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- 3) Naoki Urasawa
- 4) Akira Toriyama
- 5) Rumiko Takahashi

Answer- **4) Akira Toriyama**

Explanation:

Akira Toriyama, one of the most famous Japanese comic (manga) artists and character designers, passed away.

- He was the **creator of Dragon Ball**, one of the most influential and best-selling manga.

i. In 2019, Toriyama received Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) from the French government for his contributions to the arts.

6. In March 2024, Former Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Admiral Laxminarayana Ramdas passed away.

He was honoured with Vir Chakra, the third-highest gallantry award, in _____(year).

- 1) 1968
- 2) 1971
- 3) 1985
- 4) 1989
- 5) 1990

Answer-**2) 1971**

Explanation:

Former Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), **Admiral Laxminarayana Ramdas**, passed away at the age of 90 in Secunderabad Military Hospital, Telangana.

i. He was honoured with **Vir Chakra (1971)**, the third-highest gallantry award, for his role in the 1971 Indo-Pakistani war

ii. He received the Ramon Magsasay Award for Peace and International Understanding in 2004 for his efforts to build peace between Pakistan and India.

7. In March' 24, a renowned handloom artist and Padma Shri Awardee, Kapil Dev Prasad passed away.

He received the Padma Shri award for art in _____(year).

- 1) 2017
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2021
- 4) 2022
- 5) 2023

Answer- **5) 2023**

Explanation:

Padma Shri Awardee Kapil Dev Prasad, a renowned handloom artist, passed away at the age of 70 in Basman Bigha village, Nalanda district, Bihar.

i. He received the **Padma Shri award** for art in **2023**. He was honoured for popularising Bihar's Buddhist art of weaving Bawan Buti (52 motifs) on Sarees.

8. A renowned Dutch-American primatologist, ethologist and author _____ passed away in March 2024.

- 1) Isabel Behncke
- 2) Christophe Boesch
- 3) Sarah Brosnan
- 4) Harold Clyde Bingham
- 5) Frans de Waal

Answer- **5) Frans de Waal**

Explanation:

A renowned Dutch-American primatologist, ethologist and author, Frans de Waal, who founded the Origins of Morality in Apes, passed away at the age of 75 in Stone Mountain in Georgia, United States.

i. He, along with Jennifer Pokorny, received the **Ig Nobel Award** for Anatomy in 2012.

ii. **Noted books:** "Chimpanzee Politics" (1982); "Our Inner Ape: A Leading Primatologist Explains Why We Are Who We Are" (2005); and "Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?" (2016).

9. In March 2024, Oscar-winning British screenwriter David Seidler passed away.

He won the Academy Award (Oscar) for Best Original Screenplay for the film _____ in 2011.

- 1) Onassis: The Richest Man in the World
- 2) Kung Fu Killer
- 3) The King's Speech
- 4) Tucker: The Man and His Dream
- 5) Son of the Dragon

Answer- **3) The King's Speech**

Explanation:

Oscar-winning British screenwriter David Seidler passed away at the age of 86 in New Zealand. He was born on 4 August 1937 in London, England, the United Kingdom (UK).

i. He got his 1st screenwriting credit in 1966, working on a seafaring Australian series called "Adventures of the Seaspray."

ii. In 2011, he won the Academy Award (Oscar) for Best Original Screenplay for the film '**The King's Speech**'.

iii. He also won the 2011 British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards for Original Screenplay and Outstanding British Film Award for the same.

10. In March 2024, a renowned Kannada Writer and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Dr. Gurulinga Kapse passed away.

He received the Sahitya Akademi award for his book "Ondu Putada Kathe" in _____ (year).

- 1) 2024
- 2) 2022
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2023
- 5) 2021

Answer- **5) 2021**

Explanation:

A renowned Kannada Writer and **Sahitya Akademi** Awardee **Dr Gurulinga Kapse** passed away on **26th March 2024** in Dharwad, Karnataka. He was born on 2nd April 1928 in Loni village in Vijayapura district, Karnataka.

i. He won the **Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize in 2021** for his book “**Ondu Putada Kathe**” (A short story), the Kannada translation of the Autobiography of Marathi Writer V. S. Khandekar titled “Eka Panachi Kahani” originally written in Marathi.

11. Psychologist Daniel Kahneman, won the Nobel Prize in _____ (field) in 2002, Passed Away in March 2024.

- 1) Physics
- 2) Chemistry
- 3) Literature
- 4) Economics Science
- 5) Peace

Answer- **4) Economics Science**

Explanation:

Daniel Kahneman, a Renowned Israeli-American and the first and only **psychologist** to win a **Nobel Prize (Economics)**, passed away at the age of 90. He was born on 5 March 1934, in Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine (now Israel).

i. He won the **Nobel Prize in Economic Science** – formerly known as The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in **2002** for integrating insights from psychological research into economic science, especially concerning human judgement and decision-making under uncertainty.

- He shared the award with an American economist Vernon Lomax Smith.

12. In March 2024, Louis Cameron Gossett Jr, the first Black man to win Oscars for Best Actor in a Supporting Role in _____ (year), passed away.

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1983
- 3) 1975
- 4) 1992
- 5) 1989

Answer- **2) 1983**

Explanation:

On March 29 2024, **Louis Cameron Gossett Jr**, the first Black man to win Oscars for **Best Actor in a Supporting Role** passed away at the age of 87 in California, United States.

- In **1983** he won **Oscars** for his performance in “**An Officer and a Gentleman**”.
- Louis Gossett Jr. became the second black man to win a Golden Globe (1983) for best Supporting Actor.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. When was Rare Disease Day 2024 observed across the globe with the theme of “Share Your Colours”?

- 1) 24th February 2024
- 2) 26th February 2024
- 3) 29th February 2024
- 4) 27th February 2024
- 5) 25th February 2024

Answer- **3) 29th February 2024**

Explanation:

Rare Disease Day is annually observed across the globe on the last day of February, either 28 or 29 in leap years (the rarest day of the year), to raise awareness of the rare diseases and their impact on the people they affect.

i. Rare Disease Day 2024, observed on **29th February 2024**, marks the 17th Observance of Rare Disease Day.

ii. The 2024 **theme** of Rare Disease Day is “**Share Your Colours**”. This theme is the continuation of the 2022 and 2023 themes.

2. What was the theme of United Nations (UN) Zero Discrimination Day, observed across the globe on 1st March 2024?

- 1) To protect everyone’s health, protect everyone’s rights
- 2) Act to change laws that Discriminate
- 3) End Inequalities
- 4) Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower
- 5) Save lives: Decriminalise

Answer- **1) To protect everyone’s health, protect everyone’s rights**

Explanation:

United Nations (UN)’s **Zero Discrimination Day** is annually observed across the globe on 1st March to promote equality, inclusion, peace, and diversity while raising awareness about the harmful impact of discrimination worldwide.

i. 1st March 2024 marks the observance of the 10th anniversary of Zero Discrimination Day with the **theme** of “To protect everyone’s health, protect everyone’s rights”.

ii. The symbol of Zero Discrimination Day is the “Butterfly”. [Click here to read more](#)

3. When was World Civil Defence Day (WCDD) 2024 observed across the globe with the theme of “Honour Heroes and Promote Safety Skills”?

- 1) 28th February 2024
- 2) 26th February 2024
- 3) 29th February 2024
- 4) 27th February 2024
- 5) 1st March 2024

Answer- **5) 1st March 2024**

Explanation:

World Civil Defence Day (**WCDD**), also known as World Civil Protection Day, is annually observed across the globe on 1st March to honour the significance of Civil Defence and the personnel who have sacrificed their lives for it.

- **1st March 2024** marks the observance of the **35th WCDD** with the **theme** of “Honour Heroes and Promote Safety Skills”. [Click here to read more](#)

4. The _____ Civil Accounts Day was observed across India on 1st March 2024.

- 1) 46th
- 2) 48th
- 3) 50th
- 4) 47th
- 5) 45th

Answer- 2) 48th

Explanation:

Civil Accounts Day is annually observed across India on 1 March to mark the Foundation Day of the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS), one of the Civil Services functioning under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance (MoF).

- **1st March 2024** marks the observance of the **48th Civil Accounts Day**. [Click here to read more](#)

5. When was the 2nd World Seagrass Day 2024 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) 2nd March 2024
- 2) 29th February 2024
- 3) 1st March 2024
- 4) 28th February 2024
- 5) 27th February 2024

Answer- 3) 1st March 2024

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **2nd World Seagrass Day 2024** was observed across the globe on **1st March 2024** to raise awareness of the significance of seagrasses, emphasising their fundamental role in marine biodiversity, their threats, and their contributions to sustainable development and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

- The **first ever** World Seagrass Day was observed on **1st March 2023**. [Click here to read more](#)

6. When was the United Nations (UN) World Wildlife Day (WWD) 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 3rd March 2024
- 2) 1st March 2024
- 3) 4th March 2024
- 4) 29th February 2024
- 5) 2nd March 2024

Answer- 1) 3rd March 2024

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) World Wildlife Day (WWD) 2024 was observed across the globe on **3rd March 2024** with the **theme** of “Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation”.

i. As a part of WWD 2024 celebration, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme, Programme Centres and Resource Partners (EIACP PC-RP) organised various events at Okhla Bird Sanctuary (OBS), in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh (UP). [Click here to read more](#)

7. What was the theme of World Hearing Day (WHD) 2024, observed across the globe on 3rd March 2024?

- 1) Hearing Care for ALL! Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate
- 2) Changing mindsets: Let’s make ear and hearing care a reality for all!
- 3) Don't let hearing loss limit you
- 4) To hear for life, listen with care
- 5) Ear & Hearing Care for All

Answer- **2) Changing mindsets: Let’s make ear and hearing care a reality for all!**

Explanation:

The 18th World Hearing Day (WHD) was observed across the globe on **3rd March 2024** with the **theme** of ‘Changing mindsets: Let’s make ear and hearing care a reality for all!’

i. The first-ever International Ear Care Day was observed on 3rd March 2007. [Click here to read more](#)

8. When was the National Security Day (NSD/ Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas 2024 observed across India?

