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i. The report warns to amplify wind energy in order to sustain global warming over pre-industrial levels to 1.5 degrees Celsius—a target set by the Paris Agreement—and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

7. According to a recent (as of April 22) update from _____, 99% of the world's population is breathing poor quality air.

- 1) World Health Organization
- 2) United Nations Development Programme
- 3) United Nations Environment Programme
- 4) Asian Development Bank
- 5) United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Answer- **1) World Health Organization**

Explanation:

According to the latest update from the World Health Organization (**WHO**), the United Nations (UN) health agency, about **99%** of the world's population breathes air that does not meet WHO's air quality standards.

- i. The air is polluted and often contains particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs, enter the veins and arteries, and cause ailments.
- ii. For the first time, the WHO Air Quality Database introduced ground measurements of annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), a common urban pollutant and precursor of particulate matter and ozone.
- iii. The update was released ahead of World Health Day on April 7, 2022, which was celebrated with the theme "Our planet, Our health."

8. Which Organisation released the report, titled '2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report: Bridging the Finance Divide', discusses about Covid-19 extreme poverty in 2021 and recovery of debt repayments?

- 1) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- 2) United Nations Development Programme
- 3) United Nations Environment Programme
- 4) United Nations Population Fund
- 5) The United Nations Children's Fund

Answer- **1) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs**

Explanation:

In accordance with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (**UN-DESA**) report, titled '2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report: Bridging the Finance Divide', the COVID-19 plunged 77 million more people into extreme poverty in 2021 and many developing countries can't recover because of debt repayments. Now, the Ukraine-Russia War has further impacted this situation.

- i. The report is on financing to achieve UN development goals for 2030, including ending poverty, ensuring quality education for all young people and achieving gender equality.

9. According to the World Bank Research Paper, the extreme poverty in India decreased by _____ points between 2011 and 2019.

- 1) 9.8%
- 2) 20.3%
- 3) 15.8%
- 4) 12.3%
- 5) 10.2%

Answer- 4) 12.3%

Explanation:

In accordance with the World Bank (WB) Policy Research Working Paper, in India, extreme poverty is estimated to have declined **12.3%** points between 2011-2019.

- i.** The title of the paper is 'Poverty has Declined over the Last decade But Not As Much As Previously Thought'. It is jointly authored by economists Sutirtha Sinha Roy and Roy van der Weide.
- ii.** The extreme poverty count fell from 22.5% in 2011 to 10.2% in 2019.

10. Which organisation recently (in April'22) released a report named 'World Review of Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture Insurance 2022'?

- 1) United Nations Environment Programme
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 3) United Nations Population Fund
- 4) International Maritime Organization
- 5) International Labour Organization

Answer- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization

Explanation:

The Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) has released the '**World Review of Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture Insurance 2022**' which presents the findings of five regional (Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and Oceania); and four national reports of viz. China, India, Russia, and the United States (US) conducted in 2020.

- i.** This review is an update of previous FAO publications on the state of world aquaculture insurance (2006) and the state of world capture fisheries insurance (2009) analyzing developments in the insurance industry over the past decade.
- ii.** There is low penetration of insurance products in the Indian fisheries and aquaculture sector.

11. According "Global Land Outlook Second Edition (GLO2): Land Restoration for Recovery and Resilience" report released by UN- Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), 16 million square kilometers land surface will be degraded by ____.

- 1) 2040
- 2) 2035
- 3) 2050
- 4) 2030
- 5) 2045

Answer- 3) 2050

Explanation:

According to the United Nations (**UN**) Convention to Combat Desertification (**UNCCD**)'s evidence-based flagship publication, "**Global Land Outlook Second Edition(GLO2): Land Restoration for**

Recovery and Resilience", if the current trends continue, around **16 million square kilometers** of land (the size of South America), which is 11% of the world's land surface will be degraded by **2050**.

i. The degradation of land will result in severe climate induced disturbances which will result in disruption of food supply, forced migrations and increased species extinction.

12. According to the 'The Economic Impact of Real-Time Payments-April 2022' report released by CEBR and ACI Worldwide, India secured ____ rank in the real-time payments among businesses around the world with 48.6 billion in 2021.

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

Answer- **4) 1st**

Explanation:

In accordance with the report titled '**The Economic Impact of Real-Time Payments-April 2022**' by Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) in partnership with GlobalData for payment solutions provider ACI Worldwide, **India** accounted for the highest volume of real-time payments (**1st rank**) among businesses around the world, with 48.6 billion real-time payments through 2021 which is **40%** of Global Real-time Payments **originated** in 2021.

i. India is followed by **China** at the **second place** with 18.5 billion real-time transactions.

13. As per the recent (as of April'22) data released by Chainalysis, India secured ____ rank in total Crypto Gains in 2021 while ____ tops the list.

- 1) 15th; China
- 2) 21st; United States
- 3) 18th; China
- 4) 15th; United States
- 5) 21st; United Kingdom

Answer- **2) 21st; United States**

Explanation:

In accordance with the data released by crypto analytics firm **Chainalysis**, investors around the world realized total Crypto gains of \$162.7 billion in 2021, compared to \$32.5 billion in 2020. This is the 2nd consecutive data by Chainalysis.

i. However, **India** ranked lowly at **21st** with realized gains of around \$1.85 billion while it is topped by the **United States (US)** with an estimated realized Crypto gain of \$46.95 billion followed by the United Kingdom (UK).

14. Which organisation recently (in April '22) released the "Our World at Risk: Transforming Governance for a Resilient Future" report that highlights the violence against women and girls is increasing in the aftermath of disasters?

- 1) International Court of Justice
- 2) World Health Organization
- 3) United Nations Children's Fund
- 4) United Nations Human Settlement Programme

5) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Answer- **5) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**

Explanation:

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (**UNDRR**)'s **6th** edition of Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 (**GAR2022**) titled "**Our World at Risk: Transforming Governance for a Resilient Future**" highlights that violence against women and girls increases in the aftermath of disasters. At the extreme end of the scale, this takes the form of intentional homicides.

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

1. In April 2022, _____ sold a _____ stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IFLIC) to Bank of Baroda for Rs. 766.29 crore.

- 1) Union Bank of India; 15%
- 2) Bank of India; 30%
- 3) Union Bank of India; 21%
- 4) Punjab National Bank; 15%
- 5) Bank of India; 21%

Answer- **3) Union Bank of India; 21%**

Explanation:

Union Bank of India (**UBI**) has sold **21%** stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (**IFLIC**), to Bank of Baroda (**BoB**) for Rs. 766.29 crore.

- i. IFLIC is a joint venture (JV) between BoB, UBI and Carmel Point Investments India Private Limited. UBI owned a 30% stake in IFLIC as a result of its acquisition of Andhra Bank.
- ii. The divestment is made in line with the insurance regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) directive to bring down UBI's stake in IFLIC to below 10%.

2. HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited with HDFC Ltd, and later HDFC Ltd will merge with its arm HDFC Bank by FY2024.

After the merger, HDFC Ltd will own _____ stake of HDFC Bank through the transformational merger.

- 1) 49%
- 2) 41%
- 3) 55%
- 4) 51%
- 5) 30%

Answer- **2) 41%**

Explanation:

The board of directors of the Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Limited at its meeting held has approved the amalgamation of HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited with HDFC Ltd, and later HDFC Ltd will merge with its arm HDFC Bank.

- i. After the merger, the HDFC Bank will be 100 percent owned by public shareholders and existing shareholders of HDFC Ltd will own 41 per cent of HDFC Bank through the transformational merger.

3. In April 2022, which bank acquired the entire consumer bank business of CitiBank for \$1.6 billion?

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

Answer- 3) Axis Bank

Explanation:

Citibank signed a deal with **Axis Bank** to sell its entire consumer bank business including credit cards, savings accounts, retail consumer accounts, consumer loans and wealth management for **\$1.6 billion**. However the deal excludes Citibank's institutional client businesses in India.

i. This is one of the biggest deals in the banking space since the acquisition of ING Vysya Bank by Kotak Mahindra Bank in 2014 for Rs 15,000 crore.

ii. After the acquisition, the combined **CASA** (Current & Savings account) ratio on a pro-forma basis will improve by 200 basis points to 47 per cent and it will also be LCR (liquidity coverage ratio)-accretive.

4. In April 2022, How much of a stake in India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) was reduced by State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, and Union Bank of India?

- 1) 3%
- 2) 6%
- 3) 8%
- 4) 5%
- 5) 7%

Answer- 4) 5%

Explanation:

State Bank of India (**SBI**), **Canara Bank**, Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) and Union Bank of India (**Union Bank**), four Public Sector Banks of India have reduced their stake in India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (**IDRCL**) to **5% each**.

i. With the current round of preferential allotment by IDRCL, the equity stake of Canara Bank has been reduced to 5% from its previous holding of 14.90%.

ii. PNB has reduced its stake from 11.8% to 5% while Union Bank has reduced its stake from 12.30% to 5%. SBI has reduced its stake from 12.30% to 5%.

5. In April 2022, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved certain compulsorily convertible preference shares of _____ by AHVF II Holdings Singapore II Pte. Ltd under the section 31(1) of the Companies Act 2002.

- 1) Hero FinCorp Ltd
- 2) Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd
- 3) Belstar Microfinance Ltd
- 4) Fox Capital Private Ltd
- 5) Indiabulls Consumer Finance Ltd

Answer- 1) Hero FinCorp Ltd

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) approved the acquisition of certain compulsorily convertible preference shares of Hero FinCorp Limited (**HFL**) by **AHVF II Holdings Singapore II Pte. Ltd.**

i. The approval was given under section **31(1)** of the **Companies Act 2002**.

ii. Under the approval, the subscription of certain compulsorily convertible preference shares by this Singaporean company, which upon conversion will represent a certain shareholding in HFL.

Target – Hero FinCorp Limited

Acquirer – AHVF II Holdings Singapore II Pte. Ltd.

6. At what percentage did Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Inc., recently (in March of '22) purchase a stake in Twitter Inc?

- 1) 9.6%
- 2) 7.2%
- 3) 8.9%
- 4) 9.2%
- 5) 8.0%

Answer- **4) 9.2%**

Explanation:

According to the United States' Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Schedule, 13G filing on 14th March 2022, **Elon Musk**, Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of **Tesla Inc.**, has purchased a **9.2%** stake in **Twitter Inc.**

i. This purchase has made Elon Musk the largest shareholder of Twitter, with more than four times the 2.25% holding of Twitter founder Jack Dorsey.

ii. The 9.2% stake amounts to nearly 73 million shares, worth around ~USD 2.89 billion. He owns 73,486,938 shares of common stock in his personal capacity.

About Twitter Inc.:

CEO- Parag Agrawal

Founded- 2006

Headquarters- San Francisco, California, United States of America

7. Name the bank that recently (in April'22) signed an agreement to sell its 8% stake in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (ISARC) to Dhansamridhi Finance.

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

Answer- **1) Union Bank of India (UBI)**

Explanation:

The Union Bank of India (**UBI**) signed an agreement for the sale of its **8% stake** in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (**ISARC**), India's first Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) to benefit **Dhansamridhi Finance**.

- The stake sale is subject to obtaining requisite regulatory approvals.

About Union Bank of India (UBI):

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO & MD- Rajkiran Rai G.

Founded- 1919

8. Which company recently (in April'22) acquired the IDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) and IDFC AMC Trustee Company for Rs 4,500 crore?

- 1) Cholamandalam Financial Holdings Limited
- 2) Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited
- 3) TI Financial Holdings Limited
- 4) FairFax Financial Holdings Limited
- 5) L&T Finance Holdings Limited

Answer- 2) Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited

Explanation:

A **Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited (BFHL)**-led consortium has won the bid to buy and acquire IDFC Asset Management Company (**AMC**) and **IDFC AMC Trustee Company** for Rs 4,500 crore.

i. The consortium comprises BFHL, Lathe Investment (an affiliate of Singapore's sovereign fund GIC), Tangerine Investments, and Infinity Partners (affiliates of ChrysCapital).

ii. Bandhan Financial Services Limited (BFSL) is the parent company of Bandhan Financial Holdings Ltd (BFHL) and Bandhan Bank.

9. In April 2022, HDFC Ltd sold its _____ stake of share in Bandhan Bank for Rs. 1,522 crores.

- 1) 6.04%
- 2) 5.01%
- 3) 2.07%
- 4) 3.08%
- 5) 4.03%

Answer- 4) 3.08%

Explanation:

In a bulk deal, **HDFC Ltd** sold **4.96 crore** shares in **Bandhan Bank** (for a total of 49,632,349 equity shares), for a sum of almost **Rs. 1,522 crores**.

i. The shares were sold at a price of Rs. 306.61 a share, equating to about a **3.08% stake** of HDFC in Bandhan Bank.

About Bandhan Bank:

MD & CEO - Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

Headquarter - Kolkata, West Bengal

Tagline - 'Aapka Bhala. Sabki Bhalai.', (Your benefit. Everyone's welfare.)

10. In April 2022, the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) divested its entire stake of _____ in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (ISARC) for a cash consideration of Rs 3.92 crore.

- 1) 3%
- 2) 6%
- 3) 4%
- 4) 8%
- 5) 2%

Answer- 3) 4%

Explanation:

Bank of Maharashtra (**BoM**) has announced that it will divest its entire stake of **4%** in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (**ISARC**) for a cash consideration of **Rs 3.92 crore**.

- i. The agreement was executed on 6th April 2022. The transaction is expected to close by December 2022-end.
- ii. The bank holds 40 lakh equity shares or 4% at a face value of Rs 10 each in ISARC.

11. In April 2022, Union Bank of India is set to buy out a ____ stake jointly held by Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) in India International Bank (Malaysia) Berhad.

- 1) 75%
- 2) 90%
- 3) 80%
- 4) 50%
- 5) 65%

Answer- 1) 75%

Explanation:

Union Bank of India (**UBI**) is set to buy out **75% stake** held jointly by Bank of Baroda (**BoB**) – 40% and Indian Overseas Bank (**IOB**) – 35%, in India International Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (**IIBM**).

- i. Following this, the IIBM will become a 100% UBI unit. Background: IOB wanted to discontinue the venture due to its capital issues as it was under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s prompt corrective action framework.
- ii. The proposal is yet to receive formal approval from the RBI and the approval from the Government of India and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) since IIBM is a bank of strategic importance.

12. Name the payment Bank that recently (in April'22) got approved by its board to acquire a 12.19% stake in Paysprint Pvt Ltd.

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

Answer- 1) **Fino Payments Bank**

Explanation:

The board of **Fino Payments Bank** has approved a minority strategic investment for up to a **12.19% stake** in Paysprint Pvt Ltd (**Paysprint**), a New Delhi based fintech company.

- i. This is the first strategic investment for Fino Payment Bank after its public listing.
- ii. The stakes of Paysprint will offer APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) in banking, payments, travel, lending, insurance and investments.

13. In April 2022, HDFC Ltd. signed an agreement to sell a ____ of the share capital of HDFC Capital to the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) for Rs. 184 crore.

- 1) 30%
- 2) 40%
- 3) 20%

4) 50%

5) 10%

Answer- **5) 10%**

Explanation:

Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (**HDFC Ltd**) has signed binding agreements to sell **10%** of the share capital of HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd (**HDFC Capital**) to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (**ADIA**) for around **Rs 184 crore**.

i. HDFC Capital is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HDFC Limited and ADIA is also the primary investor in the alternative investment funds managed by HDFC Capital.

14. Tesla co-founder & World's richest person, Elon Musk recently (in April'22) acquired Twitter Inc. for _____.

1) \$11 billion

2) \$55 billion

3) \$44 billion

4) \$22 billion

5) \$33 billion

Answer- **3) \$44 billion**

Explanation:

Tesla co-founder and World's richest person (as of April 26, 2022) **Elon Musk** has acquired social networking service **Twitter Inc.** for approximately **\$44 billion** with shares valued at \$54.20. Now the company will be held privately.

About Twitter:

i. It was created by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams in March 2006, and was launched in July 2006.

ii. The Current Twitter CEO is Parag Agrawal.

15. In April 2022, Bharti Airtel acquired a _____ stake in Cnergee Technologies under the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program.

