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Explanation:

About Goa:

Chief Minister (CM) – Dr Pramod Sawant

Governor– PS Sreedharan Pillai

Zoological Park – Bondla Zoological Park

Airport – Goa International Airport

23. In which state, Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The **Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve** located in **Tamil Nadu** with a total area of 1,19,748.26 hectares at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari district.

i. The Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve ensures the conservation of the rich elephant habitats in the area and also enriches the health and connectivity of the elephant migratory paths in the landscape through proper research and effective management.

24. In which state Manas National Park is located?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Assam

Answer- **5) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor – Gulab Chand Kataria

Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma

National Parks – **Manas National Park**, Nameri National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary

25. Which of the following books is not authored by the Fali Sam Nariman, a renowned Indian jurist and Padma Awardee?

- 1) The State of the Nation
- 2) God Save the Hon'ble Supreme Court
- 3) India's Legal System (R/J): Can it Be Saved?
- 4) Before Memory Fades : An Autobiography & Supreme Whispers: Supreme Court Judges
- 5) The majesty of the law

Answer- **5) The majesty of the law**

Explanation:

Fali Sam Nariman, a renowned Indian jurist and Padma Awardee, passed away at the age of 95 in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The Government of India (GoI) honoured him with the Padma Bhushan (Field: Public Affairs) in 1991 and Padma Vibhushan (Field: Public Affairs) in 2007 in recognition of his exceptional and distinguished services in the field of Public Affairs.

ii. Books:

- He has authored several books like 'Before Memory Fades: An Autobiography & Supreme Whispers: Supreme Court Judges'; 'India's Legal System (R/J): Can it Be Saved?'; 'The State of the Nation'; 'God Save the Hon'ble Supreme Court'.
- He has also written "The Arbitration Series" titled "Harmony amidst Disharmony".

26. In February 2024, Cricketer Neil Wagner from _____ (country) retired from all formats of International Cricket.

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

Answer- **5) New Zealand**

Explanation:

New Zealand pacer **Neil Wagner** has retired from all formats of **International Cricket** after being snubbed from the Kiwi Test squad for the upcoming two-match series against Australia.

- Neil Wagner has called time on his 64-Test career, bowing out as the nation's fifth highest wicket-taker.
- Neil Wagner, 12th man for South Africa in two Tests, Wagner migrated to New Zealand in 2008 and proved instrumental in his adopted nation's rise to the world number one ranking and the inaugural World Test Championship title in 2021.

27. Who has recently (in Feb '24) become first woman Chief Minister (CM) of Pakistan's Punjab province?

- 1) Maryam Nawaz
- 2) Sarah Quraishi
- 3) Mahira Khan
- 4) Shazia Parveen
- 5) Sania Nishtar

Answer- **1) Maryam Nawaz**

Explanation:

Maryam Nawaz, a prominent leader of the PML-N and the daughter of the former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, achieved a historic milestone by becoming the **first woman chief minister of Pakistan's Punjab province**.

- Maryam, aged 50 and serving as the senior vice president of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party, secured victory in the chief ministerial elections despite a walkout by lawmakers from Imran Khan's party-backed Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC).

28. Defence Security Corps (DSC) celebrated its _____ Raising Day on 25th February 2024.

- 1) 73rd
- 2) 70th
- 3) 77th
- 4) 60th
- 5) 75th

Answer- 3) 77th

Explanation:

Defence Security Corps (DSC) celebrated its **77th Raising Day** on **25th February 2024**. The Corps was raised on this day in 1947 as 'Defence Department Constabulary'.

- DSC troops have been providing security to various sensitive defence and civil installations across the length and breadth of the Country since 1947.

29. In which state Amrabad Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- 4) Telangana

Explanation:

The leopard population increased considerably in Amrabad Tiger Reserve, according to the 'Status of Leopards in India' report released recently.

- **Amrabad Tiger Reserve** is located in the Nagarkurnool and Nalgonda districts in the southern part of **Telangana**.

