation

Answer- **2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (**ONGC**) has signed an **MoU** with **Equinor ASA** (formerly Statoil and StatoilHydro), for collaboration in oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) as well as exploring clean energy projects for a period of two years during a visit of high-level delegation from Norway to India in New Delhi.

i. The MoU aimed for collaboration with each other in the field of Upstream (extracting oil and gas from ground), Midstream (safe transportation to plant) and Downstream (converting the resources into final products) exploration of Oil and Natural Gas.

**28. Name the state government that recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with Google to develop a digital economy for youth and women entrepreneurs.**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **3) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

**Google** signed an **MoU** with the **Telangana** government to develop the digital economy and it has been focused on the change in youth, students, citizen services and women entrepreneurs.

i. Google will collaborate with the government to extend the scholarships for Google Career Certificates to Telangana's youth and support women entrepreneurs through digital, Business and Financial skills training.

**29. Which ministry recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) for the Modernisation of Telecommunication for Public Safety and Security?**

- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Railways
- 3) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 4) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 5) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer- **2) Ministry of Railways**



**Explanation:**

The **Ministry of Railways** and the Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**) signed an **MoU** for coordination and resource sharing with respect to provision of telecommunication facilities in the delivery and implementation of C-DOT's Telecom solutions and services in Indian Railways.

i. The C-DOT and Ministry of Railways will work on modernisation of telecommunication in Indian Railways for public safety and security using Long Term Evolution for Railways (LTE-R).

**30. Name the institute that recently (in April '22) signed an MoU with the African Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO) to Promote Sustainable Agriculture in 33 Members of AARDO.**

- 1) IIM- Bangalore
- 2) IIM- Amritsar
- 3) IIM- Ahmedabad
- 4) IIM- Indore
- 5) IIM- Kozhikode

Answer- **5) IIM- Kozhikode**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (**IIM-K**) and African Asian Rural Development Organisation (**AARDO**) have signed an **MoU** to promote and collaborate in research, consultancy, technical and knowledge assistance in promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development practices in the 33 members nations of AARDO. The 33 members of the AARDO include 31 countries in the Asian-African region.

i. This MoU will enable IIM-K and AARDO to work on their mutual interest in agriculture and sustainable rural development in AARDO member countries,

**31. Which state's MSME and Textiles department recently (in April'22) signed an MoU with Flipkart to Support Artisans, Weavers, and Handicraft Makers?**

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

Answer- **2) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**Flipkart** has signed an **MoU** with the **West Bengal government's** Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Textiles (**MSME&T**) **Department** to support and train local artisans, weavers and handicraft makers to leverage its e-commerce platform to boost their businesses nationally.

i. This MoU has been signed under Flipkart's Samarth programme, to provide time-bound incubation support and training benefits to underserved communities.

# APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

**1. Who was recently (in March'22) appointed as the Prime Minister of Malta for the 2nd term?**

- 1) Robert Abela
- 2) Joseph Muscat
- 3) Lawrence Gonzi
- 4) Alfred Sant
- 5) Dom Mintoff

Answer- **1) Robert Abela**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister of Malta, **Robert Abela**, the Leader of the **Labour Party** has won the 2022 General Elections and was sworn in for a 2nd term as the Prime Minister (PM) of Malta.

**i.** Robert Abela's Labour Party won the general election with 55.1% of the vote, against the Nationalist Party's (PN) 41.7%. This is the third consecutive general election win of the Labour Party since 2013.

**ii.** In January 2020, He took office as the 14th Prime Minister of Malta and served till 2022.

**About Malta(Republic of Malta):**

**President**- Dr George Vella

**Currency**- Euro

**Capital**- Valletta

**2. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed to the high-level expert group on net-zero emissions commitments of non-state entities by the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres?**

- 1) Arunabha Ghosh (India)
- 2) V. Sharma (India)
- 3) Kofi A. Annan (Ghana)
- 4) Vinay Mohan (Singapore)
- 5) T. S. Tirumurti (India)

Answer- **1) Arunabha Ghosh (India)**

**Explanation:**

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres appointed **Arunabha Ghosh (India)** to an **High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments** of Non-State Entities. Dr Ghosh will be among three Asians (and the only South Asian) serving on the expert group.

**i.** He is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), a climate and energy think tank and he has been appointed to the Government of India's G20 Finance Track Advisory Group for India's G20 Presidency in 2023.

**ii.** High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities **chaired** by **Catherine McKenna**, former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

**3. In April 2022, Anthony Heredia was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of which company?**

- 1) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Ltd
- 2) Mahindra Manulife Investment Management Pvt. Ltd
- 3) DSP Investment Management Pvt. Ltd
- 4) Baroda Asset Management India Ltd



5) HDFC Asset Management Ltd

Answer- **2) Mahindra Manulife Investment Management Pvt. Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**Anthony Heredia** was appointed as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of **Mahindra Manulife Investment Management Private Limited** (Formerly known as Mahindra Asset Management Company Private Limited) with effect from 1st April 2022. He will succeed Ashutosh Bishnoi, who retired on 31st March 2022.

i. The appointment was announced by Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund/Mahindra Manulife Investment Management Pvt. Ltd.

ii. Anthony Heredia has served as the CEO of BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited from August 2021 to February 2022.

**4. Who was recently (in March'22) appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of 'FedEx' by replacing Frederick W Smith?**

- 1) Sabeer Bhatia
- 2) Shalabh Kumar
- 3) Sant Singh Chatwal
- 4) Raj Subramaniam
- 5) Vinod Khosla

Answer- **4) Raj Subramaniam**

**Explanation:**

The Indian-American, **Raj Subramaniam** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of world's largest express transportation company 'FedEx' by replacing Frederick W Smith.

i. He joined FedEx in 1991 in marketing roles later appointed as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer and he was elected to the FedEx Board of Directors in 2020 and served as the President and CEO of FedEx Express (subsidiary) Canada.

**5. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the Director-General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) by succeeding R. S. Garkhal?**

- 1) S Raju
- 2) Rajendra Singh
- 3) V. P. Sondhi
- 4) B. C. Roy
- 5) M. S. Krishnan

Answer- **1) S Raju**

**Explanation:**

**Dr. S Raju** was appointed as the Director General (**DG**) of Geological Survey of India (**GSI**) in Kolkata, West Bengal. He succeeded R. S. Garkhal who superannuated on 31st March 2022.

i. Prior to this appointment, he was holding the post of Additional Director General and National Head of Mission-III & IV at GSI.

**About Geological Survey of India (GSI):**

**Established-** 1851

**Headquarters-** Kolkata, West Bengal

**6. Who recently (in April'22) became the Prime Minister (PM) of Hungary for the 4th consecutive time?**

- 1) Gordon Bajnai
- 2) Ferenc Gyurcsany
- 3) Peter Medgyessy
- 4) Gyula Horn
- 5) Viktor Orban

Answer- **5) Viktor Orban**

**Explanation:**

**Viktor Orban** was re-elected **Prime Minister of Hungary** for the **fourth time** in a row, in the General Election of 2022. His nationalist ruling Fidesz party has defeated the opposition, the United for Hungary party (a six-party opposition bloc), led by Peter Marki-Zay.

**About Hungary:**

**President** – Janos Ader

**Prime Minister** – Viktor Orban (Head of Government)

**Capital** – Budapest

**Currency** – Forint (HUF) (HUF – Hungarian Forint)

**7. India has secured a leadership position in the Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).**

**Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the vice-chair of the committee from India for the years 2023 and 2024?**

- 1) Manoj Anand
- 2) Manish Sinha
- 3) S. Niranjana
- 4) Dilip Padhye
- 5) Aprajita Sharrma

Answer- **5) Aprajita Sharrma**

**Explanation:**

**India** has secured a leadership position in the Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations(UN) specialized agency for information and communication.

i. **Aprajita Sharrma**, an Indian Post & Telecommunication Accounts and Financial Services (**IP&TAFS**) officer was appointed as the **vice-chair** of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management at the ITU at Council meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland from 21st March to 31st March 2022.

ii. She will remain as **vice-chairperson** of the Council Standing Committee for the years **2023 and 2024** and its chairperson for the years 2025 and 2026.

iii. At present, Aprajita Sharrma serves as the Deputy Director General (DDG), Budget and Public Enterprise Finance in the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

**8. Who recently (in April'22) got re-elected as the "President of Serbia" for the second term?**

- 1) Sasa Jankovic
- 2) Nenad Canak
- 3) Zdravko Ponos



- 4) Vuk Jeremic
- 5) Aleksandar Vucic

Answer- **5) Aleksandar Vucic**

**Explanation:**

**Aleksandar Vucic** was re-elected as the **President of Serbia** for the **second term** by winning the presidential election 2022 in Serbia. He belongs to the Serbian Progressive Party (SNS). He defeated his Opposition presidential candidate Zdravko Ponos, a retired army general, while his United for Victory alliance obtained 13.1%.