1) 12%

2) 7%

3) 3%

4) 10%

5) 5%

Answer- **2) 7%**

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel acquired a **7% stake** in Navi Mumbai based **Cnergee Technologies**, a cloud-based networking solution, under the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program.

i. This acquisition is a part of Bharti Airtel's Network as a Service(NaaS) proposition for small and medium businesses (SMBs) looking to shift to cloud-based solutions.

DEFENCE

1. Where was the Harbour phase of 1st edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 “(IMEX-22)” held in March 2022?

- 1) Cochin Port, Kerala
- 2) Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kandla Port, Gujarat
- 4) Mormugao port, Goa
- 5) Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **4) Mormugao port, Goa**

Explanation:

The First edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) was held in the Arabian sea and Goa port from 26 March to 30 March 2022. The exercise aimed to provide interoperability in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations among member navies.

i. Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22):

IMEX-22 consists of two phases, Harbour Phase and Sea Phase

- Harbour phase – the harbour Phase was held at **Mormugao port in Goa** from 26 to 27 March 22.
- Sea Phase – the sea phase was held in the Arabian Sea from 28 to 30 March 22.

ii. Navies of Bangladesh, France, India and Iran participated in IMEX-22 with warships, Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft, Amphibious Assault Ship, Frigates, Fleet Support Ship, Destroyer and helicopters.

2. Which country recently (in March'22) conducted the 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise “VARUNA – 2022” in the Arabian Sea along with India?

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) France
- 5) Singapore

Answer- **4) France**

Explanation:

India and **France** are conducting the 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise “**VARUNA – 2022**” in the Arabian Sea from March 30, 2022, to April 03, 2022.

Bilateral naval exercises between India’s and France’s navies began in 1993. In 2001, the exercise was given the name “Varuna,” and it has since become an essential part of the two countries’ strategic bilateral cooperation.

About Indian Navy:

Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) – Admiral R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC

Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Navy) – New Delhi, Delhi

3. The ____ edition of the India-Seychelles Joint Military Training Exercise "LAMITIYE-2022" was conducted in Seychelles in March 2022.

- 1) 9th
- 2) 7th
- 3) 10th
- 4) 6th
- 5) 8th

Answer- 1) 9th

Explanation:

LAMITIYE-2022, 9th edition of India – Seychelles Joint Training 10 day long exercise was conducted between Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) at Seychelles Defense Academy, **Seychelles** from 22nd March 2022 to 31st March 2022.

i. LAMITIYE-2022, training exercise focused on broadening the aim of cooperation towards co-existence in the Indo-Pacific region.

ii. The exercise saw the participation of an Infantry Platoon strength from both the Indian Army (comprising troops from the 2/3 GORKHA RIFLES group – PIRKANTHI Battalion) and the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).

4. Which of the following countries recently (in April'22) created a defence alliance, AUKUS, with the United States (US) to develop hypersonic missiles?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) India
- 3) Australia
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 1 & 3

Explanation:

The United States (**US**), United Kingdom (**UK**) and **Australia** created a security pact and defence alliance known as **AUKUS** to develop hypersonic missiles and electronic warfare capabilities. The leaders of AUKUS are British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, US President Joe Biden and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

i. The new trilateral cooperation includes information sharing and deepens cooperation on hypersonics weapons and counter-hypersonics weapons.

ii. It will also focus on cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and additional undersea capabilities.

5. The ____ edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise "Khanjar 2022" culminated in April 2022 at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.

- 1) 8th
- 2) 7th
- 3) 9th
- 4) 5th
- 5) 6th

Answer- 3) 9th

Explanation:

The **9th Edition** of the **India-Kyrgyzstan** Joint Special Forces Exercise '**Khanjar 2022**' which commenced on 25 Mar 2022 at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh (HP) culminated on April 6, 2022.

i. It strengthened the mutual confidence & interoperability between Indian Special Forces and Kyrgyzstan Special Forces.

6. Which organisation recently (in April '22) tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster missile system at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha?

- 1) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 2) Indian Army
- 3) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 4) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 5) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer- **4) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) successfully flight tested Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (**SFDR**) booster missile system at the Integrated Test Range (**ITR**), Chandipur off the coast of **Odisha**.

i. The SFDR is an air-to-air missile and it has the operational range of **350km** and maximum speed of Mach **4.5**. The Indian Air Force (IAF) uses SFDR booster on its Rafale jets.

ii. The SFDR has been developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory (**DRDL**), **Hyderabad** in collaboration with DRDO laboratories such as Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, Pune. Objective:

7. Name the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)s Interceptor Boat that was recently (in April'22) inducted by Karaikal ICG unit to improve surveillance along the coastline of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

- 1) ICGS C-436
- 2) ICGS C-420
- 3) ICGS C-524
- 4) ICGS C-412
- 5) ICGS C-402

Answer- **1) ICGS C-436**

Explanation:

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) unit Karaikal inducted Interceptor Boat (IB) 'ICGS C-436', into its fleet to improve surveillance along the coastline of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

i. C-436, rebased from Andhra Pradesh(AP) station, was formally inducted in a ceremony near Karaikal Port, Karaikal in the presence of A Arun Thamburaj Nagapattinam Collector.

ii. The IB C-436, the 36th boat of its series was commissioned at its base port – Krishnapatnam Port in AP in 2018.

8. Which company recently (in April'22) signed a contract with the Nigerian Army for Phase II flying training on Chetak Helicopter?

- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 2) Indian Army
- 3) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 4) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) has signed a contract with the **Nigerian Army** for **Phase II** flying training on **Chetak Helicopter** for six officers of Nigerian Army Aviation. As part of the training, 70 hrs flying training would be imparted for each Nigerian Army Aviation Officer.

- i. The Phase II has been scheduled from 11 April 2022 and is planned to be completed by December 2022.
- ii. The platforms used for the Phase II are the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and Light Utility Helicopter (LUH), with a wide range of capabilities, can be of great strength.

9. Name the institute that recently (in April'22) partnered with NTPC Limited to develop energy-efficient tech to capture carbon dioxide from power plants.

- 1) IIT-Kharagpur
- 2) IIT-Ropar
- 3) IIT-Kanpur
- 4) IIT-Guwahati
- 5) IIT-Roorkee

Answer- 4) IIT-Guwahati

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**), **Guwahati**, Assam has partnered with **NTPC Limited** (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) to design and develop a highly energy-efficient plant to capture carbon dioxide (CO₂) from power plants.

- i. This technology works on flue gas (a mixture of gases produced by the burning of fuel or other) using a newly-activated amine solvent (IITGS), **consumes up to 11% less energy** compared to commercial activated MDEA (Methyl diethanolamine) solvent and up to 31% energy compared to the MEA (monoethanolamine) solvent.

10. Which of the following states/UT have not recently (in April'22) signed a Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (CRCTA) for hassle-free transportation?

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

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The Governments of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh of National Capital Region (**NCR**) have signed a Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (**CRCTA**) covering both Contract

Carriage & Stage Carriage since the validity of earlier Agreements of Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement is about to end soon.

- i. The CRCTA has come into force with immediate effect, and it covers all educational institution vehicles as well as all stage carriage buses operated by state transportation companies in NCR member states.
- ii. For seamless movement, the agreement provides for the countersigning of permits and licences for motor cabs, taxis, and auto-rickshaws registered in the NCR.

11. Which Integrated Fire Power exercise recently (in April '22) conducted by The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps at the Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR), near Siliguri, West Bengal?

- 1) Exercise Surya Kiran
- 2) Exercise Yudh Abhyas
- 3) Exercise Desert Flag-VI
- 4) Fire Power and Manoeuvre Exercise
- 5) Exercise KRIPAN SHAKTI

Answer- **5) Exercise KRIPAN SHAKTI**

Explanation:

Exercise KRIPAN SHAKTI, an Integrated Fire Power exercise was recently conducted by The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps at the Teesta Field Firing Ranges (**TFFR**), near Siliguri, West Bengal.

- i. The exercise was led by Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar and General Officer Commanding Trishakti Corps.
- ii. The aim of the exercise is to showcase the jointmanship and synchronisation capabilities of Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces (**CAPFs**) to fight in an integrated battle.

12. Which of the following is/are correct according to the Induction of 1st set of indigenously developed specialist vehicles into the army by COAS in April 2022?

- a) Monocoque Hull Multi Role Mine Protected Armoured Vehicle
- b) Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium (**QRFV**)
- c) Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle (**IPMV**)
- d) Ultra Long Range Observation System

- 1) Only a
- 2) Only b
- 3) Both a & b
- 4) Both c & d
- 5) All The Above

Answer- **5) All The Above**

Explanation:

On April 12, 2022 General MM Naravane, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) inducted the first set of indigenously developed specialist vehicles into the army during the event organised at the Bombay Engineer Group (BEG). With the aim to strengthen the initiative "Atma Nirbhar Bharat".

Specialist Vehicle:

- i. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium (**QRFV**), Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle (**IPMV**), Ultra Long Range Observation System developed by Tata Advanced System Limited (**TASL**).
- ii. Monocoque Hull Multi Role Mine Protected Armoured Vehicle developed by **Bharat Forge**.

13. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) recently (in April'22) commissioned the 1st Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK-III squadron in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Which organisation manufactured the MK-III?

- 1) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 5) Bharat Dynamics Limited

Answer- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Explanation:

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned the 1st Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK-III squadron in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**

i. Mk-III was manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the role of ALH MK-III is suited for high altitude operations.

ii. The variants of Dhruv are classified as Dhruv Mk-I, Mk-II, Mk-III & Mk-IV.

14. Which Indian organisation recently (in April'22) partnered with the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy to use "CHAFF Technology" in the Indian Airforce Aircrafts and Indian Naval Ships (INS)?

- 1) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 2) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 5) Defence Research and Development Organisation

Answer- 5) Defence Research and Development Organisation

Explanation:

The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Navy have partnered with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to use **CHAFF Technology** in the Indian Airforce Aircrafts and Indian Naval Ships (INS) in order to protect from enemy radar-guided missiles during hostile situations. This makes India the second country to induct such technology only after the United States.

i. CHAFF is a passive expendable electronic countermeasure technology used worldwide to protect naval ships and fighter aircrafts from enemy's radar and Radio Frequency (RF) missiles.

ii. The Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ), a DRDO laboratory, has indigenously developed three variants of CHAFF Rockets namely – Short Range Chaff Rocket (SRCR), Medium Range Chaff Rocket (MRCR) and Long Range Chaff Rocket (LRCR).

15. Government of India recently (in April'22) amended the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 to further promote Make in India.

Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020?

- 1) Domestic industry will not have to furnish Integrity Pact Bank Guarantee (IPBG) for acquisitions costing more than Rs 100 crore.
- 2) Instead, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be used as a bid security for all acquisition cases with Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) costing more than Rs 300 crore.
- 3) Time taken from grant of AoN to signing of contract will be reduced to 22 weeks

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 1 & 3

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

Explanation:

Domestic industry will **not** have to furnish Integrity Pact Bank Guarantee (**IPBG**) for acquisitions costing more than Rs **100 crore**.

i. Instead, Earnest Money Deposit (**EMD**) will be used as a bid security for all acquisition cases with Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) costing more than Rs **100 crore**.

ii. Time taken from grant of AoN to signing of contract will be reduced to **22 weeks** and the timelines in Make-II procedure will be reduced to 101-109 weeks from an existing total time-period of 122-180 weeks.

iii. On the basis of the approvals accorded by Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), the DAP 2020 has been amended to further promote Make in India and Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defence; and enable Ease of Doing Business.

16. Name the organisation in India that recently (in April '22) inaugurated the Main Airframe Fatigue Test (MAFT) of the Light Combat Aircraft Mark I (LCA Mk-I) airframe at Bengaluru, Karnataka.

1) Indian Navy

2) Indian Space Research Organisation

3) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

4) Defence Research and Development Organisation

5) Indian Army

Answer- **3) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**

Explanation:

Arup Chatterjee, Director (Engineering and Research and Development), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) inaugurated the Main Airframe Fatigue Test (**MAFT**) of the Light Combat Aircraft Mark I (**LCA Mk-I**) airframe at the Ground Test Centre of the Aircraft Research and Design Centre (ARDC), Bengaluru, Karnataka.

17. In April 2022, the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a contract to co-develop the long range dual band Infra-Red Search and Track System (IRST) for _____.

1) Sukhoi Su-30 MKI

2) HAL Tejas

3) Sukhoi Su-27 MKI

4) Dassault Mirage 2000

5) Mikoyan MiG-29

Answer- **1) Sukhoi Su-30 MKI**

Explanation:

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) and Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) has signed a contract for co-development and co-production of long range dual band Infra-Red Search and Track System (**IRST**) for **Sukhoi Su-30 MKI** in Bengaluru, Karnataka under the MAKE-II (Industry funded) procedure of Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, as a part of 'Make in India' initiative.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. In March 2022, the Ministry of Law & Justice launched a new website for the Department of Justice to provide citizens with a one-stop platform for all digital initiatives.

Who is the current (as of April'22) minister of Law & Justice?

- 1) Raj Kumar Singh
- 2) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 3) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 4) Kiren Rijiju
- 5) Giriraj Singh

Answer- 4) Kiren Rijiju

Explanation:

Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister for Law & Justice, inaugurated the **new website** (<https://doj.gov.in/>) to provide citizens with a one-stop platform for all digital initiatives of the **Department of Justice**, at the event held at Jaisalmer Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The Department of Justice under the Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J) launched the revamped website in line with the vision of Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi: Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Nyaya.

ii. The new website is launched on the S3WaaS platform (Secure, Scalable and Sugamya Website as a Service).

2. Which country's modified Long March-6 carrier rocket with solid strap on boosters made its 1st flight?

- 1) China
- 2) US
- 3) UAE
- 4) Russia
- 5) Japan

Answer- 1) China

Explanation:

China's modified Long March-6 carrier rocket with solid strap on boosters made its maiden flight from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province, China and sent 2 satellites into the planned orbits.

i. This is the first type of carrier rocket equipped with a solid strap on boosters.

ii. The carriers use non-toxic and non-polluting propellants and they can send satellites to the sun-synchronous orbit.

3. In April 2022, Chief Justice of India (CJI), NV Ramana, launched the "FASTER programme" to transmit court orders quickly and securely in electronic format.

What does R stand for in the FASTER programme?

- 1) Rational
- 2) Rate
- 3) Ratio
- 4) Report

5) Records

Answer- **5) Records**

Explanation:

The Chief Justice of India (CJI), NV Ramana virtually launched the '**Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records**' (FASTER) programme.

It is a digital platform to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders etc., of the Supreme Court to authorities concerned through a secured electronic communication channel. It allows court orders to be transmitted in a quick and secure electronic format.

About 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER) programme:

- i. The FASTER program was created in response to a news report published in July 2021, regarding prisoner release delays.
- ii. It is developed on war footing by the Registry in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

4. In April 2022, which space organisation is set to track the ISRO's Aditya-L1 and Chandrayaan-3 satellites?

- 1) NASA
- 2) European Space Agency
- 3) SpaceX
- 4) JAXA
- 5) Canadian Space Agency

Answer- **2) European Space Agency (ESA)**

Explanation:

The European Space Agency's (ESA) antennas will be in action to track the satellites of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) such as **Aditya-L1** (Lagrangian point 1) solar observatory and **Chandrayaan-3** lunar lander and rover.

Role Of European Space Agency's (ESA)

- i. The ESA station supports Aditya-L1 and Chandrayaan-3 from the beginning of launch till the end of mission.
- ii. The global deep space communication antennas of ESA will provide support to both missions (Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1).
- iii. The big iron 35-meter deep space Estrack antennas of ESA in Australia, Argentina and Spain will support Aditya-L1.

5. Name the Indian space company that recently (in April'22) launched "Shakuntala," India's first private commercial imaging satellite, on a SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA.

- 1) Skyroot Aerospace
- 2) Aantriksh
- 3) Pixxel
- 4) Dhruva Space
- 5) Bellatrix Aerospace

Answer- **3) Pixxel**

Explanation:

Indian space-tech startup **Pixxel's** first satellite '**Shakuntala (TD-2)**' hosted one of the highest resolution hyperspectral commercial cameras ever flown to space via the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket under its 'Transporter 4 mission'.

It is a rideshare mission, which launches ~40 small payloads around the world from pad 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, United States (US).

Shakuntala is a part of Pixxel's 36-satellite planned constellation and Pixxel is paving the path for India's space-tech revolution by being the first Indian startup to send commercial hardware into space.