30. Which article of Indian Constitution says, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion?

- 1) Article 25
- 2) Article 27
- 3) Article 29
- 4) Article 28
- 5) Article 30

Answer- 1) Article 25

Explanation:

Article 25 says that all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion.

I. Article 26 of the Indian Constitution, under Part III that deals with fundamental rights, addresses the right to manage religious affairs. It grants freedom to every religious denomination or any section thereof, subject to public order, morality, and health, to manage its religious affairs.

- It ensures that religious communities have the autonomy to manage their religious institutions and matters pertaining to their faith without external interference.

31. Where is the Headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO) located?

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

Answer- **2) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Trade Organization (WTO):

Director-General- Okonjo-Iweala

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment- 1995

32. In which state Keetham Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

Airport- Kushinagar International Airport, Gorakhpur airport, Agra Airport (Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport)

Heritage site - Agra fort (1983) , Taj Mahal (1983), Fatehpur Sikri (1986)

Bird Sanctuary- Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Sur Sarovar (**Keetham) Bird Sanctuary**

33. In which state Changu Lake is located?

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

Answer- **1) Sikkim**

Explanation:

Tsomo Lake, also known as Changu Lake, is a glacial lake in the East Sikkim district of the Indian state of **Sikkim**.

34. In which state Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Madhya pradesh
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The **Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve** is a wildlife sanctuary in Chandrapur district of **Maharashtra** state in India.

- The origin of the name "Tadoba" lies with the name of the God "Tadoba" or "Taru", worshipped by the tribes who live in the dense forests of the Tadoba and Andhari region. While "Andhari" refers to the Andhari River that meanders through the forest. The total area of the reserve is 625.4 sq. KM.
- This includes Tadoba National Park, covering 116.55 sq. KM and Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary of 508.85 sq. KM.

35. In which state Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:**About Tamil Nadu:**

Chief Minister- M. K. Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuary- Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, **Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary**

Festival- Chithirai Thiruvizha, Karthigai Deepam

36. Where was the Ramsar Convention (Treaty) adopted in 1971?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Saudi Arabia
- 3) Iran
- 4) Qatar
- 5) Syria

Answer- **3) Iran**

Explanation:

The **Ramsar Convention** is the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. The Convention was adopted in the **Iranian city** of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975.

37. Blackbuck National Park is located in _____ (state).

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Governor – Acharya Devvrat

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Wild Ass Sanctuary, Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary

National Park – Gir National Park, **Blackbuck National Park**

38. Who has recently (in Feb '24) set a record of 'Best Indian Time' in 100m Girl's Freestyle Swimming at the 11th Asian Group Aquatics Championships held in the Philippines?

- 1) Diya Kumar
- 2) Dhinidhi Desinghu
- 3) Hashika Ramachandra
- 4) Arati Saha
- 5) Jiya Rai

Answer- **2) Dhinidhi Desinghu**

Explanation:

On 28th February 2024, **Dhinidhi Desinghu** produced a record-breaking swim in the girl's 100m freestyle event at the **11th Asian Group Aquatics Championships** in the Philippines, clocking a new Indian best time of 57.33s in the '**C**' category.

- Dhinidhi's performance surpassed senior Olympians like Maana Patel and Shivangi Sarma. **i.** Dhinidhi surpassed the previous record of 57.35 seconds set by Kenisha Gupta, registering a new Indian best time of 57.33 seconds at New Clark City in Capas, Philippines.

39. Which airport has been recently (in March '24) declared an international airport?

- 1) Jamnagar airport
- 2) Dimapur Airport
- 3) Kangra Airport
- 4) Gorakhpur Airport
- 5) Tezu Airport

Answer- **1) Jamnagar airport**

Explanation:

The **Jamnagar airport**, Gujarat has been declared an international airport for 10 days for the Ambani-Merchant families to be able to welcome global bigwigs such as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Rihanna, Ivanka Trump and several former Prime Ministers to the three-day pre-wedding bash of Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant, starting March 1.