**i.** He is a politician by profession, serving as the president of Serbia since 2017 and as the president of the Serbian Progressive Party (**SNS**) since 2012.

**ii.** He served as the Prime Minister of Serbia for two terms, from 2014 to 2016 and from 2016 until 2017, as well as the deputy prime minister from 2012 until 2014.

**About Serbia:**

**Capital**- Belgrade

**Currency**- Serbian dinar

**9. Name the Bollywood actor who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the brand ambassador of PharmEasy's new campaign called "#GharBaitheBaitheTakeItEasy campaign".**

- 1) Ranveer Singh
- 2) Aamir Khan
- 3) Shahid Kapoor
- 4) Salman Khan
- 5) Akshay Kumar

Answer- **2) Aamir Khan**

**Explanation:**

**PharmEasy**, a consumer healthcare app & brand managed by API Holdings Limited., has appointed bollywood actor **Aamir Khan** as the brand ambassador of its new campaign –

**#GharBaitheBaitheTakeItEasy campaign**, conceptualised by FCB India.

**i.** PharmEasy's Television commercials(TVCs) featuring Aamir Khan will also be a part of the Indian Premier League(IPL) campaign 2022.

**10. Who was recently (in April'22) nominated as "caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan" by Imran Khan, PM of Pakistan who failed to prove the majority in the parliament?**

- 1) Ijazul Ahsan
- 2) Yahya Afridi
- 3) Sheikh Riaz Ahmad
- 4) Munib Akhtar
- 5) Gulzar Ahmed

Answer- **5) Gulzar Ahmed**

**Explanation:**

Pakistan's Prime Minister (**PM**) **Imran Khan** nominated former Chief Justice of Pakistan, **Gulzar Ahmed** as **caretaker Prime Minister**.

**i.** The decision to nominate Caretaker PM is due to the resignation of Imran Khan, as he failed to prove the majority in the parliament and the Deputy Speaker dismissed the no-confidence motion and later the parliament was dissolved by the President.

**Note-** Gulzar Ahmed was sworn in as the 27th chief justice of Pakistan in 2019 till 2022.

**11. Who was recently (in April'22) re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DCB Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for 2 years w.e.f 29th April 2022?**

- 1) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 2) Rupa Devi Singh
- 3) N C Kaushal
- 4) Mohan Rao Manduva
- 5) Murali M. Natrajan

**Answer- 5) Murali M. Natrajan**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) re-appointed **Murali M. Natrajan** as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **DCB Bank** for a further period of **two years** from 29 April 2022 to 28 April 2024.

**i.** The re-appointment is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the bank.

**ii.** Murali M. Natrajan was appointed as MD and CEO of DCB Bank in May, 2009.

**About DCB Bank:**

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Founded-** 1930

**12. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the Chief Coordinator of the G20 Summit 2023 from India?**

- 1) Sujatha Singh
- 2) Ranjan Mathai
- 3) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- 4) Nirupama Rao
- 5) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

**Answer- 5) Harsh Vardhan Shringla**

**Explanation:**

Foreign Secretary **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** has been appointed as the **Chief Coordinator** of the **G20 Summit**, which will be hosted by India in 2023. His appointment is effective from May 01, 2022, and he will hold the post till December 2023.

**i.** Shringla, who will step down as Foreign Secretary on April 30, 2022, will be succeeded by Vinay Mohan Kwatra, who is currently India's ambassador to Nepal.

**ii.** India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 and will host the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in 2023.

**13. Name the personality who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the world's first independent expert for human rights and climate change by the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).**

- 1) Trevor Houser
- 2) Ian Fry
- 3) Noella Gray



- 4) Gary Bull
- 5) Michael Baram

Answer- **2) Ian Fry**

**Explanation:**

As a part of the 49th session, The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has appointed Tuvalu negotiator Dr **Ian Fry** for the post of United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change.

- i. Ian Fry is the world's 1st independent expert for human rights and climate change. He has been appointed for a period of three years.
- ii. Ian Fry, who holds both Australian and Tuvaluan nationality, will be the first to hold the post.

**14. Who recently (in April 22) replaced Harsh Vardhan Shringla as Foreign Secretary of India with effect from 30th April, 2022?**

- 1) Sujatha Singh
- 2) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- 3) Ranjan Mathai
- 4) Nirupama Rao
- 5) Vijay Keshav Gokhale

Answer- **2) Vinay Mohan Kwatra**

**Explanation:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the appointment of **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** as the **new Foreign Secretary of India replacing** the current foreign secretary, **Harsh Vardhan Shringla**, who will superannuate on 30th April 2022.

- i. At present, Kwatra is serving as India's Ambassador to Nepal in Kathmandu, since March 2020. He will take charge as foreign secretary on 30th April 2022.

**15. Who was recently (in April '22) appointed as the 23rd Prime Minister (PM) of Pakistan by securing 174 votes out of 342?**

- 1) Raja Pervaiz Ashraf
- 2) Shahid Khaqan Abbasi
- 3) Mian Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif
- 4) Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain
- 5) Shaukat Aziz

Answer- **3) Mian Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif**

**Explanation:**

The National Assembly of Pakistan, elected Mian Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif as 23rd Prime Minister (PM) of Pakistan. Shehbaz Sharif, President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party secured 174 votes out of 342 (Whereas a winning candidate needs to get only 172 votes).

Following which a No-Confidence Motion was raised and removed Imran Khan from the office of Prime Minister, which makes Imran Khan becoming the First PM in Pakistan's history to get removed by No-Confidence motion.

**16. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?**

- 1) Arvind Saxena
- 2) Deepak Gupta
- 3) Alka Sirohi
- 4) Manoj Soni
- 5) Vinay Mittal

Answer- **4) Manoj Soni**

**Explanation:**

Eminent scholar-academician **Dr Manoj Soni** has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (**UPSC**), India's premier government recruiting agency.

**i.** His tenure as the Chairman will end on **27th June 2023** and he has been appointed to **replace** UPSC Chairman **Pradip Kumar Joshi**. Prior to this appointment, he was serving as a Member of UPSC.

**Awards & Recognition:**

- "Honorary Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge" by the Mayor-President of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, United States of America(USA) in 2013.
- World Education Congress Global Award for Distance Learning Leadership from Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, London, the United Kingdom(UK) in 2015.

**17. Name the Padma awardee who recently (in April '22) was appointed as the chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH).**

- 1) Tara Jauhar
- 2) Dilip Shahani
- 3) Mahesh Verma
- 4) Dhaneswar Engti
- 5) Raghuvendra Tanwar

Answer- **3) Mahesh Verma**

**Explanation:**

Padma Awardee **Dr Mahesh Verma** has been **appointed** the new chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare providers (**NABH**).

**i.** He is serving as the vice-chancellor of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi. NABH is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI). He is also the Professor Emeritus at Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences.

**ii.** He received the **Padma Shri** in **2014** for **Medicine**. He is also a recipient of Dr B. C. Roy Award and the National Science and Technology award.

**18. Recently (in April '22) who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Karnataka Brain Health Initiative?**

- 1) Robin Uthappa
- 2) Suresh Raina
- 3) Rishab Pant
- 4) Saurav Ganguly
- 5) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer- **1) Robin Uthappa**



**Explanation:**

The Karnataka Health Department on April 15, 2022, has appointed Indian Cricket Player **Robin Uthappa** as the brand ambassador for Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KA-BHI) (Launched in January 2022).

i. The KA-BHI was launched by the State government in association with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, NITI Aayog and National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (**NIMHANS**), Bangalore, Karnataka.

**19. Which Indian Cricketer Recently (in April '22) appointed as the brand ambassador for Lloyd?**

- 1) Suresh Raina
- 2) Rishab Pant
- 3) Saurav Ganguly
- 4) Sachin Tendulkar
- 5) Rahul Dravid

Answer- **3) Saurav Ganguly**

**Explanation:**

Lloyd, one of the consumer durable brands of major electrical goods brand – Havells India, has endorsed former Indian cricket team captain and current Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President, **Sourav Ganguly** as the Brand Ambassador of Lloyd for markets in eastern part of India.

**20. In April 2022, the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) extended the service of Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), until \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) June 2024
- 2) May 2023
- 3) April 2025
- 4) June 2023
- 5) August 2025

Answer- **2) May 2023**

**Explanation:**

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the **extension** of service to **Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas**, Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission (**AEC**), for a period of 1 year beyond 3rd May 2022, i.e., upto **3rd May 2023**.

i. This is the **2nd** extension for Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas, who has been serving as the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission since September 2018.

ii. In May 2021 his term was extended for a period of 1 year, i.e., upto 3rd May 2022.