6. In April 2022, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS), Anurag Thakur launched a _____ New Rare Chemical Reference Materials (RMs) to strengthen Anti-Doping Testing.

- 1) Two
- 2) Four
- 3) Six
- 4) Five
- 5) Three

Answer- **3) Six**

Explanation:

The Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (**MoYAS**) launched indigenously developed **six** new and rare Reference Materials (**RMs**) which are the purest form of chemical required globally for **anti-doping analysis** in all **WADA** (World Anti-Doping Agency) accredited Laboratories.

i. The launch was made during the 15th Governing Body Meeting of National Dope Testing Laboratory (**NDTL**), in the presence of Sports Secretary Sujata Chaturvedi and other senior officials of the Sports Ministry.

ii. Developers of RM: New Delhi (Delhi)-based NDTL in association with the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)-Guwahati (Assam) and the CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research)-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) has indigenously developed six new and rare Reference Materials (RMs).

7. In April 2022, the Union Minister of State (MoS) for Culture launched the website "Temple 360" to offer e-darshan at pilgrimage centres.

Who is the current (as of April' 22) Union Minister of State (MoS) for Culture?

- 1) Rao Inderjit Singh
- 2) Meenakshi Lekhi
- 3) Jitendra Singh
- 4) Annpurna Devi
- 5) Nityanand Rai

Answer- **2) Meenakshi Lekhi**

Explanation:

Meenakshi Lekhi, Union Minister of State(MoS) for Culture, launched the website 'Temple 360' during the event organized by the Ministry of Culture in New Delhi under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

i. Temple 360 is a digital platform that will enable people to visit or do darshan of famous temples from any location. This will allow people to participate in e-Darshan, e-Prashad, and e-Aarti and keep people connected.

At present the portal live streams the rituals from four temples: Somnath (Gujarat), Kashi Vishwanath (Uttar Pradesh(UP)), Trimbakeshwar and Ghrishneshwar (Maharashtra).

8. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) recently (in April'22) launched a 'Broadcast Seva (BS) Portal' in New Delhi for Ease of Doing Business in the broadcasting sector. Which of the following companies developed the 'Broadcast Seva (BS) Portal'?

- 1) Broadcast Engineering Consultants India
- 2) Tata Consultancy Service
- 3) Wipro
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (**MIB**) unveiled '**Broadcast Seva (BS) Portal**' in New Delhi, Delhi which is an online facility for speedy filing and processing of applications of broadcasters for licenses, permissions, registrations, etc.

- i. Owned by MIB, this portal is an effort towards Digital India, and Ease of Doing Business in the broadcasting sector and it has been **integrated** with the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs portal**.
- ii. Developers: It has been developed in cooperation with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (**BECIL**) and Tata Consultancy Service (**TCS**) Limited, the Technology Partner.

9. Which country recently (in April'22) launched "Yangtze River Three Gorges 1," the world's largest electric cruise ship for USD 23.5 million?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Taiwan
- 3) China
- 4) South Korea
- 5) Japan

Answer- **3) China**

Explanation:

China unveiled the world's largest electric cruise ship "**Yangtze River Three Gorges 1**" which costs around the United States Dollar (**USD**) **23.5 million**. The ship made its maiden voyage in Yichang, Hubei, China.

- i. The ship aims to promote and expand China's marine electric vehicle market, and to build a 'low carbon future' by promoting "Zero-emissions".
- ii. Yangtze River Three Gorges 1 was manufactured by Yangtze power company under China Three Gorges Corporation and the Hubei Yichang transportation group and supported by the Chinese government.

10. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the recent (in April'22) launched by the Ministry of Science & Technology to accelerate Clean Energy?

A) "Mission Integrated Bio-refineries", Public-Private Participation (PPP) model initiative was launched to accelerate clean energy solutions through the Public-Private Alliances.

B) 3 Material Acceleration Platforms (MAP) on Storage, Materials, Bioenergy & Hydrogen with a total outlay of USD 6 million was launched.

C) The Ministry also announced the 'National Funding Opportunity on Sustainable Aviation Fuels' to support and conduct Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D).

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:

"Mission Integrated Bio-refineries", Public Private Participation (**PPP**) model initiative was launched to accelerate clean energy solutions through the Public-Private Alliances.

i. 3 Material Acceleration Platforms (MAP) on Storage, Materials, Bioenergy & Hydrogen with a total outlay of USD 6 million was launched.

ii. The Ministry also announced the 'National Funding Opportunity on Sustainable Aviation Fuels' to support and conduct Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D).

iii. He also announced the funding opportunity of Hydrogen Valley Platform.

11. In April 2022, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the first set of _____ mission hardware to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for India's 1st manned mission to space.

1) Shukrayaan

2) Gaganyaan mission

3) Aditya-1

4) Chandrayaan-3

5) Mangalyaan

Answer- 2) Gaganyaan mission

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) hands over the first set of **Gaganyaan mission hardware** to Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) during the inauguration of HAL's PS2/GS2 Stage integration facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka, the facility will be used to bring together the primary and secondary stages of the mission before they are rolled onto the launch pad.

i. HAL also handed over the 150th Make Satellite Bust Shelter on this occasion.

About Gaganyaan Programme:

The Gaganyaan Programme envisages undertaking the demonstration of human spaceflight to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) in the short-term and will lay the foundation for a sustained Indian human space exploration programme in the long run.

12. Which of the following companies recently (in April'22) signed an agreements with Amazon to launch its satellite internet constellation under Project Kuiper?

- 1) Arianespace
- 2) Blue Origin
- 3) United Launch Alliance
- 4) Only 2 & 3
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Amazon has signed agreements with **three companies** – Arianespace, Blue Origin, and United Launch Alliance (ULA), to deploy the majority of satellites for its **Project Kuiper**, which aims to provide high-speed, low-latency broadband to a wide range of customers across the globe.

i. The company has finalized a total of 83 launches over a period of five years, which is one of the largest commercial procurement of launch vehicles in history.

ii. The contract includes – **18 launches** from **Arianespace's** Ariane 6 rocket, **12 launches** using Jeff Bezos-owned **Blue Origin's** New Glenn, with options for up to 15 additional launches & **38 launches** on Vulcan Centaur, **ULA's** newest heavy-lift launch vehicle.

Note- Amazon's Project Kuiper was approved by the United States Federal Communications Commission in July 2020, with a constellation of 3,236 satellites in low Earth orbit (LEO).

13. In April 2022, Astronomers have discovered an identical twin of Jupiter named as K2-2016-BLG-0005Lb.

The exoplanet is about _____ light-years from the Earth.

- 1) 10,000
- 2) 13,000
- 3) 15,000
- 4) 17,000
- 5) 12,000

Answer- **4) 17,000**

Explanation:

Astronomers have discovered an **identical twin** of **Jupiter** dubbed as **K2-2016-BLG-0005Lb**, Which has similar mass and is at a similar location (420 million miles away) from its star as Jupiter is from our Sun (462 million miles away).

i. The exoplanet is about **17,000** light-years from the Earth, and it was first detected by Kepler space telescope in 2016.

ii. The study has been published as a preprint on ArXiv.org and submitted to the journal Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

14. Name the India's first super app that was recently (in April'22) launched by Tata Group which combines the traditional consumer-first approach with the modern ethos of technology.

- 1) Tata First
- 2) Tata Neu
- 3) Tata Tech
- 4) Tata Super
- 5) Tata One

Answer- 2) Tata Neu

Explanation:

Tata Group launched India's first super app, **Tata Neu**, for the public which was developed by TATA Digital – a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons, is a platform that combines all the Tata-owned brands.

- i. The app will seamlessly blend product commerce, service commerce, and financial services into a consumer-first, future-ready, integrated experience.
- ii. This super-app combines Tata's traditional consumer-first approach with the modern ethos of technology.

15. In April 2022, the Ministry of Jal Shakti launched a "Digital Dashboard for District Ganga Committee (DGCs) Performance Monitoring System" to help people-river connect.

Who is the current (as of April 22nd) union minister for the jal shakti ministry?

- 1) Raj Kumar Singh
- 2) Jitendra Singh
- 3) Prahlad Singh Patel
- 4) Krishan Pal
- 5) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Answer- 5) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Explanation:

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, launched the 'Digital Dashboard for District Ganga Committees (**DGCs**) Performance Monitoring System' (**GDPMS**) to help the DGCs in the motive of connecting people-river connect.

- i. The Minister also emphasized on the **DGC 4Ms** (Monthly, Mandated, Monitored and Minuted) meetings to take place regularly (2nd Friday of every month) under the leadership of District Magistrates, based on the performance
- ii. The union minister for jal shakti proposed the 4p principle – political will, public spending, partnership and people's participation to make a programme successful.

16. Which country's researchers recently (in April'22) discovered "A New Galaxy of Ghost Like Appearance" along with scientists of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)?

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

Answer- 2) France

Explanation:

The scientists of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (**IIA**) along with researchers from **France** discovered a faint new star-forming galaxy.

- i. The galaxy has a 'ghost-like' appearance in the optical images because of its low disk density, but the inner disk shows star formation.
- ii. The new galaxy has been named as UVIT J202258.73-441623.8 or UVIT J2022 for short and it is expected around 136 million light-years away, and is undetected as it lies in front of a brighter galaxy.

17. Which organisation recently (in April'22) launched "Axion-1(Ax-1), 1st all-private Mission to the International Space Station (ISS) along with NASA and Axiom Space?

- 1) SpaceX
- 2) European Space Agency
- 3) JAXA
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 5) Canadian Space Agency

Answer- 1) SpaceX

Explanation:

SpaceX successfully launched "**Axion-1(Ax-1)**" to the International Space Station (ISS).It is a **joint mission** of **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and **Axiom Space** .

- i.** The mission is the first-ever all-private spaceflight that transported astronauts to the ISS. This is also the first commercial mission to the ISS.
- ii.** The mission launched in partnership among Axiom, SpaceX and NASA is a major step in the expansion of commercial space ventures collectively referred to as the low-Earth orbit economy (LEO economy).

About the Axiom-1 (Ax-1) mission:

- i.** It carried four astronauts to the space station after lifting off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center, in Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- ii.** The crew included three paying customers- Larry Connor, Eytan Stibbe and Mark Pathy along with ex-NASA astronaut and Axiom Vice President Michael Lopez-Alegria.

18. Name the institute that recently (in April '22) launched India's first indigenously developed polycentric prosthetic knee named "Kadam".

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

Answer- 4) IIT-Madras

Explanation:

India's first indigenously developed polycentric prosthetic knee – **Kadam** was launched by the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (**IIT-M**), the Above Knee Prosthesis was developed in association with Society for Biomedical Technology (SBMT) and Mobility India.

- i.** Kadam will help people with above-knee amputees to walk in comfortable gait and it has multiple axes hinge joints for rotation which provide greater control over the prosthesis and gives a maximum knee flexion of 160 degrees to make it easy to sit in cramped spaces like buses and autos.
- ii.** The design includes high durable stainless steel and aluminium alloy along with hard chrome plated EN8 pins and high fatigue life polymer bushings, which was developed by a team at TTK Centre for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2) at IIT-M.

19. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) recently (in April'22) flight tested Pinaka Mk-I (Enhanced) Rocket System (EPRS) along with the Indian Army.

What is the range of enhanced Pinaka Mk-1?

- 1) 65 km
- 2) 45 km
- 3) 50 km
- 4) 25 km
- 5) 32 km

Answer- 2) 45 km

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Armament Research and Development Establishment & DRDO's High Energy Materials Research and Development, Pune, Maharashtra along with the Indian Army has successfully flight tested the indigenously developed Pinaka Mark-I (Mk-I) (Enhanced) Rocket System (EPRS) and The Pinaka Area Denial Munitions (ADM) Rocket System at the Pokhran Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.

- i. The enhanced range Pinaka Mk-1, which is an upgraded version, has a range of 45 km. The 15-foot long rocket weighs around 280 kg and can carry warheads up to 100 kg.
- ii. The EPRS is the upgraded version of the Pinaka rocket system and is being test fired by 24 EPRD rockets from different firing ranges.

20. In April 2022, Economics Explosives Ltd (EEL) and Z Motion Autonomous System Pvt Ltd tested the loitering munitions in _____ valley of Ladakh.

- 1) Dras Valley
- 2) Zaskar Valley
- 3) Shyok Valley
- 4) Nubra valley
- 5) Spiti Valley

Answer- 4) Nubra valley

Explanation:

The Economics Explosives Limited (EEL), a subsidiary of Solar Industries India Ltd, Nagpur Maharashtra and Z Motion Autonomous System Private Limited, Bangalore, Karnataka has successfully developed Loitering Munitions and test fires in high altitude conditions in Nubra valley of Union Territory of Ladakh.

- i. The company has developed three variants of Loitering Munitions (LM) – LM0, LM1 and The Hexacopter.
- ii. The Hexacopter manoeuvred for 30 minutes, making it a first in the world, where a man portable LM with 4 KiloGram (KG) warhead had successfully tested at a flight ceiling of 4500 metres.

21. Which country recently (in April'22) launched an Earth Observation Satellite named "Gaofen-3 03" into space from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre by a Long March-4C rocket?

- 1) China
- 2) Japan
- 3) South Korea
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) United Arab Emirates

Answer- **1) China**

Explanation:

China has successfully launched **Gaofen-3 03**, a Earth Observation Satellite into space to improve the country's land sea radar satellite constellation.

i. The Earth Observation Satellite was launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre by a Long March-4C rocket, It was the 414th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series to successfully enter into space.

22. Name the country that recently (in April '22) tested the "Shaheen-III", a surface-to-surface medium-range ballistic missile.

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Iran
- 5) Israel

Answer- **3) Pakistan**

Explanation:

The **Pakistan Army** has conducted a successful flight test of the surface-to-surface medium-range ballistic missile **Shaheen-III**, which was intended to revalidate various design and technical characteristics of the weapon system.

i. Shaheen-III is a 2,750-kilometer-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile capable of reaching the farthest point in India's northeast and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, bringing a number of Indian cities within range.

23. Name the Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) that was recently (in April'22) successfully flight tested by India at Pokhran, Rajasthan.

- 1) Arjuna
- 2) Helina
- 3) Amogha
- 4) Tosan
- 5) Jasmine

Answer- **2) Helina**

Explanation:

On 11th April 2022, **India** successfully flight tested an Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) '**Helina** (Helicopter based NAG)' from an indigenously-developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) at high-altitude ranges in Pokhran, Rajasthan.

i. The test was jointly conducted by the scientists of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF).

ii. The Helina (the Army version) is the helicopter-launched versions of third-generation anti-tank guided missiles (the Nag missile system) which weighs around 45 kg, is 6 feet in length and 7.9 inches in diameter. It is one of the most advanced ATGM in the world with a maximum range of 7Kms. The Air Force variant of Helina is named Dhruvastra.

Note- As part of the ongoing user validation trials, indigenously-developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile '**HELINA**' was **again** successfully flight-tested from Advanced Light Helicopter on **April 12, 2022**. This is the **second** successful flight-test in successive days.

24. Which ministry recently (in April'22) launched 3 smart Indigenous Intelligent Transportation Systems solutions for Indian Traffic Scenario under the InTranSE - II program?

- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 3) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 5) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Explanation:

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) has launched three smart **Indigenous Intelligent Transportation Systems solutions** for Indian Traffic Scenario under Intelligent Transportation System Endeavour for Indian Cities (InTranSE - II) Phase-II program. The three Solutions are -

- Onboard Driver Assistance and Warning System (ODAWS)
- Bus Signal Priority System
- Common SMart iot Connectiv (CoSMiC)

i. The Products are jointly developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) and Mahindra and Mahindra as the Industrial Collaborator.

25. Which country recently (in April '22) tested fired the world's first energy-based weapons system named "Iron Beam"?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) India
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) Israel

Answer- 5) Israel

Explanation:

Israel has successfully test fired a first of its kind laser missile defence system called as "**Iron Beam**" ,the world's first energy-based weapons system at the Negev Desert, Israel.

i. The Iron Beam is developed by the **Rafael Advanced Defence Systems**. It uses a directed-energy weapon system and can travel a long way to provide aerial defence.

ii. Iron Beam works on a fibre laser system to destroy any airborne object.It ranges up to 7 km, which is often considered too close for the Iron Dome system to intercept projectiles effectively.

iii. The Iron Beam is the world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser to shoot down incoming aerial objects such as missiles, rockets, mortars, anti-tank missiles, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (**UAV**) and drones.