- The airport can welcome international flights from February 25 to March 5. The Union government's Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Home Affairs have pressed in resources to set up a Custom, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) facility at the airport.

40. In March 2024, _____ emerged as the first State in the country to issue five crore Ayushman cards under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Gujarat

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **5) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the **first State** in the country to issue five crore Ayushman cards under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

- The State has issued 50,017,920 Ayushman cards and benefited 74,382,304 individuals. A total of 3,716 hospitals in the State are affected under this scheme.
- Under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, a total of 3,481,252 health claims have been filed, with 3,275,737 claims settled, representing a settlement rate of 92.48 percent in the State.

41. In which state Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Chief Minister- Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor- Arif Mohammed

National Park- Mathikettan Shola National Park; Anamudi Shola National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- **Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary**; Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary

42. Who is the current (as of March '24) Chairman of Wildlife Institute of India (WII)?

- 1) Tanmay Kumar
- 2) Leena Nandan
- 3) Kushal Vashist
- 4) C.K. Mishra
- 5) Richa Sharma

Answer- **2) Leena Nandan**

Explanation:

About Wildlife Institute of India(WII):

WII is an Autonomous Institution of the MoEFCC.

Chairman - **Ms.Leena Nandan** (Secretary of Environment, Forest and Climate Change)

Location - Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Established In - 1982

43. In which state Dandeli Anshi Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

Dandeli Anshi Tiger Reserve is located in the Uttara Kannada district of **Karnataka**. The tiger reserve gets its name from the town of Dandeli in the Western Ghats region. The reserve is known for its rich biodiversity and wildlife, including the endangered Bengal tiger.

44. In which year the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) was established?

- 1) 1981
- 2) 1950
- 3) 1978
- 4) 1945
- 5) 1962

Answer- **4) 1945**

Explanation:

About Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO):

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Establishment- 1945

45. In which state/UT Khangchendzonga National Park is located?

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Assam
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- **5) Sikkim**

Explanation

Khangchendzonga National Park is located in North **Sikkim** and it is the UNESCO world heritage site and India's 1st Mixed Heritage site.

46. In Which state Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **5) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh(UP):

Chief Minister- Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Patel

Bird Sanctuary- **Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary**; Hathinala, Renukut (Sonbhadra)

Stadium- Eklavya Sports Stadium; Late Mohan Choubey Pahalvan Sports Stadium

47. Where is the Headquarters of the World Health Organization(WHO) located?

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

Answer- **4) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Health Organization (WHO):

WHO is the UN agency working to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable.

Director-general- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

48. What is the capital of Argentina?

- 1) Mogadishu
- 2) Buenos Aires
- 3) Monrovia
- 4) Ashgabat
- 5) Niamey

Answer- **2) Buenos Aires**

Explanation:

About Argentina:

President- Alberto Angel Fernandez

Capital- Buenos Aires

Currency- Argentine Peso

49. What is the economic term that is used to describe when an economy registers Zero economic growth coupled with Inflation simultaneously.?

- 1) Disinflation
- 2) Stagnation
- 3) HyperInflation
- 4) Stagflation
- 5) Reflation

Answer - **4) Stagflation**

Explanation:

Stagflation is used to describe when an economy registers Zero economic growth(Stagnation) coupled with Inflation simultaneously.

50. Which country has recently (in March '24) won their first-ever Test cricket match against Afghanistan?

- 1) Ireland
- 2) England
- 3) West Indies
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) New Zealand

Answer- **1) Ireland**

Explanation:

Ireland created history, claiming their **first-ever Test** win against Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The maiden Test win for Ireland came in their 8th game in the traditional format.

- Captain Andy Balbirnie led from the front with an undefeated 58 as Ireland won the one-off Test by 6 wickets in the final session on the third day, successfully chasing down a modest target of 111.

51. Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has recently (in March '24) signed an agreement with Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) for 'Developing Prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (XGS-PON).