**21. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the 29th Chief of Army Staff (COAS) w.e.f from May 2022?**

- 1) Deepak Kapoor
- 2) Vijay Kumar Singh
- 3) Bikram Singh
- 4) Dalbir Singh Suhag
- 5) Manoj Chandrashekhar Pande

Answer- **5) Manoj Chandrashekhar Pande**

**Explanation:**

**Government of India** has appointed Vice Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant (Lt) **General Manoj Chandrashekhar Pande** as **29th** Chief of Army Staff (**COAS**).

i. He will **succeed** General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** on **May 1, 2022**.

ii. Lt General Pande is currently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff since February 1 2022 and he will be the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the COAS.

**About Indian Army:-**

**Headquarters** – Integrated Defence Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi

**Commander-in-Chief** – President Ram Nath Kovind

**22. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Digit Insurance?**

- 1) Kamesh Goyal
- 2) Jasleen Kohli
- 3) Atish Mathur
- 4) Vijay Kumar
- 5) Jayanth Kohli

Answer- **2) Jasleen Kohli**

**Explanation:**

**Digit Insurance**, one of India's fastest-growing private general insurers, has appointed Jasleen Kohli as the new Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of the company effective from 20 April, 2022.

i. Kohli will take over from Vijay Kumar, who has held the position since the company was founded in 2017, and will retire on April 19, 2022.

**About Digit Insurance:**

**Chairman** – Kamesh Goyal

**Headquarters** – Bengaluru, Karnataka

**23. Which country's president, Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, recently resigned from his position under Saudi Arabia's pressure?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) Yemen
- 3) Bahrain
- 4) Oman
- 5) Qatar

Answer- **2) Yemen**

**Explanation:**

**Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi**, President of **Yemen** has stepped down under **pressure** from **Saudi Arabia**. At present, President Hadi is under de-facto house arrest. He announced a new **8-member presidential** leadership council and transferred his powers to the council headed by Rashad Al-Alimi, former interior minister.

i. He also removed **Vice President** Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar from his position and reassigned his responsibilities to the new council.

ii. The Cabinet headed by Prime Minister (**PM**) Khaled Bahah has also handed in its resignation to President Hadi.



**24. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) recently (in April'22) reconstituted its 7-member Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS).**

**The ALeRTS committee will be headed by whom?**

- 1) Puneet Narang
- 2) Rohan Rao
- 3) Sunil Bajpai
- 4) Subir Saha
- 5) Madhabi Puri Buch

**Answer- 3) Sunil Bajpai**

**Explanation:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has **reconstituted** its Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS). The **7-member committee** will be headed by **Sunil Bajpai**, former Principal Advisor (Information Technology) of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

**About ALeRTS:**

The SEBI constituted the seven-member ALeRTS in December 2021 chaired by Madhabi Puri Buch, who is currently serving as the Chairperson of SEBI.

**25. In April 2022, Patrick Achi was reappointed as the Prime Minister of which country?**

- 1) Ivory Coast
- 2) Senegal
- 3) Ghana
- 4) Ireland
- 5) Mali

**Answer- 1) Ivory Coast**

**Explanation:**

Alassane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire, **reappointed Patrick Achi** as the new Prime Minister (PM) of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

**i.** Since 2000, Patrick Achi has held several key positions in successive governments of Côte d'Ivoire and was appointed as the Prime Minister on March 26, 2021 following the death of his predecessor Hamed Bakayoko.

**ii.** Later he resigned on April 13, 2022 following the President's will to carry out a reorganisation of the government.

**26. Name the Padma awardee who was recently (in April '22) appointed as Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India for 3 years.**

- 1) Ajay Kumar Sood
- 2) Aditya Prasad Dash
- 3) K Vijay Raghavan
- 4) Subbanna Ayyappan
- 5) Moti Lal Madan

**Answer- 1) Ajay Kumar Sood**

**Explanation:**

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Eminent Prof. and Padma awardee, Ajay Kumar Sood (AK Sood) as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the

Government of India (**GoI**) for a **period of 3 years** with effect from the date he assumes charge of the post, or until further orders.

**i.** He will succeed renowned biologist K Vijay Raghavan, who retired on 2nd April 2022.

**ii.** Ajay Kumar Sood, the Honorary Professor of the Department of Physics · Indian Institute of Science(IISc), Bengaluru and he is also a member of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (**PM-STIAC**).

**iii.** He was honoured with the **Padma Shri** in **2013** for science and Engineering.

**27. Who was recently (in April '22) named as the Asia-Africa Consortium (AAC) – Global Peace Ambassador 2022?**

- 1) Dia Mirza
- 2) Babita Singh
- 3) Vityala Yethindra
- 4) Prem Rawat
- 5) Ashok Amritraj

Answer- **2) Babita Singh**

**Explanation:**

Indian Born, Serial Entrepreneur **Babita Singh** has been named as the **Asia Africa Consortium (AAC) – Global Peace Ambassador 2022** for promoting Peace through Education, Sports, Art, Culture & Diplomacy at the India International Conclave 2022, organised in collaboration with AAC, on 16th April 2022 in Shangrila, New Delhi, Delhi.

**i.** The award was conferred by H.E. Prof Dr Zahid Haque Ambassador At Large to Asian region from the Kingdom of Hawai'i and Secretary General of World Sports Alliance(WSA).

**28. Name the Nobel Peace Prize laureate who recently (in April'22) won the Presidential Elections of Timor-Leste/East Timor 2022 for the 2nd time.**

- 1) Taur Matan Ruak
- 2) Jose Ramos-Horta
- 3) Xanana Gusmao
- 4) Francisco Guterres
- 5) Vicente Guterres

Answer- **2) Jose Ramos-Horta**

**Explanation:**

Nobel Peace Prize laureate **José Ramos-Horta** has won the **2022** Presidential Elections of Timor-Leste, or **East Timor** (former Portuguese colony) to become the president for the 2nd Time. He will be sworn into office on **20th May 2022**, which marks the 20th anniversary of East Timor's independence.

**i.** According to the Secretariat for Electoral Administration (**STAE**), he secured 62.09%, **against** incumbent **President Francisco Guterres**, popularly known as **Lú-Olo**, who secured 37.91% of the vote.

**ii.** José Ramos-Horta won the **Nobel Peace Prize** in **1996** for their work toward a just and peaceful solution to the conflict in East Timor. He shared the prize with Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo.



**29. Who was recently (in April '22) appointed as a member of the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) for 3 years by the Government of India?**

- 1) C Muhammed Faizi
- 2) M. A. Golandaz
- 3) Salamat Ullah
- 4) AP Abdullakutty
- 5) Maqsood Ahmed Khan

**Answer- 1) C Muhammed Faizi**

**Explanation:**

In the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3, 4, 5 and 6 read with Section 15 (1) of the Haj Committee Act 2002(35 of 2002), The Government of India (**GoI**) has appointed **C Muhammed Faizi** as a **member** of the Haj Committee of India (**HCoI**), a statutory body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, under sub-section (11), of Section 4 of Haj Committee Act 2022, for a period of **3 years up to 31st March 2025** with effect from 21st April 2022.

**i.** The Ministry of Minority Affairs is the nodal ministry to conduct the Haj pilgrimage in India.

**30. Who was recently (in April'22) appointed as the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog with the effect from 1st May 2022?**

- 1) Ravi Kumar
- 2) Suman K Bery
- 3) VK Saraswat
- 4) Amitabh Kant
- 5) Rajiv Kumar

**Answer- 2) Suman K Bery**

**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) appointed Economist **Suman K Bery** as the **Vice-Chairman** of **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India). He will take charge on May 1, 2022 & will succeed Rajiv Kumar who will step down on April 30, 2022.

**i.** The committee also appointed Suman K Bery initially as Full-Time Member, NITI Aayog with immediate effect and up to April 30, 2022.

**ii.** Suman K Bery will be the 3rd vice-chairman of the NITI Aayog in less than 8 years.

**31. Who was recently (in April'22) re-appointed as the "President of France" for the 2nd term?**

- 1) Marine Le Pen
- 2) Emmanuel Macron
- 3) Jacques Chirac
- 4) Francois Hollande
- 5) Nicolas Sarkozy

**Answer- 2) Emmanuel Macron**

**Explanation:**

The French President **Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron** belongs to La République En Marche! (The Republic On The Move) party got re-elected as the **French President** after defeating his far-right rival Marine Le Pen in a runoff election (Second Round) held on April 24, 2022, making Macron the **first French President** to get re-elected in last 20 years, before which only two Presidents have been re-elected for the second term.