26. Which country recently (in April'22) launched "Zhongxing-6D" through its Long March-3B rocket carrier?

- 1) United States of America
- 2) Israel
- 3) India
- 4) Japan

5) China

Answer- **5) China**

Explanation:

China launched a new satellite named **Zhongxing-6D** through its **Long March-3B rocket** carrier, from the Xichang Satellite Launch centre located at China's Southwest Sichuan Province.

i. The Satellite system will provide Radio and Television transmission and communication services and the launch marks the 415th mission for the Long March series rocket carrier.

27. Name the mission that was recently (in April 22) launched by SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office.

1) CRS-11 Mission

2) Axiom- Mission 1

3) Orbcomm- 23 Mission

4) NROL-85 Mission

5) SES-10 Mission

Answer- **4) NROL-85 Mission**

Explanation:

A two stage **SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket** launched the United States (**U.S**) National Reconnaissance Office (**NRO**)'s **NROL-85 mission** from Space Launch Complex 4 East (SLC-4E) at Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, United States of America(USA).

i. This is a US Surveillance satellites with a classified payload code named "NROL-85". The slogan of the NROL-85 mission is 'Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.'

ii. This was the 1st mission by the NRO to reuse a SpaceX rocket booster. NRO Launch 85 (NROL-85) was the 148th launch of the Falcon 9 and the rocket's 14th mission of 2022.

28. In April 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched 2 redeveloped portals- Computerized Registration of Pesticides (CROP) & Plant Quarantine Management System (PQMS) on export/import of Agricultural Commodities and Pesticides Registration. Who is the current (as of April 22nd) union minister of agriculture and farmers welfare?

1) Giriraj Singh

2) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

3) Hardeep Singh Puri

4) Narendra Singh Tomar

5) Bhupender Yadav

Answer- **4) Narendra Singh Tomar**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (**MoA&FW**) launched two redeveloped portals, one for the Computerized Registration of pesticide (**CROP**) and the other for Plant Quarantine Management System (**PQMS**).

i. These portals will help in taking forward digital Agriculture and Ease of doing Business.

ii. Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DAFW), MoA&FW through the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS), Faridabad has been catering to Indian exporters and importers of agriculture commodities and Indian Pesticide Industry, through its two portals viz. CROP, and Plant Quarantine Information System (PQIS).

29. From which aircraft, the Indian Air Force (IAF) recently (in April'22) test-fired a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile?

- 1) INS Surat
- 2) Sukhoi-30 Mki
- 3) INS Chennai
- 4) Mikoyan MiG-31
- 5) Mirage 2000D

Answer- 2) Sukhoi-30 Mki

Explanation:

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test-fired a **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from a Sukhoi-30 Mki (**Su30-Mki**) aircraft on the Eastern seaboard, demonstrating its operational preparedness.

- i. The missile hit the target, a decommissioned Indian Navy ship, with a direct strike, and the mission was carried out in close cooperation with the Indian Navy.
- ii. The BrahMos missile travels at 2.8 Mach, which is nearly three times the speed of sound.
- iii. The advanced version of the missile's range has been increased to around 350 km from the initial 290 km.

30. Name the 6th Scorpene Submarine of Project 75 that was recently (in April 22) launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- 1) INS Vagir
- 2) INS Karanj
- 3) INS Vagsheer
- 4) INS Vela
- 5) INS Kalvari

Answer- 3) INS Vagsheer

Explanation:

The **sixth and last submarine** of the Indian Navy's Kalvari class submarines of **Project 75**, "**INS Vagsheer (Yard 11880)**" was launched by Mrs.Veena Ajay Kumar in Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Limited (**MDL**), Mumbai.

i. INS Vagsheer was constructed by MDL under the collaboration with Naval Group, France. INS Vagsheer was named after the "Sand Fish", a deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean.

About INS Vagsheer:

- The first Vagsheer was commissioned in December 1974 and later it was decommissioned in April 1997.
- The new submarine is the latest incarnation of its earlier version, as according to naval parlance a ship never ceases to exist.

Note- Six Scorpene-Class attack submarines are: INS Kalvari, INS Khanderi, INS Karanj, INS Vela, INS Vagir and INS Vagsheer.

31. Which country recently (in April'22) tested the World's Most Powerful Nuclear-Capable Ballistic Missile-'RS-28 Sarmat'?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Israel
- 3) Russia

- 4) Germany
- 5) United States

Answer- **3) Russia**

Explanation:

Russia had test-launched a new nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (**world's Most Powerful**) namely '**RS-28 Sarmat**' for the 1st time from Plesetsk in northwest Russia and hit targets in the Kamchatka peninsula, nearly 6,000 km (3,700 miles) away.

i. It is also called 'Satan 2' and it will replace the R-36M ICBM (SS-18 'Satan') in Russia's arsenal. The Sarmat ICBM has been developed at the Makeyev State Rocket Center (part of Roscosmos) and is manufactured at the Krasnaya Zvezda enterprise.

ii. Sarmat is a three-stage, liquid-fueled missile with a range of 18,000 km and a launch weight of 208.1 metric tons, to be exact. The missile is 35.3 meters long and 3 meters in diameter.

32. Which space company recently (in April'22) signed an agreement with the ISRO arm, New Space India Limited to complete satellite launches?

- 1) JAXA
- 2) OneWeb
- 3) Blue Origin
- 4) SpaceX
- 5) Canadian Space Agency

Answer- **2) OneWeb**

Explanation:

The New Space India Limited (NSIL), a commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and OneWeb, inked an agreement to complete oneweb's Satellite Launch Programme.

i. The pact was signed in the mutual interest of NSIL and Oneweb, for developing Satellite Constellation Network, delivering industry-grade secure Internet connectivity.

ii. The first launch with the NSIL is expected to be launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) formerly called as Sriharikota Range (SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh by 2022.

33. The Indian Coast Guard Ship (Auxiliary Barge) "Urja Pravaha" was recently (in April'22) inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at _____.

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Chandipur, Odisha
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Bharuch, Gujarat

Answer- **5) Bharuch, Gujarat**

Explanation:

The Indian Coast Guard Ship (**Auxiliary Barge**) named **Urja Pravaha** was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard at **Gujarat's Bharuch**, arrived in **Kochi, Kerala** on April 22, 2022.

i. It will be based in Kochi under the operational command of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 (Kerala and Mahe), in addition to auxiliary barge Urja Shrota, which was inducted in 2017.

ii. The Auxiliary Barge Urja Pravaha is 36 meters long and is designed to carry cargo ship Fuel, aviation Fuel and fresh water.

34. On 19th April 2022, the Indian Navy tested Brahmos supersonic cruise missile from

- 1) INS Surat
- 2) INS Delhi
- 3) INS Kolkata
- 4) INS Kochi
- 5) INS Mumbai

Answer- **2) INS Delhi**

Explanation:

On April 19, 2022, Indian Navy successfully test-fired a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the guided-missile destroyer Indian Navy Ship **(INS) Delhi**.

- i.** On the same day, the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully tested a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a frontline fighter jet Sukhoi Su30 Mkl on the eastern seaboard on the same day.
- ii.** On March 5, 2022, the Indian Navy successfully test-fired an advanced version of the Brahmos supersonic cruise missile in the Indian Ocean from the stealth destroyer INS Chennai.

SPORTS

1. Who recently (in March'22) won Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (GP) 2022 held in Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia?

- 1) Sergio Pérez (Red Bull Driver)
- 2) Charles Leclerc (Ferrari Driver)
- 3) Max Verstappen (Red Bull Driver)
- 4) Valtteri Bottas (Ferrari Driver)
- 5) Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes driver)

Answer- **3) Max Verstappen (Red Bull Driver)**

Explanation:

The 2021 Formula 1 World Championship winner Max Emilian Verstappen wins the first race in the 2022 season of Formula 1 in **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (GP) 2022** which took place in Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia.

The Belgian-Dutch racing driver Verstappen represents Red Bull Racing Honda.

Achievements Of Max Emilian Verstappen:

- Verstappen Finished 3rd in Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) F3 European Championship in 2014.
- He won FIA Personality of the Year in 2015, 2016, 2017.
- He has also won 2015 FIA Rookie of the Year Lorenzo Bandini Trophy.

2. What is the official mascot of the 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021) that was released (in April'22) by Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Governor of Karnataka and Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports?

- 1) Veera
- 2) Kaka
- 3) Vijaya
- 4) Panda

5) Cobi

Answer- **1) Veera**

Explanation:

The Governor of Karnataka, Thaawar Chand Gehlot and Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur launched the logo, jersey, mascot and anthem in the 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games 2021 (**KIUG 2021**) at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The below things were unveiled during the event:-

Logo and official mascot of the games – **Veera**.

Khelo India App for live updates,

- The official anthem was sung by Chandan Shetty and Nikhil Joshi.
- The jersey for the 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games 2021

3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 12th edition of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup was held in New Zealand?

A) The Australian women's team won the 12th edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup for the 7th time by defeating England.

B) Rachael Haynes (Australia) has the highest score in the final of any ICC Cricket World Cup (in both men's or women's) surpassing Adam Gilchrist's (Australia).

C) Mithali Raj (India) became the third cricketer including men's and women's and the 1st woman to play in 6 ODI World Cups.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

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

Explanation:

The **Australian** women's team won the 12th edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup for the **7th time** by defeating **England**.

i. Alyssa Healy (Australia) has become the **highest scorer** in the final of any ICC Cricket World Cup (**in both men's or women's**) surpassing Adam Gilchrist's (Australia).

ii. Mithali Raj (India) became the third cricketer (including men's and women's) and the 1st woman to play in 6 ODI World Cups.

iii. Rachael Haynes (Australia) scored 497 runs in this tournament, which is the second-highest tally in a 2022 Women's World Cup.

4. Which sports brand company recently (in April '22) released the official ball "Al Rihla" for the 2022 FIFA Qatar World Cup matches?

1) Adidas

2) Nike

3) Reebok

4) Jordan

5) Puma

Answer- **1) Adidas**

Explanation:

Adidas, one of the top sports brands, unveiled the official ball '**Al Rihla**' for the **2022 FIFA** (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) **Qatar World cup matches**. It is the 14th successive ball that Adidas has created for the FIFA World Cup.

ii. Al Rihla means "the journey" in Arabic, and it was inspired by the architecture, iconic boats, and the flag of Qatar and it is made of polyurethane (PU) skin featuring micro and macro textures and a new 20-piece panel shape enhances aerodynamics to improve the accuracy and field play.

5. What is the official mascot of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 that was released (in April'22) by FIFA?

- 1) Zabivaka
- 2) La'eeb
- 3) Fuleco
- 4) Zakumi
- 5) Pique

Answer- **2) La'eeb**

Explanation:

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has unveiled **La'eeb** as the official mascot for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 during the draw for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which took place in Doha, Qatar.

i. "**La'eeb**" – a super skilled player (in Arabic), is playful, adventurous and curious and also La'eeb encourages everyone to believe in themselves as 'Now is All'.

ii. According to FIFA and the Tournament organising body- The Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (SC) , the mascot represents donning the flowing Qatari National dress and trying to stop the football in air.

6. As of April 2022, _____ won the Men's single from Spain in Miami Open 2022 was held in Florida, United States, while Iga Natalia Swiatek from _____ won the tournament under Women's single category.

- 1) Carlos Alcaraz; Poland
- 2) Casper Ruud; Japan
- 3) Carlos Alcaraz; Russia
- 4) Novak Djokovic; Japan
- 5) Casper Ruud; Poland

Answer- **1) Carlos Alcaraz; Poland**

Explanation:**Miami Open 2022:**

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Casper Ruud (Norway)
Women's Singles	Iga Natalia Swiatek (Poland)	Naomi Osaka (Japan)

Records of Swiatek:

i. Swiatek, the 20-year-old became the fourth woman to win the Indian Wells and Miami tournaments back-to-back, which is known as the "Sunshine Double" given the tournaments' respective locations in California and Florida.

ii. She also became the first woman to win the opening three WTA 1000 tournaments in a season such as BNP Paribas Open – 2022, Qatar Total Energies Open – 2022 and Miami Open 2022.

7. Which country will host the Asian Junior and Cadet Fencing Championships in 2023 for the 1st time?

- 1) Bangkok, Thailand
- 2) Ahmedabad, India
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Answer- **2) Ahmedabad, India**

Explanation:

The Fencing Association of India (**FAI**) has won the bid to host the Asian **Junior and Cadet Fencing Championship 2023** and this will be the first time for India to host a fencing event of this magnitude.

i. India will host the Asian Junior Under 20(U-20) Men & Women and Cadet Under-17(U-17) Boys & Girls Fencing Championships 2023 at **Ahmedabad (Host City)**, Gujarat in March or April 2023.

ii. India made the bid during the Annual General Body Meeting of the Fencing Confederation of Asia at Hamdan Sports Complex, Dubai, the United Arab Emirates(UAE).

8. In April 2022, _____ along with Saurav Ghosal, won India's first gold medal in the mixed doubles category at the World Doubles Squash Championships 2022 in Glasgow, UK.

- 1) Dipika Pallikal
- 2) Joshna Chinappa
- 3) Sunayna Kuruvilla
- 4) Jwala Gutta
- 5) Sheethal Goutham

Answer- **1) Dipika Pallikal**

Explanation:

India won maiden Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles at World Squash Federation (**WSF**) World Doubles Squash Championships – 2022 held at Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom(UK).

i. **Dipika Pallikal** pairing with **Joshna Chinappa** and **Saurav Ghosal** won the **Women's Doubles Squash Championship** and **Mixed Doubles Squash championships** respectively.

ii. Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal, defeated the Fourth seeded English pair Adrian Waller and Alison Waters claiming the Mixed Doubles title.

iii. Dipika Pallikal and Joshna Chinappa , defeated England's Sarah Jane Perry and Waters (Second Seeded).

iv. India now became the first in Asia to win a World Doubles Squash Championships title.

9. Which city will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG)?

- 1) Birmingham, England
- 2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 3) Victoria, Australia
- 4) Glasgow, Scotland
- 5) Victoria, Canada

Answer- **3) Victoria, Australia**

Explanation:

Australia's Victoria state will be the host for **2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG)**. The 2026 Games will be held in four towns such as Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Gippsland of Australia. **i.** The opening ceremony will be held at Australia's largest cricket stadium - the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). MCG can hold 100,000 spectators.

ii. So far Victoria state has announced 16 sports for the 2026 Games, which includes aquatics, cycling and Twenty20 cricket.

About Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF):

President - Dame Louise Martin DBE

Headquarters - United Kingdom

10. Who recently (in April' 22) won the Formula One (F1) Australian Grand Prix 2022, held in Melbourne, Australia?

- 1) Sergio Pérez
- 2) Charles Leclerc
- 3) Max Verstappen
- 4) Valtteri Bottas
- 5) Lewis Hamilton

Answer- **2) Charles Leclerc**

Explanation:

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc won a Pole-to-Flag victory with the fastest time gap of 20.524 seconds at the **Australian Grand Prix 2022** by scoring 26 points, which was held at the Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne, Australia.

i. Charles Leclerc has claimed his second win of the Formula 1 season following the victory of Season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, Sakir, Bahrain.

ii. Sergio Pérez (Red Bull Racing-RBPT – Mexico) came second while George Russell (Mercedes – Britain) came third.

11. In April 2022, who won the silver medal in men's singles at the Orléans Masters 2022, a badminton tournament held in Orleans, France?

- 1) Srikanth Kidambi
- 2) Prannoy Kumar
- 3) Mithun Manjunath
- 4) Lakshya Sen
- 5) B. Sai Praneeth

Answer- **3) Mithun Manjunath**

Explanation:

Indian shuttler **Mithun Manjunath** has won silver in **Men's Singles** at the **Orléans Masters 2022** was a badminton tournament held from 29th March to 3rd April 2022 in Orleans, France.

i. Women's doubles pair of **Ashwini Bhat** and **Shikha Gautam** has won the bronze in Women's doubles at the tournament.