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

Answer- **2) IIT Kharagpur**

Explanation:

The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K) signed an agreement for 'Developing Prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (i.e., XGS-PON) Optical Line Terminal (OLT) and Optical Network Unit (ONU).

- The agreement is signed under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, which is a scheme for providing funding support to domestic companies and institutions involved in technology design, development, commercialization of telecommunication products and solutions to enable affordable broadband and mobile services in rural and remote areas.
- Under this project, IIT Kharagpur will develop prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric passive optical network (i.e., XGS-PON) optical line terminal (OLT) and optical network unit (ONU).

52. Who is the current (as of March '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC Limited?

- 1) Manoj Sharma
- 2) Shashank Misra
- 3) Vijay Kumar Singh
- 4) Ajoy Choudhury
- 5) Vivek Kumar Dewangan

Answer- **5) Vivek Kumar Dewangan**

Explanation:

About REC Limited:

It is registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC), Public Financial Institution (PFI) and Infrastructure Financing Company (IFC).

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)- Vivek Kumar Dewangan

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Incorporated in- 1969

53. What is the capital of Hungary?

- 1) Budapest
- 2) Prague
- 3) Brussels
- 4) Valletta
- 5) Bucharest

Answer- 1) Budapest

Explanation:

About Hungary:

Prime Minister – Viktor Orbán

Capital – Budapest

Currency – Forint

54. In which state Ralamandal Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

Chief Minister– Mohan Yadav

Governor– Mangubhai C. Patel

Wildlife Sanctuary– Ralamandal Wildlife Sanctuary; Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve– Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve; Kanha Tiger Reserve

55. Where is the Headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- 3) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Explanation:

About International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA):

IRENA is a lead global intergovernmental agency for energy transformation.

Director-General– Francesco La Camera

Membership– 167 countries and the EU.

Headquarters– Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

56. In which state Jaldapara National Park is located?

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

Answer- 3) West Bengal

Explanation:

The Jaldapara National Park (**JNP**) is located at the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas in Alipurduar District of northern **West Bengal** and on the banks of the Torsa River.

i. It is home to Indian leopard, Indian elephants, sambar, barking deer, spotted deer, hog deer, wild boars, gaur, etc. Jaldapara is a paradise for bird watchers.

57. In which state 'Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 1) Karnataka

Explanation:

Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located in **Karnataka**. It is a small but important bird sanctuary that supports a diverse range of bird species, including several endemic species.

58. What is the full form of WIPO?

- 1) World Intangible Property Organization
- 2) Worldwide Intellectual Property Organization
- 3) World Intellectual Property Office
- 4) World Intellectual Property Organization
- 5) None of the above

Answer- 4) World Intellectual Property Organization

Explanation:

The World Intellectual Property Organization (**WIPO**) is the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funding agency of the United Nations, with 193 member states.

- Its mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. Our mandate, governing bodies and procedures are set out in the WIPO Convention, which established WIPO in 1967.

59. In which state 'Salonibari airport' is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **1) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor- Gulab Chand Kataria

Airports- Jorhat Airport (Rowrah Airport); **Salonibari airport**

Wildlife Sanctuary- Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary; Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary

60. Ramsar Sites, Bhoj Wetland is located in _____(state).

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

Answer- **4) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Capital – Bhopal

Chief Minister– Mohan Yadav

Governor – Mangubhai C. Patel

Ramsar Sites – Bhoj Wetland, Sakhya Sagar, Sirpur Lake, Yashwant Sagar

61. In March 2024, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) gave _____(state) based airline FLY91 the green-light to start commercial operations.

- 1) Goa
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **1) Goa**

Explanation:

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (**DGCA**) has given **Goa**-based **airline FLY91** the green-light to start commercial operations.

i. The ministry of civil aviation issued the Air Operator Certificate to FLY91 following the completion of all regulatory and compliance requirements by the airline to commence operations.

- The aircraft, which landed at Manohar International Airport, has been used by the airline to conduct proving flights under DGCA supervision.

62. In March 2024, the government announced a plan to sell up to _____ stake in NLC India Limited through an offer for sale.