**32. In April 2022, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) restructured its Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC). The committee will be chaired by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Arun Raste
- 2) Vikram Limaye
- 3) Anuj Kumar
- 4) Prabhas Kumar Rath
- 5) M S Sahoo

Answer- **5) M S Sahoo**

**Explanation:**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has restructured its Market Data Advisory Committee (**MDAC**) which recommends policy measures pertaining to areas like securities market data access and privacy.

**i.** The restructured committee will be chaired by **Dr M S Sahoo**, Distinguished Professor at National Law University, Delhi (**NLU**) and **former chairperson** of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (**IBBI**).

**ii.** The restructured committee will **now** have **21 members**. Previously the committee had 20 members.

**iii.** The committee recommends appropriate policy for access to securities market data for both transactions and disclosures.

**33. Who recently (in April'22) became the Prime Minister (PM) of Slovenia?**

- 1) Janez Jansa
- 2) Marjan Sarec
- 3) Miro Cerar
- 4) Alenka Bratusek
- 5) Robert Golob

Answer- **5) Robert Golob**

**Explanation:**

The Liberal Freedom Movement Party's **Robert Golob** defeated three-time Prime Minister (PM) Janez Janša belonging to Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS) in the **Slovenian Parliamentary Elections held** on April 24, 2022.

**i.** The Freedom Movement Party which won 40 seats out of 90 seats in the Slovenian Parliament will form a coalition with the Social Democratic Party with 7 seats and the Left Party to form Government, creating a broad coalition of left-leaning parties.

**34. Name the organisation that recently (in April'22) appointed "Krishnan Ramanujam" as its Chairperson for the years 2022-23.**

- 1) Infosys
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services
- 3) ASSOCHAM
- 4) FICCI
- 5) NASSCOM

Answer- **5) NASSCOM**



**Explanation:**

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (**NASSCOM**), has **appointed Krishnan Ramanujam**, President, Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), as its **Chairperson** for the period **2022-23** by succeeding **Ms. Rekha M. Menon**, who served as Chairperson of NASSCOM for the year 2021 – 2022.

i. NASSCOM also announced the appointment of Anant Maheshwari, President of Microsoft India as its Vice Chairperson for 2022-23.

**35. In April 2022, Ashwin Yardi was appointed as the Co-Chair of UNICEF's YuWaah Board. Ashwin Yardi is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO-India) of which company?**

- 1) Deloitte
- 2) Capgemini
- 3) IBM
- 4) Cognizant
- 5) Accenture

Answer- **2) Capgemini**

**Explanation:**

**Ashwin Yardi**, Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) of **Capgemini** in **India** has been Appointed as **Co-Chair of UNICEF's YuWaah** Board, Generation Unlimited India, the India chapter of Generation Unlimited, effective immediately.

i. Ashwin Yardi will be a co-chair along with of YuWaah Board along with Yasumasa Kimura, UNICEF India Representative a.i.

**36. In April 2022, "Bruce de Broize" was appointed as Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- 2) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance
- 3) Future Generali India Life Insurance
- 4) HDFC Standard Life Insurance
- 5) Exide Life Insurance

Answer- **3) Future Generali India Life Insurance**

**Explanation:**

**Generali Asia** has **appointed Bruce de Broize** as Managing Director(**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) of Future Generali India Life Insurance (**FGILI**) backed by Generali and Future Group. Bruce de Broize takes over from **Miranjit Mukherjee** who has been serving as the interim CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance since September 2021.

i. He is currently serving as the Regional Head of Distribution, Asia in Generali.

**37. Who was recently (in April' 22) appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a 2nd Term?**

- 1) R. S. Katheria
- 2) Buta Singh
- 3) P. L. Punia
- 4) Vijay Sampla
- 5) Suraj Bhan

Answer- **4) Vijay Sampla**

**Explanation:**

**Vijay Sampla**, Former Union Minister of State(MoS) for Social Justice and Empowerment, has been appointed as the **Chairperson** of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (**NCSC**) for a 2nd time. He assumed the charge as Chairman of NCSC on 24th April 2022.

- i. Ram Nath Kovind, President of India, issued the official order of this appointment.
- ii. Initially, in February 2021, **Vijay Sampla** was appointed as the Chairman of the NCSC and Ahead of the Punjab Elections he resigned from his post and contested in the polls.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**1. Who recently (in March'22) won the Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2022 for his work to quantify environmental evaporation?**

- 1) Sandra Postel
- 2) John Cherry
- 3) Jackie King
- 4) Wilfried Brutsaert
- 5) Bruce Rittmann

Answer- **4) Wilfried Brutsaert**

**Explanation:**

On the occasion of World Water Day 2022 (22nd March), Professor Emeritus **Wilfried Brutsaert** was **named Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2022** for his work to quantify environmental evaporation. He is a Professor in Engineering Emeritus at Cornell University, United States of America.

- i. The Stockholm Water Prize instituted in 1991 is often described as the Nobel Prize, and the Prize is awarded by Stockholm International Water Institute(SIWI) in cooperation with the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

**2. Which bank was recently (in April '22) adjudged as the "Best Performing Bank" in Self-Help Group Linkage by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development?**

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

Answer- **4) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

HDFC Bank Limited (**HDFC Bank**) has been adjudged Best Performing Bank in Self Help Group (**SHG**) Linkage by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (**DAY-NRLM**), Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**), Government of India at the event organised at the Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. HDFC bank is the only private bank to be honoured with the award for their contribution in SHGs by NRLM.



ii. Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development presented the award to K Venkatesh, Head of Sustainable Livelihood Initiative of HDFC Bank.

**3. As per Hurun Richest Self-Made Women In The World 2022 released by Hurun Research Institute, Falguni Nayar of Nykaa secured \_\_\_\_\_ in the global list, while \_\_\_\_\_ tops the list.**

- 1) 8th; Wang Laichun (Luxshare)
- 2) 5th; Wu Yajun (Longfor)
- 3) 10th; Wang Laichun (Luxshare)
- 4) 6th; Fan Hongwei (Hengli Petrochemical)
- 5) 10th; Wu Yajun (Longfor)

Answer- **5) 10th; Wu Yajun (Longfor)**

**Explanation:**

According to the list of Hurun Richest Self-Made Women In The World 2022 released by the Hurun Research Institute. **Falguni Nayar**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Nykaa, is ranked **10th** with a wealth of USD 7.6 billion. She is the only Indian among the top 10.

i. Top 3 on the list:**Wu Yajun** co-founder of Longfor(China has topped the list followed by Fan Hongwei, Chairman/President, Hengli Petrochemical Co Ltd(China) and Wang Laichun of Luxshare Precision Industry(China).

ii. Radha Vembu, co-founder & product manager of Zoho is the second-richest self-made woman billionaire in India with US\$3.9bn & ranked 25th in the global list.

**4. Who recently (in March'22) won Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Mediaperson 2021?**

- 1) Vidya Munshi
- 2) Aarefa Johari
- 3) Nidhi Razdan
- 4) Rana Ayyub
- 5) Madhu Trehan

Answer- **2) Aarefa Johari**

**Explanation:**

A journalist from Mumbai, **Aarefa Johari** was awarded with the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Mediaperson 2021. It was announced by the Media Foundation.

**About Chameli Devi Jain Award:**

i. It is the annual prestigious recognition in the field of Journalism for women journalists in India who have reported on themes such as social development, politics, equity, gender justice, health, war and conflict, and consumer values.

ii. Chameli Devi Jain was a freedom fighter and a community reformer. She became the first Jain woman to go to prison during India's independence struggle.

**5. Which of the following points is "Incorrect" with respect to the 64th Annual Grammy Awards 2022?**

- 1) The 64th Annual Grammy Awards 2022 were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States of America for the first time.
- 2) Jon Batiste (America) has won 5 Grammys and Olivia Rodrigo (America) has won 3 awards under various categories.



3) Indian-Australian singer Janaki Easwar won her first-ever Grammy award in the Best Children's Music Album category for "Ocean Eyes."

4) The Indian music composer Ricky Kej, along with American musician Stewart Copeland, won the Grammy for Best New Age Album for "Divine Tides."

5) Arooj Aftab became the first Pakistani woman artist to win a Grammy. She won the Grammy in the Best Global Performance category for her song Mohabbat.

**Answer- 3) Indian-American singer Janaki Easwar won her first-ever Grammy award in the Best Children's Music Album category for "Ocean Eyes."**

**Explanation:**

Indian-American singer **Falguni Shah** won her **first-ever Grammy** award in the Best Children's Music Album category for "**A Colorful World.**"

- The 64th Annual Grammy Awards 2022 were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA for the first time.
- Jon Batiste (America) has won 5 Grammys, which include, Album of The Year for his Long Play (LP) We Are; Best American Roots Performance for Cry; Best American Roots Song for Cry; Best Score Soundtrack for Visual Media for Soul and Best Music Video for Freedom.
- Olivia Rodrigo (America) has won 3 awards including the Best New Artist and she has also won the Best Pop Vocal Album for "Sour" and Best Pop Solo Performance "Drivers License."
- The Indian music composer Ricky Kej, along with American musician Stewart Copeland, won the Grammy for Best New Age Album for "Divine Tides." This marks Ricky Kej's 2nd Grammy award.
- Arooj Aftab became the first Pakistani woman artist to win a Grammy. She won the Grammy in the Best Global Performance category for her song Mohabbat.