12. Who recently (in April'22) won the ReyKjavik Open Chess 2022 tournament held at Reykjavik, Iceland?

- 1) Gretarsson Hjorvar Steinn (Iceland)
- 2) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (India)
- 3) Mads Anderson (Denmark)
- 4) Gupta Abhijeet (India)
- 5) Max Warmerdam (Netherland)

Answer- 2) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (India)

Explanation:

Indian Grandmaster (GM) **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** has won the **ReyKjavik Open Chess 2022** tournament with 7.5 points from nine rounds held at Reykjavik, Iceland between April 6th to 12th.

i. Praggnanandhaa won all the nine rounds and finished with wins over France GM Matthieu Cornette and the Indian GM Dommaraju Gukesh in the last two rounds.

Rank	Country	Name
1	India	GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
2	Netherland	GM Max Warmerdam
3	Denmark	GM Mads Anderson

13. In April 2022, Cricketer Hamish Bennett announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Which Country does he belong to?

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

Answer- 2) New Zealand

Explanation:

The **New Zealand** pacer (fast bowler) **Hamish Bennett**, has announced his retirement from his 17-year old cricket career with the 2021/22 season as the last one.

i. Hamish Bennett made his International debut in October 2010 and represented New Zealand in one Test, 19 One Day International (ODIs) and 11 Twenty-20 Internationals (T20Is).

14. India won __ medals in the 2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament, which was held in Phuket, Thailand.

- 1) 10
- 2) 8
- 3) 15
- 4) 9
- 5) 12

Answer- 1) 10

Explanation:

Indian boxers bagged **10 medals** at the **2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament**, which took place in Angsana Convention And Exhibition Space (ACES), Phuket, Thailand from 3 April 2022 to 9 April 2022. The Indian boxers secured 3 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 Bronze medals.

i. Govind Sahani (men's 48kg), Ananta Pralhad Chopde (men's 54kg) and Sumit Kundu (men's 75kg) were the three gold medal winners.

15. In April 2022, Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Pattnaik revealed the logo of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Senior Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 at Kalinga Stadium.

What is the edition of the FIH Senior Men's Hockey World Cup 2023?

- 1) 11th
- 2) 12th
- 3) 13th
- 4) 14th
- 5) 15th

Answer- **5) 15th**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha, **Naveen Pattnaik** revealed the **logo of 15th edition** of International Hockey Federation (**FIH**) Senior Men's **Hockey World Cup 2023** at **Kalinga Stadium**. Odisha will organise the tournament both in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

i. The CM has unveiled the logo of the world cup for the second consecutive time.

ii. Odisha becomes the first State to host back-to-back hockey men's world cups. The tournament is scheduled from 13 January 2023 to 29 January 2023.

16. Name the Indian GrandMaster (GM) who won the 48th La Roda International Open Chess Tournament in Castilla La Mancha, Spain in April 2022.

- 1) Raunak Sadhwani
- 2) Dommaraju Gukesh
- 3) Anwesh Upadhyaya
- 4) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- 5) Arjun Vishnuvardhan

Answer- **2) Dommaraju Gukesh**

Explanation:

The **Indian** GrandMaster (**GM**) **Dommaraju Gukesh**, won the **48th** La Roda International Open Chess tournament held at Castilla La Mancha, Spain by defeating Israel GM Victor Mikhalevski in the final round and scoring 8 points from nine rounds.

i. The third place was secured by Indian GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa who scored seven points followed by Indian GM Raunak Sadhwani (4th place).

17. Who recently (in April '22) won the Men's Singles title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters 2022, held at the Monte Carlo, Monaco?

- 1) Rajeev Ram (USA)
- 2) Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (Spain)
- 3) Joe Salisbury (British)
- 4) Rafael Nadal (Spain)
- 5) Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greek)

Answer- **5) Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greek)**

Explanation:

Stefanos Tsitsipas, a **Greek** professional tennis player, has won the **Men's Singles title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters 2022**, 115th edition, held at the Monte-Carlo Country Club in Monte Carlo, Monaco, from 10th to 17th April 2022. Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters is the first of three ATP Masters 1000 tournaments played on clay.

i. He defeated Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain to retain his title and became the first repeat champion at Monte Carlo Masters since Rafael Nadal of Spain in 2018.

ii. Men's Doubles Title- Joe Salisbury, British professional tennis player and Rajeev Ram, American professional tennis player won by defeating Juan-Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah of Colombia.

18. Name the country that recently (in April '22) won the 9th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2021 held in Potchefstroom, South Africa for the 4th time.

- 1) Netherlands
- 2) India
- 3) Germany
- 4) Australia
- 5) England

Answer- **1) Netherlands**

Explanation:

The **Netherlands** won the 9th International Hockey Federation (FIH – Fédération Internationale de Hockey) Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2021 by defeating **Germany** for 3-1. The tournament was held in Potchefstroom, South Africa from 1st to 12th April 2022.

ii. This marks the Netherland's **4th title** at the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup, previously Netherland has won the title in 1997, 2009, and 2013 and Germany has won the silver for the 2nd time.

19. In April 2022, "Khelo India Uni Games 2021", a mobile app, was launched for the ____ edition of Khelo India University Games, which will be held in Bangalore, Karnataka.

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

Answer- **4) 2nd**

Explanation:

In a First of its kind initiative, 'Khelo India Uni Games 2021' – a mobile app was launched for the 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games, which was organised by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports along with the Jain Deemed to be University, Bangalore, Karnataka.

i. The app will have information about accommodation, food, transport services, emergency contacts, maps to the venues, along with the information regarding the event, which is scheduled to be held from April 24 to 03 May, 2022.

20. In April 2022, Cricketer Kieron Adrian Pollard announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Which Country does he belong to?

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

Answer- 4) West Indies

Explanation:

The **West Indies** cricketer and all-rounder, **Kieron Adrian Pollard** announced his retirement from his 15-year career in International Cricket.

i. Pollard became the first West Indies player in White-ball cricket to represent 101 Twenty 20 Internationals (T20Is) and 123 ODIs.

ii. As of March 2021, Pollard became the only third player in the history of the men's international games to hit six sixes in a single over against Sri Lanka's Akila Dananjaya.

21. Who recently (in April '22) won the Men's Singles Title at the Serbia Open 2022 by defeating Novak Djokovic?

- 1) Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
- 2) Alexander Zverev (Germany)
- 3) Rafael Nadal (Spain)
- 4) Andrey Rublev (Russia)
- 5) Roger Federer (Switzerland)

Answer- 4) Andrey Rublev (Russia)

Explanation:

Russian Tennis player **Andrey Rublev**, defeated Serbian tennis player, **Novak Djokovic** & won the **Men's Singles Title in Serbia Open 2022** held at "Novak" Tennis Centre, Belgrade, Serbia from April 17 to 24, 2022. This win was his third title of the 2022 season.

i. Uruguay's Ariel Behar and Ecuador's Gonzalo Escobar defeated Croatia's Nikola Mektić and Croatia's Mate Pavić & won the Men's Doubles Category.

22. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 35th Edition of Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 held in April 2022?

A) India secured a total of 17 medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 held at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

B) In Asian Wrestling Championships 2022, Ravi Kumar Dahiya is the only gold medalist representing India in the men's 57kg freestyle category and became the 1 st Indian to win 3 consecutive Asian Wrestling Championship titles.

C) India ranks 3rd in the 2022 Asian Wrestling Championships Medals list while Iran tops the list with 21 medals overall.

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

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

Explanation:

India secured a total of 17 medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 (1-Gold, 5-Silver, 11-Bronze medals).

i. Ravi Kumar Dahiya is the only gold medalist representing India in the men's 57kg freestyle category and became the first Indian to win three consecutive Asian Wrestling Championship titles.

ii. India ranks **5th** in the 2022 Asian Wrestling Championships Medals list while **Japan** tops the list with 21 medals overall. (depending on the Gold medal).

23. Who recently (in April '22) won the 3rd edition of the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix 2022 held in Imola, Italy?

- 1) Max Verstappen
- 2) Lando Norris
- 3) Sergio Perez
- 4) Lewis Hamilton
- 5) Charles Leclerc

Answer- **1) Max Verstappen**

Explanation:

The Belgian-Dutch racing driver **Max Emilian Verstappen** won the **3rd edition of Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2022** over the Mexican racing driver **Sergio Michel Pérez Mendoza** (2nd position) in a Red Bull one-two Race, held at Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari (Imola) circuit, Italy.

i. The Third Position was secured by British-Belgian racing driver Lando Norris competing with McLaren-Mercedes.

24. Name the Indian Grandmaster (GM) who recently (in April'22) won the Menorca Open chess tournament 2022?

- 1) S. L. Narayanan
- 2) Adhiban Baskaran
- 3) Shant Sargsyan
- 4) Aryan Chopra
- 5) Dommaraju Gukesh

Answer- **5) Dommaraju Gukesh**

Explanation:

The Indian Grandmaster (GM) **Dommaraju Gukesh** won the Group A of the **Menorca Open chess tournament 2022** held at Ciutadella de Menorca, Spain. Dommaraju Gukesh defeated his compatriot GM Adhiban Baskaran with six points from seven rounds.

i. The **second place** was secured by the **Indian GM Aryan Chopra** with 5.5 points, while the **third spot** was won by **Armenian GM Shant Sargsyan**.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. In April 2022, Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs, released a book, "Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises."

Who authored the book, "Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises"?

- 1) Jasleen Dhamija
- 2) Veena Das
- 3) Sreeram Chaulia
- 4) Bertha Gyndykes Dkhar
- 5) Leela Dube

Answer- 3) Sreeram Chaulia

Explanation:

Social scientist Dr **Sreeram Chaulia** has authored a new book titled "**Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises**". The book was published by Rupa publications India.

i. The book was released by Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs at the India International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

ii. The book highlights the much needed public faith in the state to protect the country from security threats posed by India's external adversaries and also analyses PM Modi's series of decision making moves during the crises with China and Pakistan.

2. Who authored the book, "Queen of Fire," which explores the story of Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi?

- 1) Radhika Menon
- 2) Ruskin Bond
- 3) Sowmya Rajendran
- 4) Devika Rangachari
- 5) Sudha Murty

Answer- 4) Devika Rangachari

Explanation:

Award winning children's writer and historian **Devika Rangachari** has authored a new novel titled "**Queen of Fire**", which explores the story of Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi.

i. The book is published by Duckbill Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

Books authored by Devika Rangachari:

- Queen of Ice
- Queen of Earth
- Puffin Lives: Swami Vivekananda: A Man with a Vision
- 10 Indian Monarchs Whose Amazing Stories You May Not Know

3. Who authored the book, "Decoding Indian Babudom" that highlights the bureaucratic system of India?

- 1) Shashi Tharoor
- 2) Aravind Adiga
- 3) Sagarika Ghose
- 4) Ashwini Shrivastava

5) Barkha Dutt

Answer- **4) Ashwini Shrivastava**

Explanation:

A new book titled "**Decoding Indian Babudom**" authored by **Ashwini Shrivastava** and published by Vitasta Publishing Private Limited launched.

- i. This is a first-of-its-kind book by a journalist covering the bureaucratic system of India.
- ii. The author recommended "15 Sutras" to achieve good and effective governance that can bring in investment by boosting businessmen's confidence in the administration.

4. Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan released a book, "Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak".

Who authored the book, "Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak"?

- 1) Arundhati Roy
- 2) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 3) Rajiv Agarwal
- 4) Alok Chakrawal
- 5) Madhumita Chatterji

Answer- **4) Alok Chakrawal**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan released a book titled "**Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak**" authored by **Prof. Alok Chakrawal**, Vice Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

- i. The book highlights the struggle of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the contribution of forest dwellers in the freedom movement of India.
- ii. Birsa Munda was born in 1875, an Indian tribal freedom fighter, religious leader, and folk hero who belonged to the Munda tribe and the ulgulan, meaning 'Great Tumult', sought to establish Munda Raj and independence.

5. Who co-author the book, "Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero" along with Meena Nayyar?

- 1) Chaiti Narula
- 2) Himmat Singh Shekhawat
- 3) Karma Paljor
- 4) Naina Lal Kidwai
- 5) Sajjad Haider

Answer- **2) Himmat Singh Shekhawat**

Explanation:

Meena Nayyar, Mother of Captain Anuj Nayyar and **Himmat Singh Shekhawat**, a part of Rashtriya Riders, a biking group that pays homage to martyrs and their families has authored a new book titled "**Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero**", published by HarperCollins Publishers India.

- i. The book features the story of Capt. Anuj Nayyar, who martyred during the 1999 Kargil War while fighting to secure the Drass sector which was critical to the success of Operation Vijay and India's victory in Kargil and he was honoured with the Maha Vir Chakra (posthumously), the second-highest gallantry award in 2000.

6. Who authored the book, “The Maverick Effect: The Inside Story of India’s IT Revolution”?

- 1) Salil Parekh
- 2) U. B. Pravin Rao
- 3) Debjani Ghosh
- 4) Harish S. Mehta
- 5) Rekha M Menon

Answer- **4) Harish S. Mehta**

Explanation:

Harish S. Mehta, the founding member and the **first elected** Chairman of the National Association of Software and Service Companies (**NASSCOM**), has authored a new book titled “**The Maverick Effect: The Inside Story of India’s IT Revolution.**”

- i. The book, published by HarperCollins Publishers India, brings out the story of NASSCOM and the life story of Harish Mehta.
- ii. Harish S. Mehta is now the Convenor of the Chairman’s Council of NASSCOM

7. Who authored the book “The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights”?

- 1) Natasha Sharma
- 2) Rajesh Talwar
- 3) Roopa Pai
- 4) Mohit Parikh
- 5) Richa Jha

Answer- **2) Rajesh Talwar**

Explanation:

On April 14, 2022, during the occasion of Dr. BR Ambedkar’s 131st birth anniversary, a new book titled “The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights” authored by **Rajesh Talwar**, a fact-based drama on Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar’s own recollections of his childhood has been released.

- i. It is published by Ponytale Books.

8. Who authored the book, “Hear Yourself: How to Find Peace in a Noisy World” for India?

- 1) Aravind Adiga
- 2) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Ashwin Sanghi
- 5) Prem Rawat

Answer- **5) Prem Rawat**

Explanation:

Renowned Author **Prem Rawat** has released his book titled “**Hear Yourself: How to Find Peace in a Noisy World**” for India in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The book is **published** by **HarperOne**, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

- i. The book is available in **5 languages** such as English, French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese and it aims to help the readers to develop better self understanding and understand their own potential.

9. In April 2022, Naveen Patnaik released 2 books, "The Magic of Mangalajodi" and "Sikh History of Eastern India", which were authored by Avinash Khemka and Abinash Mohapatra, respectively.

Naveen Patnaik is the Chief Minister (CM) of which state?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- 3) Odisha

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of **Odisha, Naveen Patnaik**, released 2 books; i. The coffee table book titled "**The Magic of Mangalajodi**" by **Avinash Khemka** ii. A compilation of the Sikh history of eastern India titled "**Sikh History of Eastern India**" by **Abinash Mohapatra**.

i. The book is published by Punjabi Global Foundation, Odisha Chapter in Balasore, Odisha.

10. Who authored the book, "Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping"?

- 1) Zorawar Daulet Singh
- 2) Iqbal Chand Malhotra
- 3) Bertil Lintner
- 4) Roger Faligot
- 5) Probal Dasgupta

Answer- 4) Roger Faligot

Explanation:

HarperCollins India has published a new book titled "**Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping**" authored by French journalist **Roger Faligot** and translated by writer, editor and translator, **Natasha Lehrer**.

i. The foreword of the book is written by **Vikram Sood**, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India's foreign intelligence agency.

ii. The book 'Chinese Spies' was originally published in French in 2008 and later translated into English from the updated 4th edition by **Natasha Lehrer**.

11. Name the Padma Awardee who authored the book, "Not Just a Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI."

- 1) Sankaran Nair
- 2) Rajiv Mehrishi
- 3) Vinod Rai
- 4) Pitambar Pant
- 5) Moosa Raza

Answer- 3) Vinod Rai

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan **Vinod Rai**, former (11th) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) India, has authored a new book titled "**Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI**".

i. The book features his 33-month stint as the Chairman of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

ii. Vinod Rai, was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2016 for civil service.

12. Former CM of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis, recently (in April '22) released a book on Amit Shah titled "Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal".

Who originally Co-authored the book along with Anirban Ganguly?