- 1) 10%
- 2) 7%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 8%
- 5) 12%

Answer- **2) 7%**

Explanation:

The government announced a plan to sell up to **7% stake** in **NLC India Limited** through an **offer for sale**, and has set the floor price for the same at Rs 212 a share.

- The floor price is at a discount of more than 6% to the current market price of the stock. On 6th March 2024, shares of the PSU major ended 0.1% down on the National Stock Exchange at Rs 226.
- The OFS will open for subscription to institutional investors on Friday, for non-retail investors and for retail investors on March 11, according to a stock exchange filing. The total number of equity shares under the offer is 6,93,31,830, representing a 5% stake, with a face value of Rs 10 each.

63. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data released in March 2024, India's retail inflation will likely fall to _____ in FY25.

- 1) 5.1-5.2%
- 2) 4.6-4.7%
- 3) 4.1-4.2%
- 4) 4.9-5.0%
- 5) 4.3-4.4%

Answer- **5) 4.3-4.4%**

Explanation:

The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (**CMIE**), India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), will likely fall to **4.3-4.4%** in **FY25** from an estimated 5.4% in the current fiscal year.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has projected CPI inflation to average 4.5% in FY25.

64. In March 2024, _____ became the world's first country to enshrine the right to an abortion in the Constitution.

- 1) France
- 2) Russia
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Canada
- 5) Spain

Answer- **1) France**

Explanation:

French lawmakers have approved a bill that will enshrine the right to an **abortion** in the **Constitution** of France in a joint session of Parliament at the Palace of Versailles

- The move makes **France** the first country in the world to offer explicit protection for terminating a pregnancy in its basic law.

i. The measure was approved in a 780-72 vote in the Palace of Versailles. Abortion enjoys wide support in France across most of the political spectrum, and has been legal since 1975.

65. Who has recently (in March '24) become the first Indian ever to win a stage at the iconic Dakar Rally?

- 1) Ashish Raorane
- 2) Gaurav Gill
- 3) Harith Noah
- 4) KP Aravind
- 5) CS Santosh

Answer- **3) Harith Noah**

Explanation:

Kerala rider **Harith Noah** created history by becoming the **first Indian ever** to win a stage at the iconic **Dakar Rally**. Noah, representing Sherco TVS Rally Factory squad, won Stage 8 in the Rally 2 class in his fifth Dakar.

- Born in Germany and brought up in Shornur, the 30-year-old is only the third Indian after KP Aravind and CS Santosh to participate in the prestigious Dakar rally.

66. In January 2024, the central government introduced WildLife (Protection) Licensing (Additional Matters for Consideration) Rules, 2024, amending the wildlife trade rules, _____ (year) resulting in significant changes in the licensing process and exclusions of certain species.

- 1) 1992
- 2) 1968
- 3) 1972
- 4) 1880
- 5) 1983

Answer- **5) 1983**

Explanation:

The **central government** recently introduced **Wild Life (Protection) Licensing (Additional Matters for Consideration) Rules, 2024**, amending the wildlife trade rules, **1983** resulting in significant changes in the licensing process and exclusions of certain species.

- The amendments became operational on 16th January, 2024, marking the first revision since 1983.

i. The notification does not provide clarity on why licensing restrictions for Schedule II species have been removed. Schedule II encompasses important species, such as endangered mammals, birds, turtles, geckos, and snakes, and their exclusion from licensing restrictions raises concerns about the level of protection they will receive.