- 1) 3rd March 2024
- 2) 1st March 2024
- 3) 4th March 2024
- 4) 2nd March 2024
- 5) 29th February 2024

Answer- **3) 4th March 2024**

Explanation:

National Security Day (NSD) or **Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas 2024** was observed across India on **4th March 2024** to honour and show gratitude to the Indian Security Forces.

- Security forces include the Police, Military, Para-Military, Guards, Commandos, and other forces who are involved in maintaining the peace and security of the people of India. [Click here to read more](#)

9. When was the World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 5th March 2024
- 2) 2nd March 2024
- 3) 4th March 2024
- 4) 1st March 2024
- 5) 3rd March 2024

Answer- **3) 4th March 2024**

Explanation:

The World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation 2024 observed across the globe on **4th March 2024** to raise awareness and promote action against sexual exploitation. The day aims to protect vulnerable individuals from sexual exploitation and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

- 4th March has been designated as the World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation since 2009. [Click here to read more](#)

10. The _____ of National Safety Day (NSD) observed across India on 4th March 2024.

- 1) 53rd
- 2) 50th
- 3) 51st
- 4) 52nd
- 5) 49th

Answer- **1) 53rd**

Explanation:

National Safety Day (**NSD**) is annually observed across India on 4th March to highlight the significance of safety measures in preventing workplace accidents.

i. 4th March also marks the commencement of the National Safety Week Campaign, which is annually observed across India from 4-10 March.

- **4th March 2024** marks the observance of the **53rd** National Safety Day/National Safety Week Campaign.
- The theme of NSD/National Safety Week Campaign 2024 is "Focus on Safety Leadership for Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Excellence". [Click here to read more](#)

11. When was World Obesity Day (WOD) 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 3rd March 2024
- 2) 5th March 2024
- 3) 2nd March 2024
- 4) 4th March 2024
- 5) 1st March 2024

Answer- **4) 4th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Obesity Day (**WOD**) is annually observed across the globe on 4th March to create awareness about the risks of obesity and to promote practical solutions to end the global obesity crisis.

i. **4th March 2024** marks the observance of the 10th WOD with the campaign theme of WOD 2024 is 'Let's Talk About Obesity And...'.
ii. The first ever WOD was observed on 11th October 2015. [Click here to read more](#)

12. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 1st March 2024
- 2) 3rd March 2024
- 3) 5th March 2024
- 4) 2nd March 2024
- 5) 4th March 2024

Answer- **3) 5th March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness is annually observed across the globe on 5 March to promote awareness and understanding of disarmament issues among the public, especially among the youth.

- **5th March 2024** marks the observance of the 2nd **International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness**. [Click here to read more](#)

13. When was 6th Jan Aushadhi Diwas observed across India?

- 1) 5th March 2024
- 2) 3rd March 2024
- 3) 6th March 2024
- 4) 4th March 2024
- 5) 7th March 2024

Answer- **5) 7th March 2024**

Explanation:

The **6th Jan Aushadhi Diwas** (Generic Medicine Day) **2024** was observed across India on **7th March 2024** to create awareness about the importance of Generic Medicines and to highlight the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

- The first ever Jan Aushadhi Diwas was observed on 7th March 2019.

14. When was the United Nations (UN) International Women’s Day (IWD) 2024, observed across the globe with the theme of “Invest in women—accelerate progress”?

- 1) 4th March 2024
- 2) 7th March 2024
- 3) 6th March 2024
- 4) 8th March 2024
- 5) 5th March 2024

Answer- **4) 8th March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) International Women’s Day (IWD) **2024** was observed across the globe on **8th March 2024** with the **theme** of “Invest in women—accelerate progress.”

i. On the occasion of International Women’s Day 2024 (8 March 2024), Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, announced a reduction of Rs 100 on the price of Liquefied Natural Gas (LPG) cylinder with effect from midnight. [Click here to read more](#)

15. When was the International Day of Women Judges (IDWJ) 2024 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) 8th March 2024
- 2) 6th March 2024
- 3) 9th March 2024
- 4) 7th March 2024
- 5) 10th March 2024

Answer- **5) 10th March 2024**

Explanation:

The **3rd** International Day of Women Judges (**IDWJ**) **2024** was observed across the globe by the United Nations (**UN**) on **10th March 2024** to raise awareness about gender equality within the legal profession.

- IDWJ 2024 is being observed with the campaign “Women in Justice, Women for Justice,” to promote the full and equal participation of women at all levels of the judiciary.
- The 1st ever International Day of Women Judges was observed on 10th March 2022.

16. The _____ Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day observed across India on 10th March 2024.

- 1) 52nd
- 2) 55th
- 3) 49th
- 4) 40th
- 5) 50th

Answer- **2) 55th**

Explanation:

The **55th** Central Industrial Security Force (**CISF**) **Raising Day** was observed across India on **10th March 2024** to honour the contributions and sacrifices of the CISF personnel in providing security to public sector undertakings (PSUs), and critical infrastructure.

i. CISF commemorates its 55th Raising Day on 12 March 2024, in the steel city of **Bhilai**, Chhattisgarh for the first time.

ii. Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, MoHA will grace the celebration as the chief guest.

17. When was the World Rotaract Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 9th March 2024
- 2) 12th March 2024
- 3) 10th March 2024
- 4) 13th March 2024
- 5) 11th March 2024

Answer- **4) 13th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Rotaract Day is annually observed across the globe on 13 March to recognise and acknowledge the services provided by the Rotaractors, and members of Rotaract clubs across the world.

- **13th March 2024** marks the observance of the **56th** anniversary of the formation of the 1st Rotaract Club in North Carolina, United States of America (USA).

i. World Rotaract Week 2024 is observed from March 11–17, 2024 with the motto “Celebrating Rotaract.” [Click here to read more](#)

18. When was World Kidney Day (WKD) 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 13th March 2024
- 2) 11th March 2024
- 3) 14th March 2024
- 4) 12th March 2024
- 5) 10th March 2024

Answer- **3) 14th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Kidney Day (**WKD**) is a global campaign annually observed across the globe on the 2nd Thursday of March to raise awareness of the importance of kidneys to overall health and equitable access to care and medication for all.

i. WKD 2024 is observed on **14th March 2024** with the **campaign theme** of “Kidney Health for All – Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication Practice.”

19. When was the International Day of Mathematics (IDM) 2024 observed across the globe with the theme of ‘Playing with math’?

- 1) 14th March 2024
- 2) 13th March 2024
- 3) 12th March 2024
- 4) 11th March 2024
- 5) 10th March 2024

Answer- **1) 14th March 2024**

Explanation:

The **5th** International Day of Mathematics (**IDM**) **2024** was observed across the globe on **14th March 2024** with the theme of ‘Playing with math’.

- Every year, the International Mathematical Union (IMU) decides the theme of IDM. [Click here to read more](#)

20. What was the theme of International Day of Action for Rivers 2024, observed across the globe on 14th March 2024?

- 1) Rivers for Biodiversity
- 2) Water is instrumental
- 3) Women, Water, and Climate Change
- 4) Water for All
- 5) Rights of Rivers

Answer- **4) Water for All**

Explanation:

The **International Day of Action for Rivers** is annually observed across the globe on 14 March to raise awareness about the importance of rivers and advocate for their protection and preservation. The day aims to draw attention to the threats faced by the rivers.

i. 14th March 2024 marks the celebration of the **27th** anniversary of the International Day of Action for Rivers with the theme of “Water for All.” [Click here to read more](#)

21. When was the World Sleep Day (WSD) 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 15th March 2024
- 2) 14th March 2024
- 3) 13th March 2024
- 4) 12th March 2024
- 5) 11th March 2024

Answer- **1) 15th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Sleep Day (WSD) is annually observed across the globe on the Friday before Spring Vernal Equinox to raise awareness about the significance of sleep and promote the management and prevention of sleep disorders.

- The 17th annual **World Sleep Day** was observed on **15th March 2024** with the theme and slogan of “Sleep Equity for Global Health”.
- The 1st WSD was held on 14 March 2008 under the slogan “Sleep Well, Live Fully Awake.” [Click here to read more](#)

22. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day to Combat Islamophobia 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 12th March 2024
- 2) 15th March 2024
- 3) 13th March 2024
- 4) 11th March 2024
- 5) 14th March 2024

Answer- **2) 15th March 2024**

Explanation:

The **2nd United Nations (UN) International Day to Combat Islamophobia 2024** was observed across the globe on **15th March 2024** to raise awareness and combat hate crimes, and other forms of intolerance against Muslims.