- 1) Syama Prasad Mookerjee
- 2) Bibek Debroy
- 3) Pathikrit Payne
- 4) Shiwanand Dwivedi
- 5) Aditya Sinha

Answer- **4) Shiwanand Dwivedi**

Explanation:

Devendra Fadnavis, former Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra, released a Marathi book on Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, titled "**Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal**", a Marathi version of the book "Amit Shah and The March of BJP". The book is published by Bloomsbury India.

i. The book was originally written by **Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shiwanand Dwivedi** and it has been translated into Marathi by Dr Jyostna Kolhatkar.

OBITUARY

1. Pulitzer Prize awardee Richard Howard recently (in April'22) passed away. For which book he won the Pulitzer prize in 1970?

- 1) Queen of Fire
- 2) Untitled Subjects
- 3) Inner voices
- 4) Two-part inventions
- 5) Without Saying

Answer- **2) Untitled Subjects**

Explanation:

Pulitzer Prize awardee American poet **Richard Howard** passed away at age of 92 in Mount Sinai Beth Israel in New York, the United States of America (USA).

i. He was an American poet, literary critic, essayist, teacher, and translator.

ii. He won the **Pulitzer prize** in **1970** for "**Untitled Subjects**" and was a National Book Award Finalist in 2008 for "Without Saying".

iii. His translation of Charles Baudelaire's "Les Fleurs du Mal" won the National Book Award (then called the American Book Award) in 1983.

2. Prafulla Kar, recently (in April '22) passed away. In which field did he receive the Padma Shri award in 2015?

- 1) Literature and Education
- 2) Medicines
- 3) Art
- 4) Social work
- 5) Science and Engineering

Answer- **3) Art**

Explanation:

Popular Odia singer and music director **Prafulla Kar** passed away due to age-related ailments in Odisha. He was born on February 16, 1939 in Puri, Odisha.

- i. Kar was a prominent musician, singer, lyricist, writer, and columnist in 1962, he debuted as a singer in the Odia film Shri Shri Patita Pabana. His song "Kamala Desha Rajakumara" made him famous.
- ii. He received **Padma Shri** award in the field of **art** in **2015**.

3. In April 2022, Mwai Kibaki passed away. He is the former President of which country?

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Somalia
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Uganda
- 5) Nairobi

Answer- **1) Kenya**

Explanation:

Mwai Kibaki, former President of **Kenya** died at the age of 90. It was announced by The President of Kenya Uhuru Kenyatta. He served as the 3rd President of Kenya.

- i. Mwai Kibaki is a Kenyan Politician and a debater who steered the development of the country since its Independence on December 12, 1963.
- ii. Kibaki served **two terms** as President of Kenya, the East African Country, ruling from 2002 to 2013.

4. Padma Shri Awardee Binapani Mohanty recently (in April 22) passed away. In which field did Binapani Mohanty receive the Padma Shri award in 2020?

- 1) Literature and Education
- 2) Public Affairs
- 3) Science and Engineering
- 4) Sports
- 5) Art

Answer- **1) Literature and Education**

Explanation:

The **Padma Shri** and **Sahitya Akademi Awardee** Odia Writer **Binapani Mohanty** died at her residence in Cuttack, Odisha. She was born on 11th November 1936 in Chandol, Kendrapada, Bengal Presidency, British Raj.

- i. She is well known for her works 'Patadei', 'Kasturi Mriga O Sabuja Aranya', 'Khela Ghara', 'Naiku Rasta', 'Bastraharana', 'Andhakarara'.

Awards:

- i. In 1990, She won Sahitya Akademi Award for her collection of stories 'Patadei'.
- ii. In **2020**, She was conferred with **Padma Shri** in the **Literature and Education** category.

5. James Dringwell Rymbai recently (in April 22) passed away. He is the former Chief Minister of which state?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Mizoram

3) Gujarat

4) Assam

5) Tripura

Answer- **1) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

The **former** Chief Minister (CM) of **Meghalaya**, **James Dringwell Rymbai**, died at the age of 88 on April 21, 2022.

i. In 1993, 1998, and 2003, he won three consecutive terms as MLA from the Jirag assembly constituency in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district and in 1993, he was elected to the Meghalaya Assembly as the speaker.

ii. In 2006, James Dringwell Rymbai was elected Chief Minister of Meghalaya and served until March 2007.

6. Padma Shri awardee Mamannamana Vijayan recently (April 22nd) passed away. In which field did he receive the Padma Shri award in 2004?

1) Science and Engineering

2) Literature and Education

3) Social Work

4) Medicine

5) Art

Answer- **1) Science and Engineering**

Explanation:

Molecular biophysicist and structural biologist professor **Padma Shri awardee Mamannamana Vijayan**, DAE Homi Bhabha Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc)- Bengaluru, passed away in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

i. He played a major role in the development of macromolecular crystallography in India.

ii. He was honoured with **Padma Shri (2004)** for **science and engineering** and Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology (1985).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. The International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

1) 29th March, 2022

2) 27th March, 2022

3) 30th March, 2022

4) 28th March, 2022

5) 31st March, 2022

Answer- **5) 31st March, 2022**

Explanation:

International Transgender Day of Visibility (**TDOV**) was observed across the globe on **31st March, 2022** to celebrate the accomplishments and perseverance of transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals.

i. Flag: Transgender flag is a light blue, pink and white pentacolor pride flag representing the transgender community.

ii. The day was first observed on 31st March 2009.

2. Assam Rifles (AR) celebrated its _____ Raising Day on 24 March 2022.

- 1) 190th
- 2) 187th
- 3) 185th
- 4) 189th
- 5) 186th

Answer- **2) 187th**

Explanation:

The Longding Battalion of the Assam Rifles (AR) celebrated the **187th** Raising Day on **24 March 2022**, which marks the inception of the oldest Paramilitary Force of India.

i. 187th Raising day was celebrated from 24th to 26th March 2022 and Nityanand Rai, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs graced the event as chief guest.

ii. Since its inception on 24th March 1835 as a militia called the 'Cachar Levy', the Assam Rifles has executed challenging operations and guarded the Indo-Myanmar border. At present, the force has around 46 battalions.

3. The World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) was observed across the globe by the UN on _____.

- 1) 2nd April, 2022
- 2) 31st March, 2022
- 3) 1st April, 2022
- 4) 3rd April, 2022
- 5) 30th March, 2022

Answer- **1) 2nd April, 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) 2022 was observed across the globe on the **2nd April 2022** to create awareness about the need to help improve the quality of life of people with autism and support them to lead a full and meaningful life as an integral part of society.

i. The theme of inclusive education is linked with the focus of the 2021 WAAD observance, "Inclusion in the Workplace".

ii. The first-ever World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) was observed on 2nd April 2008.

4. What is the theme of the International Children's Book Day (ICBD) 2022 that was observed across the globe on 2nd April 2022?

- 1) The Music of Words
- 2) Biodiversity: Life Insurance for our Changing World.
- 3) Stories are wings that help you soar every day
- 4) Celebrating Literature and the Joy of Reading
- 5) You Are A Reader

Answer- **3) Stories are wings that help you soar every day**

Explanation:

International Children's Book Day (**ICBD**) **2022** was observed across the globe on the **2nd April, 2022** to inspire children toward reading and to call attention to books and the day also marks the birth anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish author who is well known for his literary fairy tales.

- i.** The theme of 2022 ICBD is "**Stories are wings that help you soar every day**".
- ii.** The Hans Christian Andersen Award, annually presented by International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), is the highest international distinction given to authors and illustrators of children's books.

Winners of 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award:

- 2022 author award: Marie-Aude Murail, author from France.
- 2022 Illustrator award: Suzy Lee, Illustrator from the Republic of Korea.

5. What is the theme of International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action 2022 observed across the globe by the UN on 4th April 2022?

- 1) Raising Mine and Explosive Remnants
- 2) United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground
- 3) Explosive Remnants of War
- 4) Perseverance, Partnership, Progress
- 5) Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home

Answer- **5) Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**)'s **International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action 2022** was observed across the globe on **4th April 2022** to create awareness about landmines and work toward their eradication.

- i.** The day is annually observed by the United Nations Mine Action Service (**UNMAS**).
- ii.** The UNMAS marks the 2022 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action day under the theme "**Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home**".

6. The Indian Army celebrates its 258th Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps (AMC) on _____.

- 1) 1st April 2022
- 2) 3rd April 2022
- 3) 5th April 2022
- 4) 2nd April 2022
- 5) 4th April 2022

Answer- **2) 3rd April 2022**

Explanation:

The **Indian Army** celebrated the **258th Raising Day** of the Army Medical Corps (**AMC**) on **3rd April 2022** to celebrate the founding of AMC and to pay tribute to the medical personnel who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

- i.** Army Medical Corps(AMC) came into existence as the Indian Army Medical Corps (IAMC) on 3rd April 1943 by the amalgamation of the Indian Medical Service(IMS), the Indian Medical Department(IMD) and the Indian Hospital Corps.
- ii.** The IAMC was re-designated as Army Medical Corps(AMC) with effect from 26th January 1950.

7. The 3rd International Day of Conscience was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on _____.

- 1) 2nd April, 2022
- 2) 4th April, 2022
- 3) 5th April, 2022
- 4) 3rd April, 2022
- 5) 1st April, 2022

Answer- 3) 5th April, 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Conscience** is annually observed across the globe on **5th April** to promote a culture of peace with love and conscience in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities.

i. 5th April 2022 marks the observance of the 3rd International Day of Conscience.

ii. The **first** International Day of Conscience was observed on **5th April 2020**.

8. What is the theme of the 59th edition of the National Maritime Day (NMD)/ Merchant Navy Flag Day observed across India on 5th April 2022?

- 1) Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero
- 2) Indian Ocean – An Ocean of opportunity
- 3) Connecting India through Shipping
- 4) Indian Shipping- An Ocean of Opportunity
- 5) Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19

Answer- 1) Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero

Explanation:

National Maritime Day (NMD), also known as Merchant Navy Flag Day, is annually observed across India on 5th April to recognise and remember the glorious maritime history of India and to create awareness about the importance of the maritime sector towards the economic growth of India.

i. 5th April 2022 marks the observance of the **59th** edition of the National Maritime Day and the 1st ever National Maritime Day was celebrated on 5th April 1964.

ii. The **theme** of National Maritime Day 2022 is "Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero".

9. When was the 9th edition of International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) observed across the globe by the United Nation (UN) with the theme of "Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport"?

- 1) 3rd April 2022
- 2) 5th April 2022
- 3) 2nd April 2022
- 4) 6th April 2022
- 5) 4th April 2022

Answer- 4) 6th April 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (**IDSDP**) is annually observed across the globe on 6th April to create a platform to recognise the role of sports and physical activities in communities and lives of the people across the globe.

i. 6th April 2022 marks the observance of the **9th edition** of IDSDP.

ii. The **theme** of IDSDP 2022 is “Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport”.

10. World Table Tennis Day (WTTD) 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 6th April 2022
- 2) 3rd April 2022
- 3) 5th April 2022
- 4) 2nd April 2022
- 5) 4th April 2022

Answer- **1) 6th April 2022**

Explanation:

World Table Tennis Day (**WTTD**) **2022** was observed across the globe on **6th April 2022** to celebrate table tennis, as well as the universality and social inclusiveness the sport represents.

i. World Table Tennis Day is an initiative of the International Table Tennis Federation (**ITTF**), launched with a fundamental mission to promote Table Tennis across the globe and the **first-ever** WTTD was observed on 6th April **2015**.

ii. In line with the biennial celebration of the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy, WTTD 2022 focuses on using table tennis for peace-making and conflict resolutions.

11. The prevention of Blindness week 2022 was observed across India from

- 1) 5th-11th April 2022
- 2) 4th-10th April 2022
- 3) 3rd-9th April 2022
- 4) 2nd-8th April 2022
- 5) 1st to 7th April 2022

Answer- **5) 1st to 7th April 2022**

Explanation:

Prevention of Blindness Week 2022 was observed across India from **1st to 7th April 2022** to create awareness about blindness. The week is annually organised by the Government of India with the aim to raise awareness of the importance of eyes to visually impaired people across India.

i. The week is annually organised across India by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, India. (NSPB-I).

12. The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda 2022 was observed by the United Nations (UN) on _____.

- 1) 8th April 2022
- 2) 6th April 2022
- 3) 4th April 2022
- 4) 7th April 2022
- 5) 5th April 2022

Answer- **4) 7th April 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda** is annually observed on **7th April** to commemorate the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government.

i. The 2022 commemorations are organized in partnership with the Permanent Delegation of Rwanda to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

ii. The year **2022** marks the **28th anniversary** of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

13. What is the theme of World Health Day 2022 that was observed across the globe on 7th April 2022?

- 1) Our Planet, Our Health
- 2) Building a fairer, healthier world
- 3) Support Nurses and Midwives
- 4) Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere
- 5) Ignore Depression

Answer- **1) Our Planet, Our Health**

Explanation:

World Health Day is annually observed across the globe on **7th April** to bring attention to a specific topic of concern to people across the world and also marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 7th April 1948.

i. The theme of World Health Day 2022 is "**Our Planet, Our Health**".

World Health Day 2022 in India:

On the occasion of World Health Day, the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homeopathy (**Ayush**) organized a **Yoga Utsav** at the iconic 15 August ground at Red Fort, Delhi and kickstarted the 75 days countdown to the International Day of Yoga (IDY).

14. The Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) units of Southern Command celebrated its 247th Corps Day on _____.

- 1) 6th April 2022
- 2) 8th April 2022
- 3) 4th April 2022
- 4) 5th April 2022
- 5) 7th April 2022

Answer- **2) 8th April 2022**

Explanation:

The Army Ordnance Corps (**AOC**) units of Southern Command celebrated their **247th** Corps Day on **08 April 2022**.

About Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) :

i. The AOC came into existence with the establishment of 'Board of Ordnance' on 8th April 1775.

ii. Over the years, the Board of Ordnance underwent a number of transformations and in 1922 it came to be known as the Indian Army Ordnance Corps.

iii. In 1950 when India became a Republic, the prefix 'Indian' was dropped and the organization became the Army Ordnance Corps.

15. The 57th Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day/Shaurya Diwas was observed on _____ to commemorate the 1965 battle at Sardar Post in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat against Pakistan.

- 1) 11th April 2022
- 2) 9th April 2022

3) 7th April 2022

4) 10th April 2022

5) 8th April 2022

Answer- 2) 9th April 2022

Explanation:

Annually the Central Reserve Police Force (**CRPF**) observes the **CRPF Valour Day**, also known as **Shaurya Diwas**, on **9th April** to commemorate the 1965 battle at Sardar Post in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat against Pakistan.

i. The day is annually observed as a tribute to the brave men of the CRPF. **9th April 2022** marks the observance of the **57th CRPF Valour Day**.

About Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF):

Director-General- Kuldiep Singh

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Motto- "Tejsvi navdhitmastu" means- "Let Brilliance Emerge out of our Endeavours".

16. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Homeopathy Day (WHD) 2022?

A) World Homeopathy or Homeopathy Day (WHD) 2022 was observed across the globe on 10th April 2022.

B) 10th April 2022 also marks the 200th birth anniversary of Hippocrates, founding father of Homeopathy.

C) Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH), inaugurated a 2- day scientific convention with the theme of "Homeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness".

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) Only A

Answer- 4) Only A & C

Explanation:

World Homeopathy or Homoeopathy Day (**WHD**) 2022 was observed across the globe on **10th April 2022** to celebrate the contribution of homeopathy to the world of medicine.

i. **10th April 2022** also marks the **267th** birth anniversary of German physician Dr **Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann**, founding **father of Homeopathy**, a branch of medicine.

ii. On 9th April 2022, Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (**AYUSH**), inaugurated a two-day scientific convention, from 9th to 10th April 2022, in New Delhi, Delhi with the **theme** of "Homeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness".

iii. The word 'Homoeopathy' is derived from two Greek words, 'Homois' meaning similar and 'pathos' meaning suffering.

17. The National Safe Motherhood Day 2022 was observed across India on _____.

1) 8th April 2022

2) 11th April 2022

3) 9th April 2022

4) 7th April 2022

5) 10th April 2022

Answer- **2) 11th April 2022**

Explanation:

National Safe Motherhood Day 2022 was observed across India on **11th April 2022** to create awareness about the care that a pregnant woman needs before, during, and after childbirth along with a focus on reducing anaemia.

i. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, an Indian political activist and wife of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

ii. The National Safe Motherhood Day is an initiative undertaken by the White Ribbon Alliance (**WRAI**), an alliance of more than 1800 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO).

iii. In **2003**, The Government of India (**GoI**) designated 11th April as National Safe Motherhood Day and India became the 1st country to observe the National Safe Motherhood Day.