**6. As per the 36th Forbes World's Billionaires List 2022, Mukesh Ambani from India secured \_\_\_\_\_ rank globally with a net worth of USD 90.7 billion, while \_\_\_\_\_ tops the list with a net worth of USD 219 billion for the 1st time.**

- 1) 8th; Jeff Bezos
- 2) 10th; Elon Musk
- 3) 6th; Bill Gates
- 4) 8th; Elon Musk
- 5) 10th; Jeff Bezos

**Answer- 2) 10th; Elon Musk**

**Explanation:**

Forbes has released the 36th annual ranking of billionaires across the globe, Forbes World's Billionaires List 2022, featuring **Elon Musk** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tesla and SpaceX has **topped the list** with a net worth of USD 219 billion for the **first time**, followed by the founder of Amazon, Jeff Bezos, and Bernard Arnault, CEO of LVMH Moët Hennessy – Louis Vuitton SE.

**i. India's Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the **only** Indian among the **top 10** on the list and secured **10th ranked** on the list with a net worth of USD 90.7 billion

**ii. Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited(RIL) has topped the Forbes list of **India's 10 Richest Billionaires 2022** followed by Gautam Adani, head of Adani Group, with a net worth of USD 90 billion and Shiv Nadar, Chairman Emeritus of HCL Technologies with a net worth of USD 28.7 Billion.



**7. According to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index (as of 2nd April'22), who became India's and Asia's richest person by surpassing Mukesh Ambani while Elon Musk tops the index?**

- 1) Lakshmi Mittal
- 2) Radhakishan Damani
- 3) Gautam Adani
- 4) Shiv Nadar
- 5) Cyrus Poonawalla

**Answer- 3) Gautam Adani**

**Explanation:**

According to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index, as of 2nd April 2022, **Gautam Adani**, Founder and Chairman of the Adani Group joined the USD 100 billion club and surpassed Mukesh Ambani to **become India's and Asia's richest person.**

**i. Elon Musk**, CEO of Tesla **topped the index** with a net worth of USD 273 billion followed by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos with USD 188 billion.

**ii. Gautam Adani** has ranked **10th** on the Index. So far, His wealth has increased by 23.5 billion in 2022 and Mukesh Ambani's net worth stands at USD 99 billion at 11th rank with an increase of USD 9.03 billion so far this year.

**8. Which bank's mobile app recently (in April'22) received the Digital CX Awards 2022 for 'Outstanding Digital CX – SME Payments'?**

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

**Answer- 3) IndusInd Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Indus Merchant Solutions, a mobile app for merchants of **IndusInd Bank** received the 'Outstanding Digital CX – SME Payments' award at the Digital CX Awards 2022.

The Digital CX Awards is organized by Digital Banker, a globally trusted financial news service provider.

**About 'Indus Merchant Solutions' :**

**i.** It was launched in November 2021.

**ii.** It is a mobile application (app) to enable merchants, retailers, and professionals to various facilities.

**9. Who recently (in April'22) got selected for the Saraswati Samman 2021 for his Hindi Poetry collection titled "Mein to Yahan Hun"?**

- 1) Ramdarash Mishra
- 2) Vasdev Mohi
- 3) K Siva Reddy
- 4) Sharankumar Limbale
- 5) Padma Sachdev

**Answer- 1) Ramdarash Mishra**

**Explanation:**

India's noted poet and litterateur Professor **Ramdarash Mishra** has been selected as the recipient of the **Saraswati Samman 2021** for his Hindi Poetry collection titled "**Mein to Yahan Hun**". The book was first published in 2015.

i. The recipient of the Saraswati Samman 2021 is selected by a selection committee headed by Dr Subhash C Kashyap, former secretary-general of the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

**About Saraswati Samman:**

i. Saraswati Samman, one of India's most prestigious literary awards, was instituted in 1991 by KK Birla Foundation.

ii. The award is annually presented to outstanding literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 years.

**10. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Sangeet Natak Akademi for 2018 & Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowships & Awards 2021?**

1) M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Award for 2018 and Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowships and 62nd National Exhibition of Art Awards for 2021.

2) Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna Sadasyata) for 2018 was given to 4 artists and 40 others were honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards.

3) Lalit Kala Akademi Awards 2021 were given to 23 personalities including 3 fellows.

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Award for 2018 and Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowships and 62nd National Exhibition of Art Awards for 2021.

i. Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna Sadasyata) for 2018 was given to 4 artists and 40 others were honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards.

ii. Lalit Kala Akademi Awards 2021 were given to 23 personalities including 3 fellows.

**11. Identify the book that recently (in April'22) received the O.Henry Prize for Short Fiction 2022 which was authored by Amar Mitra in bengali (Gaonburo) and translated by Anish Gupta.**

1) Fish Stories

2) The Little Widow from the Capital

3) An Unlucky Man

4) A Way with Bea

5) The Old Man of Kusumpur in 1990

Answer- **5) The Old Man of Kusumpur in 1990**

**Explanation:**

Bengali writer **Amar Mitra** received the **O.Henry Prize for Short Fiction 2022**, the oldest major prize for short fiction in America.

i. He received the prize for the English fiction of **his 45 years old novel** "Gaonburo" in Bengali, which has been translated into English as **The Old Man of Kusumpur in 1990**. The english one was translated by **Anish Gupta**.

ii. Amar Mitra won the Sahitya Akademi Award (India's top literary award) for his novel Dhurbaputra in 2006.



iii. The O. Henry Award is the only yearly award given to short stories of exceptional merit.

**12. Name the personality who recently (in April'22) won the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 India.**

- 1) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- 2) Roshni Nadar
- 3) Leena Tewari
- 4) Falguni Nayar
- 5) Chanda Kochhar

Answer- **4) Falguni Nayar**

**Explanation:**

**Falguni Nayar**, founder & CEO of **Nykaa**, has been named the **EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 India**. It is the 23rd edition in India. She will represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (**WEOY**) on June 9, 2022, in Monaco.

**i. Lifetime Achievement Award:** A M Naik, group chairman of Larsen & Toubro.

**ii.** The awards were distributed at a ceremony in Mumbai (Maharashtra), where Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister of Labour and Employment, as well as the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, was the chief guest of the event.

**About EY Entrepreneur of The Year Award 2021 India**

EY Entrepreneur of the Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs.

**13. Which of the following cities are recently (in April'22) recognised as the 'Tree City of the World'- 2021 by Arbor Day Foundation and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of United Nations?**

- 1) Hyderabad
- 2) Shillong
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- **5) Only 1 & 3**

**Explanation:**

**Mumbai and Hyderabad** have been recognised as the '**2021 Tree City of the World**' by Arbor Day Foundation and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of United Nations, for maintaining urban greenery, while **Hyderabad** wins '**Tree City of the World**' for the **second consecutive time** (2020, 2021).

**i.** There are nearly 138 recognised cities from 21 countries, which have planted 38,787,795 trees in 2020.

**ii.** Hyderabad has planted 3,50,56,635 trees over the last two years in 500 volunteer hours. While Mumbai planted 4,25,000 Trees in 25,000 volunteer hours.

**14. Name the personality who recently (in April '22) received the International Gandhi Award for Leprosy 2021 in the individual category by Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India.**

- 1) Murlidhar Devidas Amte
- 2) Bhushan Kumar
- 3) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

4) Damodar Ganesh Bapat

5) A. T. Ariyaratne

Answer- **2) Bhushan Kumar**

**Explanation:**

Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India conferred, The **International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021** to **Dr. Bhushan Kumar** of **Chandigarh** under the Indian nomination (**individual**) category.

**i. Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust**, Gujarat, under the **institutional category** for their notable efforts towards spreading awareness about Leprosy and providing care to those who are afflicted by it, at Upa-Rashtrapati Niwas in New Delhi.

**ii.** The Annual Award was instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation.

**About Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation:**

Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation (GMLF) established in 1951. The International Gandhi Award for Leprosy is presented once in two years and two awards are presented either to individuals or institutions.

**15. Recently (in April '22) Who has been selected for the 2022 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for his contributions to development studies for an outstanding economist?**

1) Emeritus

2) Prof. Deepak Nayyar

3) Dr. Prabhat Patnaik

4) Prof. Manabi Majumdar

5) Amita Baviskar

Answer- **3) Dr. Prabhat Patnaik**

**Explanation:**

An Indian Marxist economist and political commentator **Dr. Prabhat Patnaik** from Odisha has been selected for the 2022 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for his contributions to development studies for an outstanding economist.