- The first-ever International Day to Combat Islamophobia was observed on 15 March 2023. [Click here to read more](#)

23. What was the theme of World Consumers Rights Day (WCRD) 2024, observed across the globe on 15th March 2024?

- 1) Fair and responsible AI for consumers
- 2) Fair Digital Finance
- 3) The Sustainable Consumer
- 4) Tackling Plastic Pollution
- 5) Empowering consumers through clean energy transitions

Answer- **1) Fair and responsible AI for consumers**

Explanation:

World Consumers Rights Day (**WCRD**) **2024** was observed across the globe on **15th March 2024** with the **theme** of ‘**Fair and responsible AI for consumers**’.

i. WCRD is annually coordinated by Consumers International, a membership organisation for consumer groups around the world.

ii. Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution unveiled a Price Monitoring Dashboard for 22 essential commodities in Mumbai. [Click here to read more.](#)

24. When was the National Vaccination Day 2024 observed across India with the theme of “Vaccines Work for All”?

- 1) 16th March 2024
- 2) 15th March 2024
- 3) 14th March 2024

4) 13th March 2024

5) 12th March 2024

Answer- **1) 16th March 2024**

Explanation:

National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day 2024 was observed across India on **16th March 2024** to raise awareness of the significance and value of vaccination in human health and highlight the crucial role vaccines play in preventing diseases and protecting public health.

- The 2024 theme of National Vaccination Day is, "Vaccines Work for All." [Click here to read more](#)

25. When was the Ordnance Factory Day 2024 observed across India?

1) 14th March 2024

2) 15th March 2024

3) 18th March 2024

4) 16th March 2024

5) 17th March 2024

Answer- **3) 18th March 2024**

Explanation:

Ordnance Factory Day 2024 was observed across India by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) on **18th March 2024** to commemorate the establishment of the 1st Ordnance Factory in India at Cossipore near Kolkata, West Bengal in 1801.

- This Day is dedicated to recognise and honour the contribution of the Indian Ordnance Factories (IOFs) in strengthening India's defence capabilities. [Click here to read more](#)

26. What was the theme of Global Recycling Day 2024, observed across the globe on 18th March 2024?

1) Creative Innovation

2) Celebrating our Recycling Heroes

3) Recycling into the Future

4) Recycling Fraternity

5) RecyclingHeroes

Answer- **5) RecyclingHeroes**

Explanation:

The 7th **Global Recycling Day** was observed across the globe on **18th March 2024** with the theme of "**RecyclingHeroes**".

- The day was observed to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and encourage people to take action to reduce waste and protect the environment.
- The theme was announced by the Global Recycling Foundation. [Click here to read more](#)

27. What was the theme of International Day of Happiness 2024 that was observed across the globe on 20th March 2024?

1) Build Back Happier

2) Happiness For All, Forever

3) Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind

4) Happier Together

5) Share Happiness

Answer- **4) Happier Together**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) **International Day of Happiness 2024** was observed across the globe on **20th March 2024** with the **theme** of "**Happier Together**" to recognise the significance of well-being and happiness in people's lives globally and advocate for inclusive, equitable, and balanced economic growth.

- The first-ever International Day of Happiness was observed on 20 March 2013. [Click here to read more.](#)

28. When was the United Nations French Language Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 16th March 2024
- 2) 15th March 2024
- 3) 19th March 2024
- 4) 17th March 2024
- 5) 20th March 2024

Answer- **5) 20th March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) French Language Day 2024 was observed across the globe on **20 March 2024** to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity, and to promote equal use of all 6 official languages of the UN throughout the Organisation.

- In 2024, the OIF marks the celebrations of the International Day of La Francophonie under the theme "Create, innovate, undertake in French." [Click here to read more.](#)

29. When was World Oral Health Day (WOHD) 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 17th March 2024
- 2) 19th March 2024
- 3) 20th March 2024
- 4) 16th March 2024
- 5) 18th March 2024

Answer- **3) 20th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Oral Health Day (WOHD) 2024 was observed across the globe on **20th March 2024** to create awareness about the importance of oral health and to support the efforts to reduce the burden of oral diseases on individuals, health systems and economies.

- The observance is annually led by the FDI World Dental Federation (Fédération dentaire internationale-FDI)
- The WOHD Campaign theme for 2024-2026 is "A Happy Mouth is...A Happy Body". [Click here to read more.](#)

30. When was the World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 16th March 2024
- 2) 18th March 2024
- 3) 20th March 2024

4) 14th March 2024

5) 17th March 2024

Answer- **3) 20th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People 2024 observed across the globe on **20th March 2024** to draw the public's attention to the art of theater for children and young people and highlight the importance and impact of theater for young people in communities.

i. The Day is a campaign led by the International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People (ASSITEJ International). [Click here to read more.](#)

31. When was World Sparrow Day (WSD) 2024 observed across the globe ?

1) 19th March 2024

2) 20th March 2024

3) 17th March 2024

4) 16th March 2024

5) 15th March 2024

Answer- **2) 20th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Sparrow Day (WSD) 2024 observed across the globe on **20th March 2024** with the theme of "I LOVE Sparrows" to raise awareness about the importance of sparrows or house sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) for biodiversity and the ecosystem, and to promote actions to protect and conserve them.

[Click here to read more](#)

32. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2024 observed across the globe?

1) 16th March 2024

2) 18th March 2024

3) 19th March 2024

4) 20th March 2024

5) 21st March 2024

Answer- **5) 21st March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2024 observed across the globe on **21st March 2024** with the theme of "A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development: Implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent" to create awareness about the challenges faced by people of African descent. [Click here to read more.](#)

33. When was the United Nations (UN) World Poetry Day 2024 observed across the globe?

1) 20th March 2024

2) 21st March 2024

3) 14th March 2024

4) 18th March 2024

5) 17th March 2024

Answer- **2) 21st March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) World Poetry Day 2024 observed across the globe on **21st March 2024** with the theme of “**Standing on the Shoulders of Giants.**” to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression across cultures and languages.

- 21 March 2024 marks the 25th Edition of World Poetry Day. [Click here to read more.](#)

34. The _____ World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) 2024 was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on 21st March 2024 with the theme of “End The Stereotypes”.

- 1) 8th
- 2) 6th
- 3) 10th
- 4) 13th
- 5) 11th

Answer- 4) 13th

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) 2024 observed across the globe on **21st March 2024** with the theme of “**End The Stereotypes**” to raise public awareness of Down syndrome and advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome.

- 21 March 2024 marks the observance of the **13th** WDS. [Click here to read more.](#)

35. What was the theme of the United Nations (UN) International Day of Forests (IDF) 2024 that was observed across the globe on 21st March 2024?

- 1) Forests and Health
- 2) Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption
- 3) Forest restoration: the path to recovery and welfare
- 4) Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World
- 5) Forests and Sustainable Cities

Answer- 4) Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) International Day of Forests (IDF) 2024 observed across the globe on **21st March 2024** with the theme of “**Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World**” to celebrate and raise awareness of the significance of all types of forests. [Click here to read more.](#)

36. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day of Nowruz 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 20th March 2024
- 2) 18th March 2024
- 3) 21st March 2024
- 4) 17th March 2024
- 5) 19th March 2024

Answer- 3) 21st March 2024

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) **International Day of Nowruz 2024** observed across the globe on **21st March 2024** to foster cultural exchange and promote peace, solidarity, and good neighbourliness.

[Click here to read more.](#)

37. What was the theme of the World Puppetry Day 2024 that was observed across the globe on 21st March 2024?

- 1) The Climate
- 2) The Call of the Forest
- 3) The Sea
- 4) Together for peace
- 5) The Biosphere

Answer- **1) The Climate**

Explanation:

World Puppetry Day 2024 observed across the globe on **21st March 2024** with the theme of “**The Climate**” to recognise puppetry as a global art form. The day also aims to promote and honour the puppeteers across the world.

i.The **annual observance** is led by the **Union Internationale de la Marionnette** (UNIMA – International Puppetry Association)

38. When was United Nations (UN) World Water Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 20th March 2024
- 2) 22nd March 2024
- 3) 24th March 2024
- 4) 21st March 2024
- 5) 25th March 2024

Answer- **2) 22nd March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) World Water Day 2024 observed across the globe on **22nd March 2024** with the theme of “**Water for Peace**” / “**Leveraging Water for Peace**” to celebrate water, promote action to tackle the global water and sanitation crisis and focus on the significance of freshwater. [Click here to read more.](#)

39. What was the theme of the United Nations (UN) World Meteorological Day (WMD) 2024, observed across the globe on 23rd March 2024?

- 1) The Ocean, Our Climate and weather
- 2) Climate and Water
- 3) The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generations
- 4) At the Frontline of Climate Action
- 5) Early Warning and Early Action

Answer- **4) At the Frontline of Climate Action**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) World Meteorological Day (WMD) 2024 observed across the globe on **23rd March 2024** with the **theme** of “**At the Frontline of Climate Action**” to raise awareness about

weather, water, and climate-related issues, and about the Earth's atmosphere and highlight individuals' role in protecting it.

- Every 23 March, WMD commemorates the coming into force of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on 23 March 1950.
- WMO's annual report on 'State of the Global Climate 2023' was released on 19 March 2024, ahead of the World Meteorological Day (23 March 2024).
- The report unveils alarming trends in climate change, highlighting unprecedented challenges and urgent calls for action. [Click here to read more.](#)

40. When was Shaheed Diwas/Martyrs' Day 2024 observed across India?

- 1) 25th March 2024
- 2) 21st March 2024
- 3) 20th March 2024
- 4) 22nd March 2024
- 5) 23rd March 2024

Answer- **5) 23rd March 2024**

Explanation:

Shaheed Diwas or **Martyrs' Day 2024** observed across India on **23rd March 2024** to mark the death anniversary of **Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar**, the three revolutionaries of India who were executed by the British government.

- The Day also aims to pay tribute to courageous freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the independence of India. [Click here to read more](#)

41. When was the Earth Hour 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 22nd March 2024
- 2) 24th March 2024
- 3) 23rd March 2024
- 4) 20th March 2024
- 5) 21st March 2024

Answer- **3) 23rd March 2024**

Explanation:

Earth Hour 2024 is observed across the world on the **last Saturday of March** by turning off the lights for 60 minutes as a global symbol of unity and commitment towards protecting the planet and preserving the environment.