18. The International Day of Human Space Flight 2022 was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on _____.

1) 12th April 2022

2) 10th April 2022

3) 8th April 2022

4) 11th April 2022

5) 9th April 2022

Answer- **1) 12th April 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **International Day of Human Space Flight 2022** was observed across the globe on **12th April 2022** to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind.

i. The day also marks the anniversary of the first human space flight carried out by **Yuri Gagarin**, a Soviet citizen who made the first human space flight when he orbited the Earth in a Vostok 1 spacecraft.

ii. The **first-ever** International Day of Human Space Flight was observed on **12th April 2011**.

19. When was the International Day of Street Children (IDSC) 2022 observed across the globe?

1) 8th April 2022

2) 10th April 2022

3) 12th April 2022

4) 9th April 2022

5) 11th April 2022

Answer- **3) 12th April 2022**

Explanation:

International Day of Street Children (**IDSC**) **2022** observed across the globe on **12th April 2022** to acknowledge the strength and resilience of millions of street children across the world.

i. The day also recognises the humanity, dignity and defiance of street children in the face of unimaginable hardships.

ii. 2022 IDSC -Celebrating Frontline Workers:

As a part of the 4 Steps to Equality campaign, 2022 IDSC celebrates the frontline workers who work with and advocate for street children to be included in local and national agendas.

20. The ____ anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre was observed across India on 13th April 2022.

- 1) 103rd
- 2) 101st
- 3) 105th
- 4) 102nd
- 5) 100th

Answer- 1) 103rd

Explanation:

13th April 2022 marks the **103rd anniversary** of the **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre**, which is also known as the Amritsar massacre, which took place on **13th April 1919**.

- i.** The commemoration of the anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre aims to pay homage to all the people who were martyred during the massacre.
- ii.** On 13th April 1919, more than hundreds of people who were protesting peacefully against the Rowlatt Acts were gunned down by the British forces led by British Indian Army officer Brigadier-General **Reginald Edward Harry Dyer(R E H Dyer)**.

21. The 38th Siachen Day 2022 was observed by the Indian Army on _____ to commemorate the "Operation Meghdoot".

- 1) 9th April 2022
- 2) 12th April 2022
- 3) 10th April 2022
- 4) 13th April 2022
- 5) 11th April 2022

Answer- 4) 13th April 2022

Explanation:

Siachen Day is annually observed by the Indian Army on **13th April**, since 1984, to commemorate the Indian Army's "**Operation Meghdoot**". The day also honours the courage of the soldiers of the Indian Army who continue to guard the Siachen Glacier.

- **13th April 2022** marks the observance of the **38th Siachen Day**.

- i.** Operation Meghdoot was the codename of the Indian Armed Forces' operation to seize control of the Siachen Glacier in Kashmir and pre-empt Pakistan from occupying the Saltoro ridge and Siachen Glacier.
- ii.** Siachen Glacier, 76 kilometres long, one of the world's longest mountain glaciers, lies in the Karakoram Range system of Kashmir near the India-Pakistan border.

22. When was World Chagas Disease Day 2022 observed across the globe with the theme of "Finding and reporting every case to defeat Chagas disease"?

- 1) 12th April 2022
- 2) 14th April 2022
- 3) 10th April 2022
- 4) 13th April 2022
- 5) 11th April 2022

Answer- 2) 14th April 2022

Explanation:

World Chagas Disease Day 2022 was observed across the world on **April 14 2022** to raise public awareness about Chagas disease, also known as American trypanosomiasis, a potentially life-threatening illness caused by the protozoan parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi* (T.cruzi).

i. The **theme** of World Chagas Disease Day 2022 is "Finding and reporting every case to defeat Chagas disease."

ii. Chagas disease is largely found in endemic areas of 21 continental Latin American countries, where it is spread by people coming into touch with infected blood-sucking triatomine bugs' faeces and/or urine (vector-borne transmission).

23. The World Art Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 15th April 2022
- 2) 13th April 2022
- 3) 16th April 2022
- 4) 12th April 2022
- 5) 14th April 2022

Answer- **1) 15th April 2022**

Explanation:

World Art Day, an International Celebration of Art created by the International Association of Art (IAA/AIAP) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), is celebrated to promote the development, diffusion, and enjoyment of art on **April 15** annually.

World Art Day 2022:

In April 2022, the US chapter of the International Association of Art decided to host a month-long exhibition of five downtown Los Angeles artists at Gloria Delson Contemporary Arts (GDCA), Los Angeles, United States.

24. The Tamil Nadu government recently (in April'22) declared _____ as the 'Day of Equality' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar.

- 1) 15th April
- 2) 12th April
- 3) 14th April
- 4) 11th April
- 5) 13th April

Answer- **3) 14th April**

Explanation:

Ambedkar Jayanti or Bhim Jayanti is celebrated across the country on **April 14**. In honour of this, **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister MK Stalin declared that the **birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar** on **April 14** will be celebrated as the '**Day of Equality**' in the state.

i. Tamil Nadu also observed **Tamil New year** also known as '**Varsha Pirappu**' on April 14 every year. Tamil New Year's Day is celebrated on the first day of Chithirai – the first month in the Tamil Calendar

ii. **Award – In 1990**, the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, was posthumously conferred on Ambedkar.

25. Which date is observed as National Fire Service (NFS) Day annually across India?

- 1) 14th April 2022
- 2) 16th April 2022
- 3) 18th April 2022
- 4) 26th April 2022
- 5) 23rd April 2022

Answer- 1) 14th April 2022

Explanation:

National Fire Service (**NFS**) Day is annually observed across India on **14th April** to highlight the importance of fire service and to pay homage to the firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

i. April 14th also commemorates the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during the 1944 Mumbai dockyard explosion.

26. Which date is observed as World Voice Day (WVD) 2022?

- 1) 12th April
- 2) 9th April
- 3) 11th April
- 4) 15th April
- 5) 16th April

Answer- 5) 16th April

Explanation:

World Voice Day(**WVD**) is annually observed across the globe on **16th April** to celebrate the phenomenon of voice. The day aims to showcase the value of voice in the daily life of people.

i. Voice is one of the major aspects of health and effective communication.

ii. The idea of World Voice Day, a day dedicated to voice, was first launched by the Society of Laryngology & Voice in Brazil in 1999.

27. The 33rd World Hemophilia Day was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 18th April 2022
- 2) 16th April 2022
- 3) 14th April 2022
- 4) 17th April 2022
- 5) 15th April 2022

Answer- 4) 17th April 2022

Explanation:

World Hemophilia Day is annually observed across the globe on **17th April** to create awareness about Hemophilia, a rare disorder in which the blood doesn't clot since it does not have enough blood-clotting proteins (clotting factors).

i. The day is annually organised by the World Federation of Hemophilia (**WFH**).

ii. 17th April 2022 marks the observance of the 33rd World Hemophilia Day with the **theme** of World Hemophilia Day 2022 is "Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress. Engaging your government, integrating inherited bleeding disorders into national policy".

28. What is the theme of the International Day for Monuments and Sites 2022 that was observed across the globe on 18th April 2022?

- 1) Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures
- 2) Heritage and Climate
- 3) Rural Landscapes
- 4) Shared Cultures and Shared Heritage
- 5) Heritage for Generations

Answer- **2) Heritage and Climate**

Explanation:

The International Day for Monuments and Sites, also known as **World Heritage Day**, is annually observed across the globe on **18th April** to celebrate and spread awareness about the cultural heritage and diversity on the planet.

i. The theme of International Day for Monuments and Sites 2022 is **“Heritage and Climate”**.

ii. The day was **first** observed first in **1983** by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**).

29. When was World Liver Day 2022 observed across the globe?

- 1) 17th April 2022
- 2) 15th April 2022
- 3) 18th April 2022
- 4) 16th April 2022
- 5) 19th April 2022

Answer- **5) 19th April 2022**

Explanation:

World Liver Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **19th April 2022** to create awareness about various liver-related diseases and conditions and the importance of the liver which plays a vital role in the human digestive system.

i. The day also aims to motivate people to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

ii. The liver is the largest solid organ and the largest gland in the human body.

30. World Parkinson’s Day was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 13th April 2022
- 2) 15th April 2022
- 3) 11th April 2022
- 4) 14th April 2022
- 5) 12th April 2022

Answer- **3) 11th April 2022**

Explanation:

World Parkinson’s Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **11th April 2022** to create awareness about **Parkinson’s disease (PD)**, a neurodegenerative disorder that affects predominately dopamine-producing (“dopaminergic”) neurons in the substantia nigra, a critical brain region.

i. Parkinson’s disease is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects movement and World Parkinson’s Day also marks the birth anniversary of **James Parkinson** (born on 11th April 1755), an English doctor and scientist.

ii. The month of **April** is observed as **Parkinson’s Awareness Month**.

31. When was Chinese Language Day 2022 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) 17th April 2022
- 2) 15th April 2022
- 3) 19th April 2022
- 4) 20th April 2022
- 5) 18th April 2022

Answer- 4) 20th April 2022

Explanation:

United Nations (UN) **Chinese Language Day 2022** was observed across the globe on **20th April 2022** to celebrate the Chinese language, one of the six official languages of the UN.

i. The day also aims to build a platform for people from all over the world to get to know the Chinese language.

ii. The **first-ever** Chinese Language Day was observed on **12th November 2010** and **since 2011**, the **UN Chinese Language Day** has been celebrated on **20th April**.

32. In April 2022, Karnataka government announced to observe the birth anniversary of _____ as "Integration Day."

- 1) Siddalinga Swami
- 2) Nittur Srinivasa Rao
- 3) Pramod Muthalik
- 4) Kittur Chennamma
- 5) Karnad Sadashiva Rao

Answer- 1) Siddalinga Swami

Explanation:

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister (CM) of **Karnataka** announced that the state will observe the **birth anniversary** of **Sri Siddalinga Swami**, the 19th head of Tontadarya Mutt in Gadag, Karnataka, as **"Integration Day"**.

i. The announcement was made during the inauguration event of Aikya Mantapa, the structure built around the place where the mortal remains of Sri Siddalinga Swami are buried in Tontadarya Mutt in Gadag.

33. The 15th National Civil Services Day was observed across India on _____ with the theme of "Vision India@2047 – Bringing Citizens and Government closer".

- 1) 18th April 2022
- 2) 21st April 2022
- 3) 19th April 2022
- 4) 20th April 2022
- 5) 22nd April 2022

Answer- 2) 21st April 2022

Explanation:

The **National Civil Services Day** is annually observed across India on **21st April** to celebrate the Civil Servants who serve the nation in different terrains and across different sectors.

i. **21st April 2022** marks the observance of the **15th National Civil Services Day** with the **theme** of **"Vision India@2047 – Bringing Citizens and Government closer"**.

ii. Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions inaugurated the 15th National Civil Services Day function in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

iii. Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi conferred the PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2021, a total of 16 awards, 10 Awards for 5 identified Priority Programmes and 6 Awards to organizations of Central/ State Government/Districts for innovations, were awarded during the event.

34. When was World Creativity and Innovation Day 2022 observed across the globe by the UN?

- 1) 19th April 2022
- 2) 17th April 2022
- 3) 20th April 2022
- 4) 18th April 2022
- 5) 21st April 2022

Answer- **5) 21st April 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **World Creativity and Innovation Day 2022** was observed across the globe on **21st April 2022** to raise the awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development.

i. The **first** UN-recognised '**World Creativity and Innovation Day**' was observed on **21st April 2018**.

ii. World Creativity and Innovation Week (**WCIW**) April **15-21**, founded in 2001, begins on the birth anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci (15th April) and ends on the World Creativity and Innovation Day (April 21).

35. What is the theme of the 52nd International Mother Earth Day that was observed across the globe by the UN on 22nd April 2022?

- 1) End Plastic Pollution
- 2) Invest In Our Planet
- 3) Protect Our Species
- 4) Climate Action
- 5) Restore Our Earth

Answer- **2) Invest In Our Planet**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Mother Earth Day** (also known as World Earth Day) is annually observed across the globe on 22nd April to honour the Earth and the concept of peace.

i. Earth Day (22nd April) marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

ii. **22nd April 2022** marks the observance of the **52nd Earth Day** with the theme of "**Invest In Our Planet**".

iii. This is the **1st** Mother Earth Day celebrated within the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

36. The World Book and Copyright Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 21st April 2022
- 2) 19th April 2022
- 3) 22nd April 2022
- 4) 20th April 2022
- 5) 23rd April 2022

Answer- 5) 23rd April 2022

Explanation:

World Book and Copyright Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **23rd April 2022** to celebrate and promote the enjoyment of books and reading.

i. The observance of the World Book and Copyright Day is annually organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(**UNESCO**).

ii. 23rd April was chosen to observe World Book and Copyright Day as it was the date in 1616 that Miguel de Cervantes, William Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega died.

37. When was English Language Day 2022 observed across the globe by the United Nations?

- 1) 25th April 2022
- 2) 21st April 2022
- 3) 23rd April 2022
- 4) 26th April 2022
- 5) 24th April 2022

Answer- 3) 23rd April 2022

Explanation:

United Nations (UN)'s **English Language Day 2022** was observed across the globe on **23rd April 2022** to spread awareness and promote the history, culture and achievements associated with the English language.

i. The day also promotes books, poetry and literature in the English Language. The English Language Day, 23rd April also marks the birth and death anniversary of William Shakespeare, an English playwright, poet and actor, colloquially as "The Bard" or "The Bard of Avon".

38. The United Nations (UN)'s Spanish Language day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 23rd April 2022
- 2) 21st April 2022
- 3) 24th April 2022
- 4) 22nd April 2022
- 5) 25th April 2022

Answer- 1) 23rd April 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **Spanish Language day 2022** was observed across the globe on **23rd April** to celebrate and create awareness about the history, culture and use of Spanish.

i. The day also promotes the use of Spanish, one of the 6 official languages of the UN, among the staff members of the UN.

ii. The Spanish Language Day (23rd April) also marks the death anniversary of Miguel de Cervantes, one of the most important and celebrated figures in Spanish literature.

39. The ____ National Panchayati Raj Day was observed across India on 24th April 2022.

- 1) 12th
- 2) 14th
- 3) 13th
- 4) 15th
- 5) 11th

Answer- 3) 13th

Explanation:

National Panchayati Raj Day(NPRD) is annually observed across India on 24th April to celebrate the constitutional status accorded to the Panchayati Ray system of India. The observance of the day is annually organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

i. 24th April 2022 marks the celebration of the **13th National Panchayati Raj Day**.

ii. The **73rd** Constitutional Amendment came into force on 24th April **1993**. The first edition of National Panchayati Raj Day was observed on 24th April 2010.

iii. National Panchayat Awards–2022 (Appraisal Year 2020-21) was awarded a total of 322 awards to Panchayats.

40. When was the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace 2022 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) 22nd April 2022
- 2) 24th April 2022
- 3) 26th April 2022
- 4) 23rd April 2022
- 5) 25th April 2022

Answer- 2) 24th April 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace 2022** was observed across the globe on **24th April 2022** to create awareness about preserving the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which supports the UN Charter and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

i. The first-ever International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace was observed on 24th April 2019.

41. The World Day for Laboratory Animals (WDLA) 2022 was observed across the globe on ____.

- 1) 24th April 2022
- 2) 22nd April 2022
- 3) 26th April 2022
- 4) 23rd April 2022
- 5) 25th April 2022

Answer- 1) 24th April 2022

Explanation:

World Day for Laboratory Animals(WDLA) 2022 was observed across the globe on **24th April 2022** to highlight the movement to end the suffering of animals in laboratories around the world and their replacement with advanced scientific non-animal techniques.

i. The day is also known as World Day for Animals In Laboratories (WDAIL) or World Lab Animal Day and the lab Animal week is annually celebrated from 20th to 26th April.

ii. The 24th April was chosen because it marks the birth anniversary of Hugh Dowding, a British Air Chief Marshal and the former President of NAVS, who was a devoted anti-vivisectionist. He was born on 24th April 1882 in Scotland.

Note- Vivisection is the practice of performing operations on live animals for the purpose of experimentation or scientific research.