**i.** The Malcolm Adiseshiah Award & The Elizabeth Adiseshiah Award will be instituted by Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust every year.

**16. In April 2022, UDAN Scheme was selected for the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 in the category "Innovation (General) – Central".**

**The UDAN Scheme was under which ministry?**

1) Ministry of MSME

2) Ministry of Jal Shakti

3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

4) Ministry of Civil Aviation

5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Civil Aviation**

**Explanation:**

**UDAN** (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), a flagship Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) of the **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** has been chosen for the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 in the category "Innovation (General) – Central".

The award will be presented to the Ministry of Civil Aviation on April 21 – Civil Service Day.



**About Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration:**

- i. The Government of India established this award in 2006 to honour, recognise, and reward remarkable and innovative work done by Districts and Organizations of State/Government.
- ii. In 2021, the Scheme was revamped with a new approach to encourage Constructive Competition, Innovation, Replication and Institutionalisation of Best Practices.

**17. Which bank recently (in April'22) won the global 'Celent Model Bank' award under the 'Payments System Transformation' category?**

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

Answer- **2) IndusInd Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Celent, leading research and advisory firm on Banking Technology, has awarded the global '**Celent Model Bank**' award for **IndusInd Bank** for its best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (**EPH**) under the '**Payments System Transformation**' category.

The award acknowledges the bank's efforts in creating a cloud-based central payments hub which is capable of processing high transaction loads originating from all forms of payment instructions and client touchpoints.

**About Celent Model Bank award:-**

- i. The award is given by Celent, a leading research and advisory firm focused on technology for financial institutions globally.
- ii. The award recognises best practices of using technology in different areas that are critical for banking.

**18. Name the personality from India who recently (in April '22) topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022 and became the richest billionaire in the healthcare sector 2022.**

- 1) Dilip Shanghvi
- 2) P.V. Ramprasad Reddy
- 3) Cyrus S. Poonawalla
- 4) Pankaj Patel
- 5) Yusuf Hamied

Answer- **3) Cyrus S. Poonawalla**

**Explanation:**

Dr **Cyrus S. Poonawalla**, Chairman and Managing Director of Serum Institute of India(SII) has topped the **Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022** and became the richest billionaire in the healthcare sector 2022.

- i. He has topped the list with a new value of USD 26 billion (up 41%).
- ii. Cyrus Poonawalla is followed by Thomas Frist Jr & Family of HCA Healthcare, Li Xiting and Xu Hang of Mindray at the 2nd position with a net value of USD 19 billion.

**19. Which of the following points are “correct” with respect to the Wisden Cricketers’ Almanack 2022, a cricket reference book published in April 2022?**

**A) Indian captain Rohit Sharma and Jasprit Bumrah (India), along with Devon Conway (New Zealand), Ollie Robinson (England) and Dane van Niekerk (women cricketer of South Africa), have been named as Wisden’s “Cricketers of the Year” 2022.**

**B) Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan has earned the title of leading T20 cricketer in the world.**

**C) Joe Root (England) has been named as leading cricketer (Men) in the world and Lizelle Lee (South Africa) is named as the Leading Woman Cricketer in the World.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

In the 2022 edition of the Almanack, Indian captain **Rohit Sharma** and **Jasprit Bumrah** (India), along with **Devon Conway** (New Zealand), **Ollie Robinson** (England) and **Dane van Niekerk** (women cricketer of South Africa), have been named as Wisden’s “Cricketers of the Year” 2022.

**i. Mohammad Rizwan** (Pakistan) has earned the title of leading T20 cricketer in the world, for his world-record 2,036 runs in all 20-over matches, at an average of 56.

**ii. Joe Root** (England) has been named as leading cricketer (Men) in the world and **Lizelle Lee** (South Africa) is named as the Leading Woman Cricketer in the World.

**20. Who recently (in April’22) won the 6th Entrepreneur Leadership Awards 2022 under ‘Global Leader in Defence and Aviation Sector’ category?**

- 1) Aditya Ghosh
- 2) Vivek Lall
- 3) Sanjay Nath
- 4) Viren Shetty
- 5) Parth Jindal

Answer- **2) Vivek Lall**

**Explanation:**

Indian-American Defence Expert, **Vivek Lall**, Chief executive of General Atomics Global Corporation, has been selected for the **6th Entrepreneur Leadership Awards 2022** under ‘**Global Leader in Defence and Aviation Sector**’ category by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (**IACC**). The award recognises his contribution to the defence sector.

**i. IACC**, established in 1968, is the apex bi-lateral Chamber synergising India-United States(US) economic engagement.

**21. Who was recently (in April’22) named as the recipient of the “Champions of the Earth Award 2021” under the Lifetime Achievement category by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?**

- 1) Rachel Kyte
- 2) Mindy Lubber



- 3) Frank Bainimarama
- 4) David Attenborough
- 5) Fabian Leendertz

Answer- **4) David Attenborough**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has named **Sir David Attenborough**, English natural history broadcaster and naturalist, **as the recipient of the Champions of the Earth Award 2021** under the Lifetime Achievement category, for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.

i. The UNEP's Champions of the Earth Awards honours individuals, groups, and organizations whose actions have a transformative impact on the environment.

**22. Which country's President who recently (in April'22) received the "John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022" for protecting democracy?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) Ukraine
- 3) North Korea
- 4) Russia
- 5) USA

Answer- **2) Ukraine**

**Explanation:**

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, for the first time ever, awarded the **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022** to five individuals — **Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, United States (US) Representative Liz Cheney, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Arizona Representative Russell "Rusty" Bowers, and Wandrea "Shaye" Moss — each for their courage to protect and defend democracy.

i. The award will be presented by Caroline Kennedy and her son, Jack Schlossberg on May 22, 2022 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston, USA.

**23. Which of the following points are correct with the New class of Young Global Leaders (YGLs) of 2022 released by World Economic Forum(WEF) in April 2022?**

**A) The Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov are among the World Economic Forum(WEF)'s Young Global Leaders(YGLs) Class of 2022.**

**B) A Total of 7 Indians were listed in the World Economic Forum(WEF)'s Young Global Leaders(YGLs) Class of 2022.**

**C) The Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) leader Raghav Chadha, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from Punjab and the Edelweiss Mutual Fund (MF), CEO Radhika Gupta were the 2 Indians included among the Indians in the list.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The **Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister** and Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov are among the World Economic Forum(WEF)'s Young Global Leaders(YGLs) Class of 2022.

**i. A Total of 7 Indians** are among the World Economic Forum(WEF)'s YGLs Class of 2022.

**ii.** The Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) leader **Raghav Chadha**, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from Punjab and the Edelweiss Mutual Fund (MF), CEO **Radhika Gupta** were the **2 Indians** included among the Indians in the list.

**24. Name the personality from India who recently (in April '22) received the 1st Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2022 at the 80th Annual Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards ceremony held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Raj Nath Singh
- 3) Ram Nath Kovind
- 4) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 5) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer- **1) Narendra Modi**

**Explanation:**

The Hon'ble Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** received the **First Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2022**, for his 'selfless service to the country and society'. The award was conferred at the **80th Annual Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards ceremony** held at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The Award was instituted by the Pune-based Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan, a public charitable trust run by the Mangeshkar family.

**About Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award:**

**i.** The Award was given in memory of late Lata Mangeshkar on the occasion of her father Deenanath Mangeshwar's 80th death anniversary(24th April, 2022) and the award will be presented annually to only one individual who has made path-breaking, spectacular and exemplary contributions to the nation, its people, and the society.

**25. Which state's Enterprise Architecture Implementation, an e-proposal system, was recently (in April'22) won the UN's World Summit on the Information Society(W SIS) Prizes 2022 - Champion Project?**

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Assam

Answer- **4) Meghalaya**

**Explanation:**

**Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture(MeghEA) Implementation**, an e-proposal system, a key initiative of the Planning Department of the Government of Meghalaya has been selected for the United Nations(UN)'s World Summit on the Information Society(W SIS) Prizes 2022 – **Champion Project**.

WSIS Prize 2022 is the **11th edition** of the contest of the WSIS Prizes. MeghEA has been selected among the top 360 projects across the globe.



i. MeghEA has been selected under the category of 'The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development' along with projects from Australia, Argentina, United Republic of Tanzania and China.