- Occasionally, in the years when Holy Saturday(Easter Eve) falls on the last Saturday of March, Earth Hour is held a week earlier.

i. Earth Hour 2024 was observed on **23rd March 2024** since Holy Saturday 2024 falls on 30th March 2024. 2024 marks the observance of the 18th year of Earth Hour.

- Earth Hour 2024 aims to create the Biggest Hour for Earth with its call-to-action "Give an hour for Earth". [Click here to read more](#)

42. When was World Theatre Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 27th March 2024
- 2) 24th March 2024
- 3) 23rd March 2024

4) 25th March 2024

5) 26th March 2024

Answer- **1) 27th March 2024**

Explanation:

World Theatre Day 2024 observed across the globe on **27th March 2024** to promote theatre in all its forms across the world. The Day highlights the intrinsic value of theatre as an art form.

- World Theatre 2024 observed on 27th March 2024 marks the **62nd anniversary** of the observance.

i. Norwegian novelist and playwright **Jon Fosse** authored the World Theatre Day Message 2024, titled "Art is Peace".

- He won the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature "for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable". [Click here to read more](#)

43. What was the theme of World Tuberculosis Day 2024, observed across the globe on 24th March 2024?

1) It's Time

2) The Clock is Ticking

3) Invest to End TB. Save Lives

4) Celebrating Leaders for a TB Free World

5) Yes! We can end TB

Answer- **5) Yes! We can end TB**

Explanation:

World Tuberculosis Day 2024 observed across the globe on **24th March 2024** with the theme of "**Yes! We can end TB,**" (the continuation of the 2023 theme) to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social, and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB) and to strengthen efforts to end the global TB epidemic.

- The first World TB Day was officially observed in 1983. [Click here to read more.](#)

44. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims 2024 observed across the globe?

1) 23rd March 2024

2) 25th March 2024

3) 22nd March 2024

4) 24th March 2024

5) 21st March 2024

Answer- **4) 24th March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (Right to Truth Day) 2024 observed across the globe on **24th March 2024** to pay tribute to human rights activist Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24th March 1980.

- The day was observed for the first time on **24th March 2011**. [Click here to read more.](#)

45. The United Nations (UN) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2024 observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 22nd March 2024
- 2) 19th March 2024
- 3) 20th March 2024
- 4) 25th March 2024
- 5) 23rd March 2024

Answer- 4) 25th March 2024

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2024 observed across the globe on **25th March 2024** with the theme of “Creating Global Freedom: Countering Racism with Justice in Societies and Among Nations.” to honour and remember the lives of those who suffered and died as a result of the transatlantic slave trade.

i. This Day also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of **racism and prejudice**. [Click here to read more.](#)

46. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 24th March 2024
- 2) 25th March 2024
- 3) 22nd March 2024
- 4) 23rd March 2024
- 5) 20th March 2024

Answer- 2) 25th March 2024

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2024 observed across the globe on **25th March 2024** to honour the courage and dedication of UN Staff members and medical and humanitarian workers everywhere.

- The Day is a call to action to protect UN personnel and peacekeepers and recognises the risks faced by those working for the UN. [Click here to read more.](#)

47. When was the World Piano Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 27th March 2024
- 2) 26th March 2024
- 3) 28th March 2024
- 4) 29th March 2024
- 5) 24th March 2024

Answer- 3) 28th March 2024

Explanation:

The World Piano Day was observed on the **88th day of the year**, which represents the **88 keys** of the Piano, to celebrate the Piano, an acoustic, keyboard, stringed percussion instrument. The day usually falls on the 28th or 29th of March.

i. World Piano Day 2024 was observed on **March 28, 2024.**

48. When was the United Nations(UN) International Day of Zero Waste 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 29th March 2024
- 2) 26th March 2024
- 3) 30th March 2024
- 4) 27th March 2024
- 5) 28th March 2024

Answer- **3) 30th March 2024**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **International Day of Zero Waste 2024** observed across the globe on **30th March 2024** to highlight the importance of bolstering waste management and promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns.

- 30th March 2024 marks the observance of the 2nd annual International Day of Zero Waste.
- The observance is led by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

ENVIRONMENT

1. In which of the following states, Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have identified a new species of head-shield sea slug 'Melanochlamys Droupadi' in March 2024?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 1 & 3

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

Explanation:

Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (**ZSI**) have identified a new species of head-shield sea slug '**Melanochlamys Droupadi**' along the coasts of **Odisha and West Bengal**.

- The species is named after Droupadi Murmu, the 15th President of India.
- The discovery was published in the online edition of the molluscan journal 'Mollusca Research'.

2. In which state/UT, Scientists have recently (in March '24) discovered a new colourful flowering plant species, called 'Begonia Narahari'?

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- **2) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Scientists have discovered a new **colourful flowering plant species**, '**Begonia Narahari**' in the Mishmi Hills in Lohit district, **Arunachal Pradesh**.

- The findings were published in the international journal *Phytotaxa*, the world's largest journal in Botanical Taxonomy.

i. The new species has been named after Prof. Garikapati Narahari Sastry, former director of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), Jorhat, Assam.

3. In March 2024, 'Indopria Angulata', a new species of _____, was discovered by a group of scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata, West Bengal.

- 1) Parasitoid wasp
- 2) Ptyas Snake
- 3) Skipper Butterfly
- 4) Microhyla Frog
- 5) Mackerel Fish

Answer-1) Parasitoid wasp

Explanation:

'**Indopria Angulata**', a new species of **parasitoid wasp**, was discovered by a group of scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (**ZSI**), Kolkata, West Bengal.

- The discovery of the species was published in the scientific journal 'Biologia'.
- The new genus 'Indopria' is classified as a member of the tribe Diapriini of the subfamily 'Diapriinae'.

4. In which state, a new species of deep-sea isopod, 'Brucethoa Isro' was discovered in March 2024?

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

Answer- 2) Kerala

Explanation:

The researchers have discovered a new species of **deep-sea isopod** called '**Brucethoa Isro**' off the Kollam coast in Kerala.

- The species is named after the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the national space agency of India for their successful space missions including 'Chandrayaan-3'.

i. The species belongs to the **genus Brucethoa**. *Brucethoa isro* is the **second species** within this genus to be discovered in India.

ii. The discovery was published in the journal '**Systematic Parasitology**'.

5. In March 2024, Union Minister of State of Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare, and Food Processing Industries, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje released a new dwarf _____ (fruit/crop) variety named 'Kalpa Suvarna', developed by the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI).

- 1) Golden Rice
- 2) Chickpea
- 3) Coconut

4) Brinjal

5) Tomato

Answer- **3) Coconut**

Explanation:

Union Minister of State (MoS) Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Ministry of Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare, and Food Processing Industries, released a new dwarf coconut variety named '**Kalpa Suvarna**' and two new hybrid varieties of cocoa, "**VTL CH I**" and "**VTL CH II**".

i. Both the dwarf coconut variety and hybrid varieties of cocoa were **developed by the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI)** in Kidu, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in Feb '24) launched the logo and website for the Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality.

1) Smriti Zubin Irani (Union Minister of Women and Child Development)

2) Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)

3) Dharmendra Pradhan (Union Minister of Education)

4) Virendra Kumar (Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment)

5) Pralhad Joshi (Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs)

Answer- **1) Smriti Zubin Irani (Union Minister of Women and Child Development)**

Explanation:

On 28 February 2024, Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), launched the **logo and website** for the **Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality** in an event held in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The logo forms the alphabet "e" symbolising Equality and Equity.

ii. Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality was launched by India on the sidelines of the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF 2024) held in Davos, Switzerland in January 2024.

2. Which department has recently (in March '24) launched the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) & Chakshu facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal to curb Cyber Crime & Financial Frauds?

1) Department of Home

2) Department of Telecommunications

3) Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare

4) Department of Financial Services

5) Department of Science and Technology

Answer- **2) Department of Telecommunications**

Explanation:

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Communications(MoC) launched the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**)'s 'Digital Intelligence Platform (**DIP**)' and '**Chakshu**'(चक्षु)' facility on the **Sanchar Saathi portal** to empower the people and to foster a secure digital ecosystem.

i. DIP aims to eliminate the use of telecom resources in cybercrimes and financial frauds by coordinating the stakeholders. The Chakshu facility will enable the citizens to report suspected fraud communication.

- DIP, developed by the DoT, is a secure and integrated platform.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- 1) Revathy Iyer
- 2) Urvish Shah
- 3) Shaji K V
- 4) Raama Sreenivasan
- 5) Manoj Ahuja

Answer- **3) Shaji K V**

Explanation:

About National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD):

NABARD is India's apex development bank, established in 1982 under an Act of Parliament to promote sustainable and equitable agriculture and rural development.

Chairman- Shaji K V

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

2. In which year, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) was established?

- 1) 2003
- 2) 2005
- 3) 2001
- 4) 2002
- 5) 2000

Answer- **1) 2003**

Explanation:

About Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA):

Chairman- Deepak Mohanty

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

Established in - 2003

3. As of February 2024, how many member countries are there in the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) 35
- 2) 68
- 3) 58
- 4) 49
- 5) 50

Answer- **2) 68**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President - Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters – Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Establishment– 1966

Members – 68 member countries (49 from the region)

4. Which of the World Bank institutions facilitates the resolution of investment disputes between governments and foreign investors?