42. What is the theme of World Malaria Day 2022, observed across the globe on 25th April, 2022?

- 1) Zero malaria starts with me
- 2) End Malaria for Good
- 3) Invest in the future. Defeat malaria
- 4) Ready to Beat Malaria
- 5) Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives

Answer- **5) Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives**

Explanation:

World Malaria Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **25th April 2022** to highlight the need for investment and commitment toward the prevention and control of Malaria.

i. The observance of the day is annually organised by the World Health Organisation (**WHO**) and the **first-ever** World Malaria Day was observed on 25th April **2008**.

ii. The theme of World Malaria Day 2022 is "**Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives**".

43. The 3rd International Delegate's Day 2022 was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on _____, 2022.

- 1) 26th April
- 2) 23rd April
- 3) 25th April
- 4) 22nd April
- 5) 24th April

Answer- **3) 25th April**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**)'s **International Delegate's Day 2022** was observed across the globe on **25th April 2022** to create awareness about the role of the representatives and delegates of the Member States to the UN. **25th April 2022** marks the observance of the **3rd** International Delegate's Day.

i. The **1st-ever** International Delegate's Day was observed on **25th April 2020**.

ii. The International Delegate's Day (25th April) marks the anniversary of the first day of the San Francisco Conference which is also known as the United Nations Conference on International Organization.

44. World Penguin Day 2022 was celebrated on _____.

- 1) 26th April 2022
- 2) 24th April 2022

3) 27th April 2022

4) 25th April 2022

5) 23rd April 2022

Answer- **4) 25th April 2022**

Explanation:

World Penguin Day 2022 was celebrated on **25th April 2022** to celebrate penguins, the unique, aquatic, flightless birds living in the southern hemisphere.

i. The **20th of January** is annually observed as the **Penguin Awareness Day** to raise awareness about the flightless birds whose numbers are gradually diminishing by the day.

45. The United Nations(UN)'s International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day 2022 was observed across the globe on 26th April 2022 to commemorate the ____ anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

1) 36th

2) 50th

3) 35th

4) 20th

5) 44th

Answer- **1) 36th**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day** is annually observed across the globe on **26th April** to commemorate the anniversary of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, one of the most serious nuclear accidents in history.

i. **26th April 2022** marks the **36th** anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster that took place on 26th April 1986.

ii. The **1st-ever** International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day was observed on 26th April 2017.

46. What is the theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2022 that was observed across the globe on 26th April, 2022?

1) Taking your ideas to the market

2) Reach for Gold: IP and Sports

3) Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity

4) Innovate for a Green Future

5) IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future

Answer- **5) IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future**

Explanation:

World Intellectual Property Day (**World IP Day**) **2022** was observed across the world on **26th April 2022** with the **theme** of World Intellectual Property Day 2022 is "**IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future**" to inform the general public about the role of Intellectual Property(IP) rights in encouraging innovation and creativity and to increase the general understanding of IP.

i. The first-ever World IP Day was observed on 26th April 2001 and 26th April was chosen to mark the day on which the WIPO Convention came into existence in 1970.

47. What is the theme of World Immunization Week 2022 that was observed across the globe from 24th April to 30th April, 2022?

- 1) Protected Together: Vaccines Work!
- 2) Close the immunization gap
- 3) Vaccines Work for All
- 4) Long Life for All
- 5) Vaccines bring us closer

Answer- **4) Long Life for All**

Explanation:

World Immunization Week is annually observed across the globe in the **last week of April**, to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. The week is annually organised by the World Health Organisation (**WHO**).

i. The **World Immunization Week 2022** is observed from **24th to 30th April 2022** with the theme of **“Long Life for All”**.

48. When was the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 observed with the theme of “Act together to build a positive safety and health culture”?

- 1) 28th April 2022
- 2) 25th April 2022
- 3) 27th April 2022
- 4) 24th April 2022
- 5) 26th April 2022

Answer- **1) 28th April 2022**

Explanation:

World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 was observed across the globe on **28th April 2022** to create awareness about the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally and the day organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO), a United Nations (UN) agency.

i. The observance of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 will focus on the **theme** of **“Act together to build a positive safety and health culture”**.

49. What is the theme of International Girls in ICT Day 2022, observed across the globe on April 28th, 2022?

- 1) Expand Horizons, Change Attitudes
- 2) Girls and Women and Innovation
- 3) Bridging the gender digital divide
- 4) Access & Safety
- 5) Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity

Answer- **4) Access & Safety**

Explanation:

International Girls in ICT (Information and Communications Technology) **Day** is annually observed across the globe on the **fourth Thursday in April** to inspire the next generation girls and young women to prosper in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

i. The International Girls in ICT Day 2022 was observed on **28th April 2022** with the theme of **“Access & Safety”**.

50. The International Turban Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____ to mark the 553rd Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

- 1) 21st April 2022
- 2) 13th April 2022
- 3) 19th April 2022
- 4) 15th April 2022
- 5) 17th April 2022

Answer- 2) 13th April 2022

Explanation:

International Turban Day 2022 was observed on **13th April 2022** to create awareness about the strict requirement of Sikhs to don the turban as a mandatory part of their religion.

i. The **2022** International Turban Day marks the **553rd** Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi (a festival that marks the onset of spring in India).

51. The International Dance Day 2022 was celebrated across the globe on _____.

- 1) 26th April 2022
- 2) 28th April 2022
- 3) 30th April 2022
- 4) 27th April 2022
- 5) 29th April 2022

Answer- 5) 29th April 2022

Explanation:

International Dance Day 2022 was celebrated across the globe on **29th April 2022** to promote dance in all its forms across the world and to share the joy of dance with others. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre, the creator of modern ballet.

i. The International Dance Committee (**IDC**) of the International Theatre Institute (**ITI**) is responsible for the events related to International Dance Day and the release of the International Message and the author of the 2022 International Dance Day Message is **Kang Sue Jin**, South Korean Dancer and Artistic Director of the Korean National Ballet

ENVIRONMENT

1. Scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) recently (in April '22) discovered a new shrimp species named "Actinimenes koyas".

In which place was the "Actinimenes koyas" discovered?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Andaman
- 3) Lakshadweep
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- 3) Lakshadweep

Explanation:

Scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**)-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (**NBFGR**) have discovered a new species of shrimp which has been named "**Actinimenes koyas**" to honour Koyas, the local community on the Lakshadweep islands, Arabian Sea.

i. The new species was collected at a depth of 1.0–2.0 m from the coral atoll of Agatti Island, a part of the Lakshadweep group of islands by a team of scientists composed by a team comprising Purushothaman Paramasivam, A. Dhinakaran, T.T. Ajith Kumar and Kuldeep K. Lal.

2. In April 2022, a new species of Eel named "Ariosoma indicum" was discovered by Indian Scientists from Kerala and West Bengal.

The "Ariosoma indicum" belongs to which of the following species?

- 1) Watersnake
- 2) Turtles
- 3) Frog
- 4) Lizard
- 5) Fish

Answer- **5) Fish**

Explanation:

Indian scientists have discovered a **new species of eel (Fish)** belonging to the Congrid eels group and has been named as "**Ariosoma indicum**". It was identified among specimens collected from the Kalamukku and Digha Mohana fishing harbours in Kerala and West Bengal.

i. The Ariosoma indicum is distributed along the Indian coast, including the coastal waters of Kerala and West Bengal. The term 'Indicum' means it was found in India.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Name the state government that recently (in April'22) launched 'Kaaval Uthavi' app to enable people to seek police help during emergency situations.

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

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (**TN**), **M K Stalin** launched '**Kaaval Uthavi**' app having 60 features that will provide police assistance to the people particularly women during any emergency situation.

i. The app features a facility to dial 112/100/101 to make direct calls with the police control room. The Dial 100 facility has been integrated with the app.

About Tamil Nadu:

Governor- R. N. Ravi

Bird sanctuary- Udayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, Melaselvanur-Keelaselvanur Bird Sanctuary

Festivals- Puthandu (Tamil New Year), Chithirai Thiruvizha, Karthigai Deepam

2. Which state government recently (in April'22) launched an anti-corruption mobile app named 'Corruption-Free App- 1064'?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 3) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

The Vigilance department of **Uttarakhand** has developed an anti-corruption mobile app, '**Corruption-Free Uttarakhand App- 1064**'.

- i.** The app was formally inaugurated by the Chief Minister (CM), Pushkar Singh Dhami. It aims to make the state corruption-free and ensure good governance carried out in a transparent manner.
- ii.** The app will be available in both Hindi and English.
- iii.** The user can register his/her complaint using the app or by making a call on 1064 number. This number is received from the Government of India

3. Which State/UT government recently (in April'22) launched "AVSAR portal" to connect the aspiring youths with industry?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- 2) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** has launched **AVSAR portal** to connect the aspiring youths with industry in J&K.

- i.** As a part of Connect to Opportunities Initiative, Mission Youth and Vision India has signed an agreement for providing job opportunities to the Youths of J&K through the AVSAR Portal.
- ii.** The mission aims to provide more than 10,000 jobs by 2022, by acting as an interface between industry and the skilled workforce from J&K.
- iii.** The mission will be onboarding all Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) and other technical institutions in the Union Territory for the producing best enterprising youths with industry ready skill sets.

4. Name the organisation that recently (in April '22) launched an "India Alumni Portal" as a platform to connect with foreign students around the world who have studied in India.

- 1) Indian Council for Cultural Relations
- 2) National Council for Teacher Education
- 3) University Grants Commission
- 4) Indian Council of Medical Research
- 5) National Assessment and Accreditation Council

Answer- 1) Indian Council for Cultural Relations

Explanation:

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) launched an India Alumni Portal which acts as a platform to connect with foreign students around the world who have studied in India.

- i. The minister of state for External Affairs (MEA) Meenakshi Lekhi launched the portal with the presence of ICCR president Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe.
- ii. The portal connects ICCR scholars who can be India's best ambassadors too and also offers invaluable soft projection across their personal and professional lives.

5. _____ portal launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to provide instant information and to accelerate compensation claims on road accidents?

- 1) e-TAR
- 2) e-RTH
- 3) e-RAD
- 4) e-DAR
- 5) e-HAAT

Answer- 4) e-DAR

Explanation:

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in consultation with the Insurance companies has launched a portal **e-DAR (Digitised Detailed Accident Report)** which provides information on road accidents instantaneously, helping easier claims under insurance and check on fake claims conducting a search of vehicles involved in the accident, the date of accident, and the First Information Report number.

6. Name the state/UT government that recently (in April '22) launched the "Jan Nigrani" app to help people lodge their complaints online.

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Delhi
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 1) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati raj, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), under the e-governance initiative has launched an app '**Jan Nigrani**', intended to help people lodge their complaints related to various schemes online.

- i. The Jan Nigrani app is a 24×7 internet based platform aimed at reporting and resolving the grievances of the residents of J&K, against various government schemes launched by the department.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. Who is the current (as of March'22) Managing Director (MD) & CEO of HDFC Bank?

- 1) Sumant Kathpalia
- 2) Aditya Puri
- 3) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- 4) Shyam Srinivasan
- 5) Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer- 3) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank:

Managing Director & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan

Establishment – 1994

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline – We Understand Your World

2. Who is the current (as of April'22) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Managing Director (MD) of HDFC Bank?

- 1) Sanjay Agarwal
- 2) Atanu Chakraborty
- 3) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- 4) Ashwani Bhatia
- 5) N. Kamakodi

Answer- 3) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank:

CEO & MD- Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded- 1994

3. As of April 2022, Public sector banks will hold ____ stake in National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) and ____ stake in India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL).

- 1) 51%; 49%
- 2) 40%; 60%
- 3) 49%; 51%
- 4) 60%; 40%
- 5) 50%; 50%

Answer- 1) 51%; 49%

Explanation:

Public sector banks will hold **51%** stake in NARCL and **49%** in the debt management company IDRCL.

4. What is the Tagline of Punjab National Bank (PNB)?

- 1) The name you can bank upon
- 2) Build A Better Life Around Us
- 3) Together We Can
- 4) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 5) One Family One Bank

Answer- **1) The name you can bank upon**

Explanation:

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel

Establishment – 18 May 1894

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Tagline – The name you can bank upon

5. CCyB is intended to protect the banking sector against losses that could be caused by cyclical systemic risks increasing in the economy.

What does B stand for CCyB?

- 1) Balance
- 2) Bank
- 3) Bond
- 4) Buffer
- 5) Back-end

Answer- **4) Buffer**

Explanation:

The **countercyclical capital buffer** (CCyB) is intended to protect the banking sector against losses that could be caused by cyclical systemic risks increasing in the economy.

- i.** Countercyclical capital buffers require banks to hold capital at times when credit is growing rapidly so that the buffer can be reduced if the financial cycle turns down or the economic and financial environment becomes substantially worse.
- ii.** Banks can use the capital buffers they have built up during the growth phase of the financial cycle to cover losses that may arise during periods of stress and to continue supplying credit to the real economy.

6. Which point is correct with respect to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)?

A) NARCL is a bad bank created by the government in the form of an asset reconstruction company.

B) The NARCL will pick up bad loans above a certain threshold from banks and aim to sell them to prospective buyers of distressed debt.

C) NARCL was created in collaboration with both Public and Private Sector Banks (PSBs) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

- 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:

NARCL is a bad bank created by the government in the form of an asset reconstruction company. The NARCL will pick up bad loans above a certain threshold from banks and aim to sell them to prospective buyers of distressed debt.

i. NARCL was created in collaboration with both Public and Private Sector Banks (PSBs) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

7. In RBI's first monetary policy of FY23 in April 2022, standing deposit facility (SDF) was introduced.

Which committee recommended the SDF in 2014?

- 1) R V Gupta Committee
- 2) Kelkar Committee
- 3) AK Bhuchar Committee
- 4) Urjit Patel committee
- 5) Narasimham Committee

Answer- **4) Urjit Patel committee**

Explanation:

The introduction of a standing deposit facility (SDF) was recommended by the **Urjit Patel committee** in 2014 and enabled through an amendment to the Reserve Bank of India Act in the Finance Bill of 2018.

i. The RBI has introduced a standing deposit facility (SDF) as an additional tool for absorbing liquidity without any collateral, at an interest rate of 3.75%. The main purpose of SDF is to reduce the excess liquidity of Rs 8.5 lakh crore in the system, and control inflation.

8. Where is the Headquarters of Federal Bank?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Manipal, Karnataka
- 3) Aluva, Kerala
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer- **3) Aluva, Kerala**

Explanation:

About Federal Bank:

Managing Director & CEO- Shyam Srinivasan

Headquarters- Aluva, Kochi (Kerala)

Tagline- Your Perfect Banking Partner

9. Punjab National Bank (PNB) was established by the _____ in 1894 as the First Swadeshi Bank.

- 1) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- 2) Lala Lajpat Rai
- 3) Bhagat Singh
- 4) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

5) Bipin Chandra Pal

Answer- **2) Lala Lajpat Rai**

Explanation:

Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) was established by the great freedom fighter **Lala Lajpat Rai**, proudly known as Sher-e-Punjab (Lion of Punjab) in **1894** as the First Swadeshi Bank after being influenced by the swadeshi movement.

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

CEO & MD: Atul Kumar Goel

Establishment – 1894 (opened for business in 1895)

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Tagline – The name you can bank upon

10. Where is the headquarters of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL)?

1) Kolkata, West Bengal

2) Lucknow, Uttar pradesh

3) Chennai, Tamilnadu

4) Duliajan, Assam

5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- **5) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):

MD&CEO– Uday Kotak

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in 2003

11. What is the minimum (as of April'22) net owned funds required by NBFC-Factor for registration with RBI?

1) Rs. 1 crore

2) Rs. 3 crore

3) Rs. 6 crore

4) Rs. 5 crore

5) Rs. 2 crore

Answer- **4) Rs. 5 crore**

Explanation:

As per RBI guideline, Every company registered under Section 3 of the Companies Act 1956 seeking registration as **NBFC-Factor** shall have a minimum Net Owned Fund (**NOF**) of Rs. 5 crore.

i. NBFC-Factor is a NBFC fulfilling the Principal Business Criteria (PBC) i.e. whose financial assets in the factoring business constitute at least 50% of its total assets and its income derived from factoring business is not less than 50% of its gross income.

12. What is the tagline of IndusInd Bank?

1) One Family One Bank

2) Good people to bank with

3) The Name you can Bank Upon

4) Honors Your Trust