**26. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 23rd Annual Laureus World Sports Awards – 2022?**

**A) Max Verstappen (Netherlands) and Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jamaica) have won the World Sportsman of the Year 2022 and the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year 2022, respectively.**

**B) Emma Raducanu (UK) has won the Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year 2022.**

**C) Great Britain's youngest ever Olympic medalist Sky Brown has won the Laureus World Comeback of the Year 2022.**

1) Only A

2) Only C

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

Max Verstappen, a Belgian-Dutch racing driver and the Jamaican Olympic sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah have won the World Sportsman of the year 2022 and Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year 2022 respectively.

i. Emma Raducanu, the British tennis player has won the Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year 2022.

ii. Great Britain's youngest ever Olympic medalist Sky Brown has won the Laureus World Comeback of the Year 2022.

**27. Name the personality from India who recently (as of 25th April'22) became the 5th richest person in the world by surpassing Warren Buffett.**

1) Shiv Nadar

2) Gautam Adani

3) Cyrus Poonawalla

4) Lakshmi Mittal

5) Radhakishan Damani

Answer- **2) Gautam Adani**

**Explanation:**

As of April 25 2022 , Adani Group chairman **Gautam Adani surpassed** Berkshire Hathaway chairman **Warren Buffett** to become the **fifth richest person in the world**, according to the 'Forbes' real-time billionaires list'.

i. The net worth of Gautam Adani is estimated to be United States Dollar (USD) 122.3 billion, where Buffett stands at USD 121.7 billion.

**28. In March 2022, 24 eminent Writers, Playwrights, Poets and Novelists were conferred with Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021 in New Delhi, Delhi.**

**Which of the following points are correct with respect to Winner of Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021 (as of March 2022)?**

- 1) Yagnesh Dave for Gujarati poetry called 'Gandh Manjusha'.
- 2) Jagdish Prasad Mandal for a Maithili Novel called 'Pangu'.
- 3) Chander Bhan Khayal for Sindhi poetry called 'Punshi Warigee Sahitya'.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

In March 2022, 24 eminent Writers, Playwrights, Poets and Novelists were conferred with Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021 in New Delhi, Delhi.

Sl.No	Awardee	Language	Title
1	Yagnesh Dave	Gujarati	Gandh Manjusha- Poetry
2	Jagdish Prasad Mandal	Maithili	Pangu – Novel
3	Thokchom Ibohanbi Singh	Manipuri	Manipurida Punshi Warigee Sahitya – Criticism
4	<b>Chander Bhan Khayal</b>	<b>Urdu</b>	<b>Taza Hawa Ki Tabishen – Poetry</b>

The winners of the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021 (for 20 languages) were announced in December 2021 and the winners of Gujarati, Maithili, Manipuri and Urdu were announced in February 2022.

**29. Who recently (in April '22) received the 223rd Commonwealth Point of Light award for his voluntary service through his "Bidyanondo", an educational voluntary organisation in Bangladesh?**

- 1) Jadav Payeng
- 2) Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi
- 3) Kishore Kumar Das
- 4) Srishti Bakshi
- 5) Mehak Khatri

**Answer- 3) Kishore Kumar Das**

**Explanation:**

Queen Elizabeth II, as the Head of the Commonwealth, has recognised **Kishore Kumar Das**, representing **Bangladesh**, as the **223rd Commonwealth Point of Light award** in honour of his voluntary service through his '**Bidyanondo**' a educational voluntary organisation, which has improved access to education for over 1,200 children from the marginalised backgrounds.

**i. 'Points of Light'** is awarded to the outstanding individual volunteers – people who are making a change in their community.

**30. Name the personality from India who recently (in April'22) was honoured with the "Order of Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru José Gregorio Paz Soldan".**

- 1) Ardeshir B.K. Dubash
- 2) Shivaji Sen



- 3) Renu Rameshan
- 4) Vikram Vishwanath
- 5) Srikumar Banerjee

Answer- **1) Ardeshir B.K. Dubash**

**Explanation:**

**Ardeshir B.K. Dubash**, the former Honorary Consul of Peru, Mumbai, was honoured with the **Order of “Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru José Gregorio Paz Soldán”**, the highest distinction conferred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Peru. H. E. Carlos R Polo, Ambassador of Peru in India presented the decoration, issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, to Ardeshir B.K. Dubash in a private ceremony held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

i. Ardeshir B.K. Dubash served as the Honorary Consul of Peru for a period of around 50 years since 1973.

**31. Which of the following points are “correct” with respect to the India Pharma and India Medical Devices Awards 2022?**

- A) Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers conferred India Pharma & India Medical Devices Awards 2022 during the 7th edition of the International Conference on Pharma & Medical Devices Sector 2022.**
- B) “Cipla Limited” won the India Pharma Leader Of The Year & “Poly Medicure Limited” won the India Medical Devices Leader Of The Year under the Leaders Category Awards.**
- C) “Micro Labs Ltd” won India Pharma Company Of The Year & “Trivitron Healthcare” won India Medical Devices Company Of The Year Under the Company Of The Year Category Award.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers (**MoC&F**) conferred India Pharma and India Medical Devices Awards 2022 during the 7th edition of the International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices Sector 2022.

- Cipla Limited won the India Pharma Leader Of The Year and Poly Medicure Limited won the India Medical Devices Leader Of The Year under the Leaders Category Awards.
- Micro Labs Limited won India Pharma (Formulation) Company Of The Year and Trivitron Healthcare won India Medical Devices Company Of The Year Under the Company Of The Year Category Award.
- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers inaugurated the 7th edition of the International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices sector 2022 with the theme of India Pharma is “India Pharma-Vision 2047: Transformative agenda for future” and for India Medical Device, the theme is “Transforming Healthcare through Innovation & Integrated Services”.

**32. Which of the following tunnel in India, recently (in April '22) won the Indian Building Congress (IBC) Awards for Excellence in Built Environment 2021 under the Best Infrastructure Project category?**

- 1) Nandini Tunnel
- 2) Jawahar Tunnel
- 3) Syama Tunnel
- 4) Atal Tunnel
- 5) Chattergala Tunnel

**Answer- 4) Atal Tunnel**

**Explanation:**

The **9.02 km** long **Atal Tunnel** built by the Border Roads Organisation (**BRO**), has won the Indian Building Congress (**IBC**) **Awards** for Excellence in Built Environment 2021 under the Best Infrastructure Project category.

- i. The Atal Tunnel is the longest highway tunnel globally and connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year and Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi dedicated the Atal Tunnel, built using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM).
- ii. The IBC awards instituted in 1996 is an annual award which recognises the much-needed attention of society to the contributions being made by the professionals in the field of Built Environment.

**33. Name the Indian organisation that recently (in April '22) won 4 Public Relations Awards 2022 conferred by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI).**

- 1) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited
- 2) GAIL India Limited
- 3) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited
- 4) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- 5) Steel Authority of India

**Answer- 3) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

The **NMDC Limited** (formerly known as National Mineral Development Corporation), owned by the **Ministry of Steel**, has **won 1st position in 4 categories** at the **Public Relations Awards 2022** conferred by Public Relations Society of India (**PRSI**), the national association of Public Relations(PR) practitioners.

- i. NMDC has been honoured with the awards for their Corporate Website, Annual Report, Layout and Design of Newsletter, and CSR Corporate Video.

## **SUMMITS, CONFERENCES**

**1. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 5th BIMSTEC Summit held in March 2022?**

- 1) Narendra Modi, PM of India participated in and addressed the 5th BIMSTEC Summit that was hosted by Sri Lanka in virtual mode.
- 2) 2022 marks the 25th year of the establishment of BIMSTEC with the theme of "Partnership for Harmony and Prosperity".



3) While addressing the 5th BIMSTEC Summit, PM Narendra Modi announced that India will provide USD 1 million to the BIMSTEC secretariat to increase its operational budget.

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- **5) Only 1 & 3**

**Explanation:**

Narendra Modi, PM of India participated in and addressed the 5th BIMSTEC Summit that was hosted by Sri Lanka in virtual mode.

**i.** 2022 marks the 25th year of the establishment of BIMSTEC with the theme of “Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy People”.

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**2. In April 2022, Union Minister of Defence, Rajnath Singh inaugurated a three- day Air Force Commanders’ Conference (AFCC) in New Delhi, Delhi.**

**What is the theme of the Air Force Commanders’ Conference (AFCC)?**

1) IAF for the Future

2) Optimising human resources

3) Reorienting for the Future

4) IAF in the Next Decade

5) Ensuring Certainty amidst Uncertainties

Answer- **2) Optimising human resources**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Defence, Rajnath Singh inaugurated a three- day Air Force Commanders’ Conference (AFCC) at Vayu Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

**i.** The **theme** for this Conference is ‘Optimising human resources’.

**ii.** The conference will focus on the conduct of operations in a smart and efficient manner. Mitigation of threats posed by drones will also be brainstormed during the conference

**iii.** The Defence minister also launched the “MEHAR BABA COMPETITION – II” to provide a boost to the growing indigenous drone industry. it aimed at developing technology for a “Swarm Drone-based system to detect Foreign Objects on Aircraft Operating Surfaces”.