- 1) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- 2) International Development Association (IDA)
- 3) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 4) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- 5) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

Answer: **5) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)**

Explanation:

The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) was established in 1966 to provide a forum for the arbitration and conciliation of investment disputes between governments and foreign investors. It is an integral part of the World Bank Group and offers a neutral and independent platform for settling disputes that arise from investment agreements between host countries and foreign investors.

- Settlement of a dispute through ICSID is voluntary, but once parties agree to settle the dispute, they cannot withdraw unilaterally.

5. What is the share of the State Government in the regional rural banks?

- 1) 15%
- 2) 35%
- 3) 20%
- 4) 50%
- 5) 25%

Answer- **1) 15%**

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (**NABARD**) is an apex Development Bank by the Government of India. In Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), **15% share** is held by the **State Government**, 50% by the Central Government, and 35% by the Sponsor Bank.

6. In February 2024, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India paid Rs _____ as an interim dividend to the government of India (GoI).

- 1) 2,590 crore
- 2) 2,821 crore
- 3) 1,890 crore
- 4) 3,210 crore
- 5) 2,441 crore

Answer- **5) 2,441 crore**

Explanation:

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated via virtual mode Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**)'s new international business centre at GIFT City, Gujarat.

- This strategic move of insurance behemoth to locate presence in GIFT City is aligned with LIC's commitment to providing world-class insurance and financial services on a global scale.

i. Meanwhile, LIC Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty presented an interim dividend cheque of Rs. 2441.44 crore to government of India (GoI).

7. Which of the following banks is Not settled with capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), paying a total of Rs 39.36 lakh as settlement charges?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) CitiBank
- 3) Deutsche Bank AG
- 4) HSBC
- 5) Standard Chartered plc

Answer- 5) Standard Chartered plc

Explanation:

HDFC Bank, HSBC, CitiBank and Deutsche Bank AG have settled with capital markets regulator SEBI a case for allegedly not meeting the eligibility criteria prescribed under the Foreign Portfolio Investors rules.

- These entities have paid a total of **Rs 39.36 lakh** towards the settlement charges.

i. Under the settlement agreement, Deutsche Bank AG has paid Rs.11 lakh, HSBC has paid Rs.10.87 lakh, HDFC has paid Rs.9.18 lakh and Citi has paid Rs.8.25 lakh.

8. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has partnered with the Dvara Money partner to enhance digital banking with Spark Money.

- 1) Ujjivan SFB
- 2) Equitas SFB
- 3) AU SFB
- 4) Jana SFB
- 5) Capital SFB

Answer- 4) Jana SFB

Explanation:

Jana Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited and Dvara Money have tied up for digital banking services, combining DM's **Spark Money** platform with Jana SFB's technological capabilities.

- The company announced that the integration of third-party application provider (TPAP) capabilities will enable the Spark Money platform to incorporate a full-stack UPI solution.
- This will allow customers to connect their savings accounts for digital payments and enable UPI functionalities such as Aadhaar OTP-based onboarding and credit on UPI.

9. In February 2024, the Union Finance Ministry slapped a Rs. 5.49 crore penalty on _____ (Payments Bank of India) for violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

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

Answer- 5) Paytm Payments Bank

Explanation:

The Financial Intelligence Unit-India under the Union Finance Ministry has slapped a **Rs. 5.49 crore** penalty on Paytm Payments Bank Limited (**PPBL**) for violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (**PMLA**), after finding substantial proof of money generated from illegal activity being routed through accounts held by some entities with the bank.

- The FIU-IND had initiated a review of the PPBL's operations after receiving "specific information" from law enforcement agencies about a few entities and their network of businesses engaging in "a number of illegal acts, including organising and facilitating online gambling". The penalty order was issued on March 1, 2024.

10. In March 2024, the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) set a target to sanction Rs 3 trillion by March _____ (year) to support the development of long-term non-recourse infrastructure financing.

- 1) 2029
- 2) 2026
- 3) 2027
- 4) 2028
- 5) 2030

Answer- **2) 2026**

Explanation:

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (**NaBFID**), which supports the development of long-term non-recourse infrastructure financing, has set a target to sanction **Rs 3 trillion by March 2026**.

- Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired a meeting to review the performance of the NaBFID and asked it to introduce a structured partial credit enhancement facility towards deepening bond markets, including for urban local bodies and municipalities.
- NaBFID has made total sanctions of more than Rs 86,804 crore, with projects spread across the country and in diversified sub-sectors of infrastructure like roads, renewable power, ports, railways, and city gas distribution.

11. Small Finance Banks come under which of the following Categories?

- 1) Micro banking
- 2) International banking
- 3) Specialized banking
- 4) Differentiated banking
- 5) Local banking

Answer- **4) Differentiated banking**

Explanation:

Small Finance Banks come under **Differentiated banking**.

- Differentiated banks are distinct from universal banks as they function in a niche segment. The differentiation could be on account of capital requirement, scope of activities or area of operations.
- As such, they offer a limited range of services / products or function under a different regulatory dispensation.

12. Which of the following organisations regulates the Stock Market ?

- 1) Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)
- 2) Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
- 3) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 5) Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)

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

Explanation:

Regulatory Functions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

- Registration of brokers and sub brokers and other players in the market.
- Registration of collective investment schemes and Mutual Funds.
- Regulation of stock brokers, portfolio exchanges, underwriters and merchant bankers and the business in stock exchanges and any other securities market.
- Regulation of takeover bids by companies.
- Calling for information by undertaking inspection, conducting enquiries and audits of stock exchanges and intermediaries.

13. Who is the present (as of March '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)?

- 1) Prashant Tripathy
- 2) Ritesh Shukla
- 3) Tapan Kumar Singhel
- 4) Anuj Mathur
- 5) Kamlesh Rao

Answer- **2) Ritesh Shukla**

Explanation:

About NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL):

NIPL is devoted to the deployment of RuPay (domestic card scheme) and UPI (mobile payment solution) outside of India.

CEO- Ritesh Shukla

Incorporated on April 3, 2020

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

14. Which of the following is India's own Global Card Payment Network ?

- 1) Visa
- 2) Unified Payments Interface
- 3) RuPay
- 4) GPay
- 5) Mastercard

Answer- **3) RuPay**

Explanation:

RuPay is the first-of-its-kind Global Card payment network from India, with wide acceptance at Shops, ATMs, and online.

- Presently, RuPay cards are issued by more than 1,100 banks which includes Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, Regional Rural and Co-Operative Banks.

- A product of the National Payments Corporation of India, RuPay is India's indigenous payment network. The name, derived from the words 'rupee' and 'payment', indicates that it is India's own initiative for card payments. It is the country's answer to international payment networks.

15. Which of the following is 'Not' an Indian credit rating agency?

- 1) Credit Rating and Information Services of India Limited
- 2) Brickwork Ratings
- 3) Moody's and Fitch Ratings
- 4) Investment Information and Credit rating agency
- 5) Credit Analysis & Research Ltd

Answer- **3) Moody's and Fitch Ratings**

Explanation:

A credit rating agency is a company which rates the debtors on the basis of their ability to pay back the debt in a timely manner.

i. There are mainly **4 credit rating agencies** in India which are Credit Rating and Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL), Investment Information and Credit rating agency (ICRA), Credit Analysis & Research Ltd. (CARE) and ONICRA.

ii. Apart from these credit rating agencies, there are three more credit rating agencies which are also registered with SEBI. These are Fitch Ratings India Private Ltd., Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited, SME Rating Agency of India Ltd. (SMERA).

16. _____ is the shortfall between the money flowing in on exports, and the money flowing out on imports.

- 1) Current Account Deficit
- 2) Primary Deficit
- 3) Twin Deficit
- 4) Revenue Deficit
- 5) Fiscal Deficit

Answer- **1) Current Account Deficit**

Explanation:

Current Account Deficit or CAD is the shortfall between the money flowing in on exports, and the money flowing out on imports.

i. Current Account Deficit (or Surplus) measures the gap between the money received into and sent out of the country on the trade of goods and services and also the transfer of money from domestically-owned factors of production abroad.

17. Let's Make Money Simple is the tagline of _____ (Bank).

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) Federal Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) IDFC FIRST Bank

Answer- **4) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

Explanation:

About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded in- 2003

Tagline- Let's Make Money Simple

18. What is the full form of BHIM, an UPI application?

- 1) Bharat Innovation for Money
- 2) Bharat Intermediary for Money
- 3) Bharat Interface for Money
- 4) Bharat Heavy Interface for Money
- 5) Bharat Interface for Many

Answer-3) Bharat Interface for Money

Explanation:

BHIM – Bharat Interface for Money is a UPI based payment interface that allows real time fund transfers using a single identity like your mobile number or name.

- BHIM is a payment app that lets you make simple, easy and quick transactions using Unified Payments Interface (UPI). You can make direct bank payments to anyone on UPI using their UPI ID or scanning their QR with the BHIM app. You can also request money through the app from a UPI ID.

19. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Payments banks can apply for conversion into small finance banks (SFBs) after _____ years of successful operation.

- 1) 5 years
- 2) 6 years
- 3) 4 years
- 4) 3 years
- 5) 7 years

Answer-1) 5 years

Explanation:

According to the latest guidelines of RBI, Payments banks can apply for conversion into small finance banks (SFBs) after **five years** of successful operation.

20. Which of the following is not the fully owned Subsidiaries of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
- 2) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- 3) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
- 4) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
- 5) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)

Answer- 2) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Explanation:

Fully Owned Subsidiaries of Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

- Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
- Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
- Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)

- Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
- Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)

21. _____ refers to the portion of Total Deposits of a commercial bank which has to be kept with the RBI in the form of cash reserves.

- 1) Reserve Repo Rate
- 2) Cash Reserve Ratio
- 3) Repo Rate
- 4) Bank Rate
- 5) Statutory Liquidity Ratio

Answer- 2) Cash Reserve Ratio

Explanation:

Cash Reserve Ratio refers to that portion of total deposits of a commercial bank which it has to keep with RBI in the form of cash reserves.

22. A license authorizing to carry on Small Finance Bank (SFB) business is issued by Reserve Bank of India under _____(Section) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

- 1) Section 22
- 2) Section 12
- 3) Section 20
- 4) Section 15
- 5) Section 18

Answer- 1) Section 22

Explanation:

A license authorizing the bank to carry on small finance bank business is issued by the Reserve Bank of India under **Section 22** of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

Salient features of Small Finance Bank(SFB)

- No cap on deposit amount
- Focus is on Small borrowers -
- Can issue both Debit and credit cards
- Extend 75% of loans to priority sector
- Ensure that 50 % of loan portfolio constitutes advances of up to RS 25 lakh

23. Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited was incorporated based on recommendations made by the RBI_____.

- 1) Siddiqui Committee
- 2) Rangarajan Committee
- 3) Narasimham Committee
- 4) Urjit Patel Committee
- 5) None of the above

Answer- 1) Siddiqui Committee

Explanation:

Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited was incorporated based on recommendations made by the RBI **Siddiqui Committee**.

- Credit Information Companies (CIC) in India are licensed by the RBI and governed by the Credit Information Companies Regulation Act, 2005 (CICRA) and various other rules and regulations issued by the RBI.
- As per Section 15 of the CICRA, every Credit Institution (like banks) should be a member of at least one CIC.

24. Which of the following is not part of the operational priorities of the 2030 strategy of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) Making cities more livable
- 2) Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities
- 3) To promote International Economic Stability
- 4) Promoting rural development and food security
- 5) Fostering regional cooperation and integration

Answer- **3) To promote International Economic Stability**

Explanation:

The seven operational priorities of the **2030 strategy** of Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) are

- Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities,
- Accelerating progress in gender equality,
- Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability,
- Making cities more livable
- Promoting rural development and food security
- Strengthening governance and institutional capacity
- Fostering regional cooperation and integration

25. What is the name of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) mobile app on Investor Education?

- 1) Groww
- 2) eSampada
- 3) SAARTHI
- 4) MANI
- 5) UPSTOX

Answer- **3) SAARTHI**

Explanation:

SAARTHI Mobile App: SEBI's mobile app on **investor education** was launched on January 19, 2022.

This app is developed in Hindi and English language and is available on iOS and android platforms.

- The app contains educational content like basic concepts related to securities market, KYC mechanism, mutual funds, investor grievance redressal mechanism, introduction to derivatives, etc.
- The primary objective of the app has been to extend the reach of SEBI's financial education and investor awareness initiatives to the mobile phones of investors.

26. National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by _____.

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- 4) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) All of the above

Answer- **5) All of the above**

Explanation:

National Centre for Financial Education (**NCFE**) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

- The objective to promote Financial Education across India for all sections of the population as per the National strategy for Financial Education of Financial Stability and Development Council.

27. Which of the following has developed the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) system?

- 1) National Highways Authority of India
- 2) Indian Banks Association
- 3) Reserve Bank of India
- 4) National Securities Depository Limited
- 5) National Payments Corporation of India

Answer- **5) National Payments Corporation of India**

Explanation:

National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) has developed the National Electronic Toll Collection (**NETC**) program to meet the electronic tolling requirements of the Indian market.

- It offers an interoperable nationwide toll payment solution including clearing house services for settlement and dispute management.
- Interoperability, as it applies to the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) system, encompasses a common set of processes, business rules and technical specifications which enable a customer to use their FASTag as payment mode on any of the toll plazas irrespective of who has acquired the toll plaza.

28. Under the new scale-based regulatory framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), NBFCs are grouped into how many layers?

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

Answer- **3) 4**

Explanation:

Regulatory structure for NBFCs shall comprise **four layers** based on their size, activity, and perceived riskiness. NBFCs in the lowest layer shall be known as NBFC - Base Layer (NBFC-BL).

- NBFCs in the middle layer and upper layer shall be known as NBFC - Middle Layer (NBFC-ML) and NBFC - Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) respectively. The Top Layer is ideally expected to be empty and will be known as NBFC - Top Layer (NBFC-TL).

29. What is the normal term of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority(PFRDA) chairperson?

- 1) 3 years
- 2) 5 years
- 3) 7 years
- 4) 10 years
- 5) None of the above

Answer- **2) 5 years**

Explanation:

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority(**PFRDA**) **chairperson**, shall hold office for a term of **five years** from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment, provided that no Chairperson shall hold office after attaining the age of 65 years.

30. Eway bill must be generated when there is a movement of goods of more than Rs _____ in value to or from a registered person.

- 1) 60,000
- 2) 20,000
- 3) 50,000
- 4) 30,000
- 5) 40,000

Answer- **3) 50,000**

Explanation:

The National Informatic Centre (**NIC**) announced that the selected GST payers will not be able to generate e-way bills without details of e-invoice with effect from March 1, 2024.

- This is applicable for e-invoice-enabled tax payers and for the transactions related to supplies under B2B (Business to Business) and exports.
- An e-way bill is an electronic document generated on a portal, evidencing the movement of goods and indicating whether tax has been paid.
- As per Rule 138 of the CGST Rules, 2017, **every registered person** who causes the **movement of goods** (which may not necessarily be on account of supply) of consignment value of more than Rs. **50,000** is required to generate an e-way bill. This requirement applies to movements between two States and within a State.

31. What is the Tagline of Punjab National Bank?

- 1) Good People to Grow With
- 2) Together We Can
- 3) The Name You Can Bank Upon
- 4) Support All the Way

5) We understand your world

Answer- **3) The Name You Can Bank Upon**

Explanation:

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

PNB is a MD & CEO- Atul Kumar Goel

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established in- 1894

Tagline- The Name You Can Bank Upon

32. Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) is a unique _____ digit alphanumeric code to use for online fund transfer transactions done via National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and Immediate Mobile Payment Service (IMPS).

1) 12

2) 7

3) 11

4) 15

5) 10

Answer- **3) 11**

Explanation:

The Indian Financial System Code (**IFSC**), is a unique **11-digit alphanumeric code** that is used for online fund transfer transactions done via National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and Immediate Mobile Payment Service (IMPS).

33. _____ is a rate at which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gives loans to commercial banks against government securities.

1) Repo rate

2) Reverse repo rate

3) Statutory Liquidity Ratio

4) Bank Rate

5) Cash reserve ratio

Answer- **1) Repo rate**

Explanation:

Repo rate - Repo rate is the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gives loans to commercial banks against government securities.

Reverse repo rate - A reverse repo rate is a rate at which RBI borrows money from commercial banks.

34. Who is the current (as of March '24) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)?

1) Sivasubramanian Ramann

2) Devendra Kumar Singh

3) Ashish Gupta

4) Pankaj Jain

5) Sudatta Mandal

Answer- **1) Sivasubramanian Ramann**

Explanation:

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)- Sivasubramanian Ramann

Headquarters- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Established on- 2nd April 1990

35. What is the Tagline of IndusInd Bank?

- 1) Good People to Grow With
- 2) The Banker to Every Indian
- 3) We Make You Feel Richer
- 4) Banking With Personal Touch
- 5) Let's Make Money Simple

Answer- **3) We Make You Feel Richer**

Explanation:

About IndusInd Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Sumant Kathpalia

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 1994

Tagline – We Make You Feel Richer

36. In March 2024, Aurionpro Solutions secured a Rs 100-crore contract from _____ (Bank) for iCashpro+, a transaction banking platform.

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

Answer- **2) State Bank of India**

Explanation:

Technology firm **Aurionpro Solutions** has bagged an order of around **Rs 100 crore** from the **State Bank of India (SBI)** for **iCashpro+**, a transaction banking platform, that will help SBI to enhance its corporate banking portal and payment services.

- iCashpro+, developed by Aurionpro Solutions, will integrate with SBI's core banking systems, payments hub, and a mix of internal and external platforms.
- This integration will enable the use and exchange of information with ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solutions, fintechs, and open banking platforms, empowering SBI to meet evolving customer expectations and industry standards.

37. What is the Tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

- 1) Let's Make Money Simple
- 2) India's International Bank
- 3) Together We Can
- 4) Support All the Way
- 5) Always You First

Answer- **2) India's International Bank**

Explanation:

About Bank of Baroda (BoB):

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Debadatta Chand

Headquarters – Vadodara, Gujarat (Corporate centre is in Mumbai, Maharashtra)

Established in – 1908

Tagline – India's International Bank

38. What is the tagline of South Indian Bank?

- 1) Experience Next-Generation Banking
- 2) Your Perfect Banking Partner
- 3) We Understand Your World
- 4) Serving To Empower
- 5) Your Family Bank Across India

Answer- **1) Experience Next-Generation Banking**

Explanation:

About South Indian Bank:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– P R Seshadri

Tagline– Experience Next-Generation Banking

Established in 1929

39. NEFT is a nationwide payment system facilitating one-to-one funds transfer.

In NEFT, what does 'E' stand for?

- 1) Exchange
- 2) Electronic
- 3) E-commerce
- 4) Earned
- 5) Equity

Answer- **2) Electronic**

Explanation:

National **Electronic** Funds Transfer (**NEFT**) is a nation-wide payment system facilitating one-to-one funds transfer.

i. Under this Scheme, individuals, firms and corporates can electronically transfer funds from any bank branch to any individual, firm or corporate having an account with any other bank branch in the country participating in the Scheme.