**3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the “Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization” conference held in April 2022?**

**A) ‘Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization’ Conference has started at the Surat International Exhibition & Convention Centre (SIECC), Surat, Gujarat.**

**B) During the event winners of the India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020 were felicitated Surat and Indore were honoured with the Best city award.**

**C) The Smart Cities Mission released the AMPLIFI, an integrated portal of MoHUA, which will provide valuable data about Indian cities.**

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 3-day “**Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization**” conference has a grand opening event at the Surat International Exhibition & Convention Centre (SIECC), **Surat, Gujarat** which was organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**), Government of India, Government of Gujarat with Surat Smart City Corporation Development Limited.

- i. During the event winners of the India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020 were felicitated **Surat and Indore** were honoured with the Best city award and Uttar Pradesh (UP) was honoured with the Best State award. Chandigarh has been adjudged the best Union territory in ISAC 2020.
- ii. Smart Cities Mission released the Integrated portal of MoHUA, **AMPLIFI** – Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India, which will provide valuable data about Indian cities and also released the Urban Outcomes Framework 2022.

**4. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 6th edition of Bengal Global Business Summit – 2022 (BGBS) held at West Bengal in April 2022?**

- 1) During the summit, 7 universities of West Bengal have signed 15 MoUs with International and National Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).
- 2) Calcutta University has signed MoUs with University College London (UCL) for joint research programmes in development of software tools for low cost diagnostics.
- 3) During the summit, Silpa Saathi portal was launched under industries session export facilitation and SHGs, along with a book on GI-tagged products from West Bengal.
- 4) Only 2 & 3
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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- ii. During the summit, Silpa Saathi portal was launched under industries session export facilitation and SHGs, along with a book on GI-tagged products from West Bengal.
- iii. During the summit, WB received investment proposals of Rs 3.42 lakh crore & the WB state has signed a total of 137 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and Letters of Intent (LoI).

**5. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the “India’s 1st Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit 2022”?**

- A) Government of India & Ministry of AYUSH organised its first Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit (GAIIS) – 2022 held at Mahatma Mandir in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- B) During the event, a total of 12 MoUs were also signed between the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH and research institutes in India.
- C) An MoU was also signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Ministry of Ayush and University Health Network (UHN), Toronto, Canada to explore fellowship and graduate student training.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B



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

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

**Explanation:**

Government of India (GoI) & Ministry of AYUSH organised its first Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit (GAIIS) – 2022 held at Mahatma Mandir in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The summit witnessed Letter of Intents (LoIs) worth more than Rs 9000 crore. The summit was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- i. During the event, a total of **12 MoUs** were also signed between the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (**CCRAS**), Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (**AYUSH**) and research institutes in India.
- ii. An MoU was also signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda 2) 68 Ministry of Ayush and University Health Network (**UHN**), **Toronto, Canada** to explore fellowship and graduate student training.
- iii. An MoU was signed between the **Ministry of Ayush** and **Ministry of Defence** to start Ayush facilities in over 35 cantonment areas across India.

## **COMMITTEE AND MEETING**

**1. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 4th India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue 2022 held at Washington DC, US?**

- A) India and the US signed a bilateral Space Situational Awareness arrangement for advanced and cooperation in space through information sharing.**
- B) India-US announced to establish a new Education and Skills Development Working Group to further strengthen cooperation in the field of education and skill development**
- C) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had a brief visit at the Headquarters of the United States Indo-Pacific Command (US INDOPACOM) in Hawaii.**

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

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

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**2. Six Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements were signed during the Waterways Conclave-2022 in Dibrugarh, Assam jointly organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR)
- 2) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
- 3) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 4) Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
- 5) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

**Answer- 2) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)**

**Explanation:**

Six Memorandum of Understanding (**MoUs**) and agreements were signed during the Waterways Conclave-2022 organised by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (**IWAI**) from 11th-12th April 2022, in Dibrugarh, Assam,

**i.** The MoUs and agreements were signed in the presence of Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of ports, shipping and waterways and Himanta Biswa Sarma Chief Minister(CM) of Assam.

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**1. Which organisation recently (in March'22) released an "State of World Population 2022: Seeing the Unseen" report that highlights nearly half of all pregnancies Worldwide are unintended annually?**

- 1) United Nations Population Fund
- 2) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- 3) United Nations Human Settlement Programme
- 4) United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 5) World Health Organization

**Answer- 1) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Population Fund (formerly known as United Nations Fund for Population Activities) (**UNFPA**)'s annual flagship report "State of World Population 2022: Seeing the Unseen" shows that nearly half of all pregnancies Worldwide (around 121 million annually) are unintended.

**i.** According to the report, the number of unintended pregnancies that occur every year is around 121 million or 331,000 per day on average.

**ii.** The recent data shows that the rate of unintended pregnancy has decreased between 1990 and 2019, from 79 to 64 for every 1000 women (aged 15 to 49).

**About United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):**

United Nations Population Fund (**UNFPA**) (formerly known as United Nations Fund for Population Activities) is the UN's sexual and reproductive health agency.

**Executive Director-** Dr Natalia Kanem

**Headquarters-** New York, USA.



**2. Which state ranks 1st with the lowest unemployment rate in India as per the data (in April '22) released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer- 2) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

According to the latest data (5 April 2022) released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), **Chhattisgarh** has been ranked first among states with the **lowest unemployment rate** of 0.6% in the country followed by Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

**i.** As per the data, **Haryana** has the **highest unemployment** rate at 26.7 percent followed by Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir.

**ii.** The overall Unemployment rate in India has decreased to 7.6 percent (March 2022) from 8.10 percent in February 2022.

**3. Which institutes are featured among the top 100 ranked universities for studying 19 subjects in the domain of Engineering and Technology (as of April'22) in the 12th edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022?**

- 1) IIT-Guwahati
- 2) IIT-Roorkee
- 3) IIT-Kharagpur
- 4) IIT-Madras
- 5) IIT-Kanpur

**Answer- 3) IIT-Kharagpur**

**Explanation:**

According to the **12th edition of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) world University rankings** by subject 2022, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (**IIT KGP**) has been named as one of the world's top 100 universities for studying 19 subjects in the domain of Engineering.

**i.** In Engineering and Technology, it ranked 101st in the world and 3rd in India.

**ii.** Jadavpur University, West Bengal ranked fifth among the best Indian institutions among the top 500 worldwide in arts and humanities subjects and is the only state university in India which was ranked in the QS World University Rankings in the sphere of arts and humanities, 2022.

**4. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the State Energy & Climate Index (SECI)-Round I April 2022?**

**A) NITI Aayog launched its 2nd State Energy & Climate Index (SECI)-Round I April 2022 based on 2020-21 data.**

**B) Maharashtra , West Bengal and Tamil Nadu are the top 3 among larger states while Goa, Tripura, and Manipur are top 3 among smaller states.**

**C) Among UTs, Chandigarh ranked 1st followed by Delhi, and Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.**

- 1) All A , B & C
- 2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only B

5) Only C

Answer- **5) Only C**

**Explanation:**

**NITI** (National Institution for Transforming India) **Aayog** has launched the **1st State Energy & Climate Index (SECI)-Round I April 2022** at an event chaired by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. It is based on **2019-20 data**.

**i.** The states of **Gujarat, Kerala, and Punjab** are the top 3 among **larger states** while Goa, Tripura, and Manipur are top 3 among **smaller** states.

**ii.** Among **UTs**, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively.

**iii.** SECI is the first index that aims to track the efforts made by States and Union Territories (UTs) in the climate and energy sector.

**5. According to the recent (as of April'22) data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the number of domestic patent filings was higher than the number of international patent filings in India during Jan-Mar 2022 for the First Time in \_\_\_\_ years.**

1) 11 years

2) 9 years

3) 7 years

4) 5 years

5) 6 years

Answer- **1) 11 years**

**Explanation:**

For the first time in the **last 11 years**, the number of domestic patent filings has surpassed the number of international patent filings at the Indian Patent Office in the January–March 2022 quarter, marking a watershed moment in the IP innovation ecosystem for India, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

**i.** Of the total 19,796 patent applications filed, 10,706 were filed by Indian applicants compared to 9,090 by non-Indian applicants.

**6. As per the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)'s "Global Wind Report 2022 report, wind energy installations worldwide must quadruple from the \_\_\_\_ installed in 2021 within this decade to meet our 2050 goals.**

1) 98 GW

2) 82 GW

3) 74 GW

4) 90 GW

5) 94 GW

Answer- **5) 94 GW**

**Explanation:**

According to the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) report titled "Global Wind Report 2022 (GWEC – Global Wind Report 2022) ," wind energy installations worldwide must quadruple from the **94 GW** installed in 2021 within this decade to meet our 2050 goals.