40. Which committee recommended the introduction of a Liquidity adjustment facility in India?

- 1) Narasimham Committee
- 2) Rangarajan Committee
- 3) Basel Committee
- 4) SS Tarapore Committee
- 5) A K Khandelwal Committee

Answer- **1) Narasimham Committee**

Explanation:

Narasimham Committee was set up in 1998 on structural reforms, recommending merger of banks to solve the problem of NPA.

i. It recommended the introduction of a Liquidity adjustment facility in India.

41. Which is the 1st Regional Rural Bank of India that was sponsored by Syndicate Bank?

- 1) Aryavart Bank
- 2) Paschim Banga Gramin Bank
- 3) Ellaquai Dehati Bank
- 4) Utkal Grameen Bank
- 5) Prathama Bank

Answer- **5) Prathama Bank**

Explanation:

Regional Rural Banks were set up on the recommendations of the Narasimham Working Group. The first RRB to be set up was the Prathama Bank, sponsored by Syndicate Bank on October 2, 1975 in Uttar Pradesh. The head office is at Moradabad, UP.

42. What is the Full form of 'LTRO'?

- 1) Liquidity Term Reserve Operations
- 2) Liquidity Time Repo Operations
- 3) Long-Term Repo Operations
- 4) Long-Term Reserve Operations
- 5) Long-Time Repo Operations

Answer- **3) Long-Term Repo Operations**

Explanation:

LTRO is Long-Term Repo Operations:

- LTRO is a tool that allows banks to borrow one to three years of funds from the Central Bank at the Repo rate. It is called 'Targeted' LTRO if the Central Bank wants banks opting for funds under this option to be specifically invested in investment-grade corporate debt.
- LTRO was first introduced by the European Central Bank (ECB) during its sovereign debt crisis that began in 2008.

43. What is the share of sponsor banks in the regional rural banks?

- 1) 15%
- 2) 35%
- 3) 20%
- 4) 50%
- 5) 25%

Answer- **2) 35%**

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (**NABARD**) is an apex Development Bank by the Government of India. In RRBs, 15% share is held by the State Government, 50% by the Central Government, and **35% by the Sponsor Bank**.

44. Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) is a _____ digit unique code used to identify the particular branch of a particular bank.

- 1) 8
- 2) 9
- 3) 11
- 4) 12
- 5) 10

Answer- **2) 9**

Explanation:

Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (**MICR**) is a unique code used to identify the particular branch of a particular bank. It is used mainly by the banking industry to ease the processing and clearance of cheques and other documents. It is a **9-digit code**.

i. The first three digits represent the city code of the bank branch – generally the pin code initials, The next three digits represent the bank code, and The last three digits represent the bank branch.

45. In March 2024, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd acquired stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank for Rs. 245 crore.

- 1) 0.7%
- 2) 2.8%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 6.9%
- 5) 7%

Answer-**1) 0.7%**

Explanation:

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd acquired a **0.7%** stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank for Rs.245 crore

i. The company also informed the exchanges that it has allotted equity shares under ICICI Lombard Employees Stock Option Scheme-2005.

ii. The Company has allotted 26,270 Equity Shares of Rs. 10 each on March 1, 2024 to the eligible option holder(s) who had exercised the stock options under ICICI Lombard Employees Stock Option Scheme-2005."

46. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in March '24) partnered with the Arya.ag to provide financial assistance to farmers, agro-processors, and micro-enterprises.

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

Answer- **2) Shivalik SFB**

Explanation:

Grain commerce platform **Arya.ag** has partnered with **Shivalik Small Finance Bank** to assist farmers, agro-processors, and micro-enterprises financially.

i. Through this partnership, Arya.ag acts as a business correspondent for the bank to facilitate over Rs. 200 crore in warehouse receipt financing in the current financial year.

- This partnership offers assurance to financial institutions and creates a more inclusive ecosystem for small agri-stakeholders.
- The initiative will help expand the bank's reach, bringing essential funding to the agricultural ecosystem across India.

47. Which company has recently (in March '23) launched MyMutualFundGPT to elevate the overall investor experience across their digital platforms?

- 1) Axis Asset Management Company Limited
- 2) Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company Limited
- 3) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited
- 4) Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Limited
- 5) Nippon Life India Asset Management Company Limited

Answer- 4) Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Limited

Explanation:

Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Limited (**ABSLAMC**) launched **MyMutualFundGPT**. This is an information tool designed to elevate the overall investor experience across their digital platforms.

- The Gen AI-based tool will comprehend the context of queries and generate responses based on the meaning.

48. What is the tagline of HDFC Bank?

- 1) Experience Next-Generation Banking
- 2) Your Perfect Banking Partner
- 3) We Understand Your World
- 4) Serving To Empower
- 5) Your Family Bank Across India

Answer- 3) We Understand Your World

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- We Understand Your World

Establishment- 1994

49. Who is the current (as of March '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DBS Bank India?

- 1) Prabhat Gupta
- 2) Anup Kuruvilla
- 3) Surojit Shome
- 4) Vikram Sud
- 5) Meera Nair

Answer- 3) Surojit Shome

Explanation:

About DBS Bank India Limited:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Surojit Shome

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in- 1994

Tagline - Live more, Bank Less

50. What is the tagline of HDFC Bank?

- 1) Experience Next-Generation Banking
- 2) Your Family Bank Across India
- 3) We Understand Your World
- 4) Serving To Empower
- 5) Your Perfect Banking Partner

Answer- **3) We Understand Your World**

Explanation:

We Understand Your World is the **tagline** of **HDFC Bank**.

i. In March 2024, HDFC Bank and TD Bank Group (TD) announced an expanded relationship supporting Indian students planning to study in Canada.

ii. With this agreement, TD and HDFC Bank are announcing a new referral program. HDFC Bank will refer students planning to study in Canada to TD's International Student GIC Program, which enables students to conveniently comply with the Government of Canada's Student Direct Stream (SDS) study permit pathway.

51. Balances in savings / current accounts which are not operated for _____ (years) from the date of maturity are unclaimed deposits.

- 1) 12 years
- 2) 3 years
- 3) 5 years
- 4) 10 years
- 5) 15 years

Answer- **4) 10 years**

Explanation:

What are unclaimed deposits: Balances in savings / current accounts which are not operated for **10 years**, or term deposits not claimed within 10 years from date of maturity are unclaimed deposits.

i. In March 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that 30 banks are facilitating people to search their unclaimed deposits/accounts through the Unclaimed Deposits-Gateway to Access inforMation (UDGAM) portal, and the remaining banks are in the process of getting on-boarded.

- All unclaimed deposits/accounts that are part of the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund of RBI can be searched in the UDGAM portal.
- The unclaimed deposits totalled Rs 42,270 crore as of March 2023.

52. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has committed to enable 'Insurance for All' by _____(year).

- 1) 2030
- 2) 2040
- 3) 2035
- 4) 2047
- 5) 2029

Answer- 4) 2047

Explanation:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has committed to enable 'Insurance for All' by 2047, where every citizen has an appropriate life, health and property insurance cover and every enterprise is supported by appropriate insurance solutions and also to make the Indian insurance sector globally attractive.

53. Which of the following was the first Credit Rating Agency(CRA) of India?

- 1) CRISIL
- 2) CARE
- 3) ICRA
- 4) Brickwork rating
- 5) India rating and research

Answer-1) **CRISIL**

Explanation:

CRISIL Ltd. formerly (Credit Rating Information Services of India) was the first rating agency in India. It was set-up in 1987 jointly by the erstwhile ICICI Ltd. and UTI.

- Currently CRISIL Ltd is a Subsidiary of global Credit Rating Agency S&P after it acquired a majority stake .
- Currently there are seven registered Credit Rating Agencies(CRA) in India viz. CRISIL, CARE, ICRA, SMREA, Brickwork rating, India rating and research Pvt. Ltd.

54. Name the regulatory body that has recently (in March '24) released draft guidelines on 'Disclosure framework on climate-related financial risks, 2024.

- 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 2) Association of Mutual Funds in India
- 3) Reserve Bank of India
- 4) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 5) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority

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

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released **draft guidelines** outlining a disclosure framework for climate-related financial risks applicable to various regulated entities (**REs**).

- These guidelines aim to ensure transparency and better management of climate risks within the financial sector.

i. Entities Covered: The draft guidelines are set to apply to a wide range of REs, including:

- Scheduled commercial banks
- Tier IV primary urban co-operative banks (UCBs)
- Foreign banks operating in India
- All Indian financial institutions (AIFIs)
- Top and upper layer non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)

ii. REs have been requested to provide their comments and feedback on the guidelines by the end of April, 2024.

55. What is the tagline of IDFC First Bank?

- 1) Experience Next-Generation Banking
- 2) Always you First
- 3) We Understand Your World
- 4) Serving To Empower
- 5) Your Perfect Banking Partner

Answer- **2) Always you First**

Explanation:

About IDFC First Bank

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)- V. Vaidyanathan

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established – 2018

Tagline – Always you First

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1. In which state Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh:

Chief Minister (CM): Yogi Adityanath

Governor: Anandiben Patel

Capital: Lucknow

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Mahaveer Swami WL Sanctuary, **Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary**

2. Which of the following Currencies is not included in the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of the International Monetary Fund(IMF)?

- 1) US dollar
- 2) euro
- 3) Chinese Renminbi
- 4) Russian Ruble
- 5) Japanese yen

Answer- **4) Russian Ruble**

Explanation:

The **Russian Ruble** is not part of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of the International Monetary Fund(IMF).

- The SDR is an international reserve asset. The SDR is not a currency, but its value is based on a basket of five currencies—the US dollar, the euro, the Chinese Renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.

3. Which of the following groups of organisations are based in Rome, Italy?

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)**
- B) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**
- C) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**
- D) World Food Programme (WFP)**
- E) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

- 1) A, B, C, D only
- 2) B, C, D only
- 3) C, D, E only
- 4) A, D, E only
- 5) B, C, D, E only

Answer- **2) B, C, D only**

Explanation:

The Headquarters of the organisations given below

- World Health Organization (WHO)- Geneva, Switzerland
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)- Rome, Italy
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)- Rome, Italy
- World Food Programme (WFP)- Rome, Italy
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)- Vienna, Austria

4. Which of the following declarations led to the establishment of the New Development Bank?

- 1) Brasilia declaration
- 2) Fortaleza Declaration
- 3) New Delhi Declaration
- 4) Beijing Declaration
- 5) Johannesburg Declaration

Answer- **2) Fortaleza Declaration**

Explanation:

The Agreement for establishing NDB was signed during the **BRICS Summit** held in Fortaleza on July 15, 2014 known as **Fortaleza Declaration** and the Bank started operations on July 21, 2015.

- In 2021, NDB Board of Governors approved the admission of Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt and Uruguay into NDB family, which heralded the beginning of the Bank's expansion as a global multilateral institution.
- The NDB's headquarters are in Shanghai. Its presidency will rotate among the five countries at five-yearly intervals, with the first president coming from India.
- BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.

5. Who all can join the National Pension System (NPS)?

- 1) Non Resident Indians
- 2) Indian Citizens
- 3) Government Employees
- 4) Private Sector Employees
- 5) All of the above

Answer- **5) All of the above**

Explanation:

Any Indian citizen (resident/non-resident/overseas) aged between 18-70 years can subscribe to the scheme on a voluntary basis. Further, the National Pension System (NPS) can be adopted by the Corporates – **both Private and PSUs** as a retirement benefit scheme and can be rolled out on a voluntary or mandatory basis for its employees by an Employer.

- The scheme is regulated by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (“PFRDA”). NPS is mandatory for Central Government employees (except armed forces) joining services on or after 1st January 2004 and has been adopted by almost all the State Government for their employees.

6. In which state ‘Karnala Bird Sanctuary’ is located?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **5) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Karnala Bird Sanctuary is located in the Raigad District of **Maharashtra**.

i. It is a habitat of woodland birds in the Western Ghats & was one of the favoured areas of well-known ornithologist Dr Salim Ali.

ii. It also forms a catchment area of the Patalganga River.

7. In which state ‘Kaila Devi Sanctuary’ is located?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **5) Rajasthan**

Explanation:**About Rajasthan:**

Chief Minister (CM) – Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary; **Kaila Devi Sanctuary**

Tiger Reserves – Ranthambore Tiger Reserve; Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve

8. In which state Kalesar National Park is located?

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

Answer- **4) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

Zoological Park – Mini Zoo and Rohtak Zoo

National Park- Sultanpur National Park, **Kalesar National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuary – Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary

9. Which of the following ports is set to become India's first green hydrogen hub?

- 1) V O Chidambaranar Port
- 2) Mundra Port
- 3) Deendayal Port
- 4) Gangavaram Port
- 5) Visakhapatnam Port

Answer- **1) V O Chidambaranar Port**

Explanation:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, announced that the **V. O. Chidambaranar Port** at Tuticorin in **Tamil Nadu** will become **India's first green hydrogen hub** as it will develop an ecosystem of green ports and also emerge as a transshipment hub when Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches numerous initiatives on February 28, 2024.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 36 transformative projects worth over Rs 17,000 crore, with six projects in Tamil Nadu's two ports. The Outer Harbour Container Terminal project, costing Rs 7,056 crore, will position the port as a major transshipment hub, increasing container capacity and boosting the state economy.

10. Who is the present (as of Feb '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

- 1) Jayanth Kumar
- 2) Ajay Kumar
- 3) Thampy Koshy
- 4) Praveen Sharma
- 5) Supriyo Ghosh

Answer- **3) Thampy Koshy**

Explanation:

About Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Thampy Koshy

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Launched in 2022

11. In which state Talle Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Arunachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Pema Khandu

Governor- Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

National parks- Mouling National Park, Namdapha National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Talle Wildlife Sanctuary, Eagle Nest Wildlife Sanctuary

12. Where is the Headquarters of UNAIDS located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **2) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About UNAIDS:

It was established by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and remained the only cosponsored joint program of the UN system.

Executive Director- Winnie Byanyima

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Started Operations- 1996

13. Who is the current (as of March '24) Controller General of Accounts (CGA) to the Government of India?

- 1) Shailendra Kumar
- 2) Sanjai Singh
- 3) Aastha Saxena Khatwani
- 4) S. S. Dubey
- 5) Shankari Murali

Answer- **4) S. S. Dubey**

Explanation:

About Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

CGA to GoI- S. S. Dubey, Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS)

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

14. Who authored the book, The Great Flap of 1942: How the Raj Panicked over a Japanese Non-invasion?

- 1) Mukund Padmanabhan
- 2) Madhu Trehan
- 3) Prannoy Roy
- 4) Rajat Sharma
- 5) Shekhar Gupta

Answer- **1) Mukund Padmanabhan**

Explanation:

Extract published from **The Great Flap of 1942: How the Raj Panicked over a Japanese Non-invasion** by **Mukund Padmanabhan**, published by Vintage Books.

- i. Many private companies moved out of adjoining Georgetown, including one of the oldest and most famous ones— Parry and Co. Ltd, which was founded by Welshman Thomas Parry in 1788.
- ii. More than 80% of Madras' population fled the city in early 1942 fearing a Japanese invasion that never happened

15. Who is the current (as of March '24) Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- 1) Rakesh Joshi
- 2) S. N. Rajeswari
- 3) Parmod Kumar Arora
- 4) Suchindra Misra
- 5) Debasish Panda

Answer- **5) Debasish Panda**

Explanation:

Debasish Panda is the current Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**).

i. Policybazaar Insurance Brokers, a wholly owned subsidiary of PB Fintech, has now become a composite insurance broker with the insurance regulator IRDAI handing over the certificate of registration to the company.

- This latest upgrade from the earlier category of direct insurance broker (general and life insurance) to a composite insurance broker will allow Policybazaar to enter reinsurance products selling.
- The IRDAI Certificate of Registration as a composite broker will be valid from 28th February 2024.

16. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in March '24) inaugurated the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) facility at Land Customs Stations of North-Eastern Regions in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) Virendra Kumar (Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment)
- 2) Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology)
- 3) Amit Shah (Union Minister of Home Affairs)
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman (Union Minister of Finance)
- 5) Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways)

Answer- **4) Nirmala Sitharaman (Union Minister of Finance)**

Explanation:

Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** virtually inaugurated the Electronic Data Interchange (**EDI**) facility at **Land Customs Stations** of North-Eastern Regions for enhancing ease of doing business and facilitating regional trade from **New Delhi, Delhi**.

- She also presided over the handing over ceremony of Customs-seized antiquities to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

- A total of 101 antiquity items were handed over to the ASI at seven locations across the country--Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Guwahati, Mumbai and Pune.

17. As of February 2024, How many railway stations receive the 'Eat Right Station' certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- 1) 150
- 2) 200
- 3) 250
- 4) 300
- 5) 350

Answer- **1) 150**

Explanation:

On 29th February 2024, **150 railway stations** receive the '**Eat Right Station**' certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**) to ensure access to safe and nutritious food options for millions of rail passengers,

- The 'Eat Right Station' certification process involves stringent audits of food vendors, comprehensive training programs for food handlers, and strict adherence to hygiene and sanitation protocols.
- According to the Health Ministry, stations that successfully meet these criteria are recognized for their efforts in promoting informed food choices and awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification.

18. Which city has been selected to host the 2027 World Athletics Championships?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Tokyo, Japan
- 3) Budapest, Hungary
- 4) Doha, Qatar
- 5) Beijing, China

Answer- **5) Beijing, China**

Explanation:

Beijing, China has been selected to host the **2027 World Athletics Championships**, governing body World Athletics..

i. The announcement comes after the Italian athletics federation earlier in the day announced it had withdrawn its bid to host the event in Rome after failing to receive financial support from the government.

19. Who is the President of the World Bank Group as of March 2024?

- 1) Raj Subramaniam
- 2) Sanjay Mehrotra
- 3) Punit Renjen
- 4) Vasant Narasimhan
- 5) Ajay Banga

Answer- **5) Ajay Banga**

Explanation:

About World Bank:

The World Bank is an international development organization owned by 187 countries.

President- Ajay Banga

Headquarters- Washington, D.C., The United States of America(USA)

Established in 1944

20. 'Creating Markets, Creating Opportunities' is the Tagline of _____.

- 1) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- 2) International Development Association (IDA)
- 3) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 4) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- 5) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer-3) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Explanation:

International Finance Corporation(**IFC**)- a member of the World Bank Group - is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries. Its Tagline is 'Creating Markets, Creating Opportunities'

- It plays a significant role in promoting private sector investment
- Established in the year 1956.

21. Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Governor - Ramesh Bais

Chief Minister - Eknath Shinde

National Park - Gugamal National Park, Tadoba National Park (tiger reserve)

Wildlife Sanctuary - Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

22. In which state Bondla Zoological Park is located?

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

Answer- 4) Goa