67. In which state Loktak lake is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Manipur
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Manipur**

Explanation:

Loktak lake is located about 40 kilometres south of Imphal, **Manipur**.

i. It's the largest freshwater lake in Northeast India, the pristine Loktak Lake is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Manipur.

ii. Known for its floating circular swamps, which are called phumdis in the local tongue,

68. The 'Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in which state?

1) West Bengal

2) Jharkhand

3) Tamil Nadu

4) Odisha

5) Telangana

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister (CM)- MK Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary; **Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary**

Tiger Reserve- Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve; Anamalai Tiger Reserve

69. In which state, 'Neora Valley National Park' is located?

1) Uttar Pradesh

2) Assam

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) West Bengal

5) Bihar

Answer- **4) West Bengal**

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister- Mamata Banerjee

Governor- Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

National Parks- Singalila National Park; **Neora Valley National Park**

Tiger Reserve- Buxa Tiger Reserve; Sundarban Tiger Reserve

70. Where is the Headquarters of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) located?

1) Rome, Italy

2) Geneva, Switzerland

3) London, United Kingdom

4) Paris, France

5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **2) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988

Chairperson– James Ferguson 'Jim' Skea

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

71. In which state, 'Udhwa Bird Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Bihar
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Assam

Answer- **1) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

Udhwa Bird Sanctuary, located in the Sahibganj district in **Jharkhand**, is the state's only bird sanctuary. For a place that's popularly known for illegal mining, a nature pocket like Udhwa Bird Sanctuary is a much-needed change.

72. In which state 'Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **3) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister– Champai Soren

Governor– C.P. Radhakrishnan

Tiger Reserve- Palamau Tiger Reserve

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Mahuadanr Wildlife Sanctuary; **Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary**

73. Who is the present (as of March '24) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the GAIL (India) Limited?

- 1) Pushp Kumar Joshi
- 2) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- 3) Arun Kumar Singh
- 4) G. Krishnakumar
- 5) Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Answer- **5) Sandeep Kumar Gupta**

Explanation:

About GAIL (India) Limited:

GAIL (India) Limited is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG).

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)– Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1984

74. In which state, a five-foot-long bronze statue of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur was inaugurated in March 2024?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Assam
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 1) Tripura

Explanation:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha unveiled a five-foot-long bronze statue of **Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur**, the architect of modern Tripura, at MBB Airport, **Agartala** at the Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport named after him.

- Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur was the last king of the state's erstwhile Manikya dynasty.

75. As of March 2024, India stands as the world's _____ largest producer of mobile phones at the end of the decade 2014-2024.

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

Answer- 3) 2nd

Explanation:

India now stands as the **world's second-largest producer** of mobile phones at the end of the decade **2014-2024**, trailing only China. India Cellular and Electronics Association announced that the sector has transitioned from being 78 percent import-dependent in 2014 to 97 percent self-sufficiency.

- Only three percent of the total mobile phones sold in India are now imported. India's mobile phone production is nearing 20 lakh crore rupees in a decade of unprecedented growth.
- India produced 2.45 billion units of mobile phones during these ten years, against a goal of 2.5 billion units.

76. Name the personality who has recently (in March '24) inaugurated the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) Droupadi Murmu (President of India)
- 2) Jagdeep Dhankhar (Vice President of India)
- 3) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud (Chief Justice of India)
- 4) Tushar Mehta (Solicitor General of India)
- 5) Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)

Answer- 5) Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (**CLEA**) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (**CASGC**) **2024** at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The **theme** of the conference is “Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery” and will deliberate on important issues pertaining to law and justice like judicial transition and the ethical dimensions of legal practice; executive accountability; and revisiting modern-day legal education, among others.

77. Which University has recently (in March '24) partnered with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for the second phase of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) research programme?

- 1) Indian Maritime University
- 2) Princeton University
- 3) University of Calcutta
- 4) Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies
- 5) International Space University

Answer- 4) Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies

Explanation:

The Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (**KUFOS**) has partnered with Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) for the NISAR Phase II research programme.

- NASA and ISRO are collaboratively developing a space-borne synthetic aperture radar (NISAR), scheduled for launch in 2024. NISAR aims to revolutionise earth resource observation by providing high-resolution data for extensive areas.
- This project holds significant potential for the systematic monitoring of agriculture, forestry, wetlands, and soil moisture estimation.

78. Who is the present (as of March '24) Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- 1) Anand Kumar Prasad
- 2) Sudhansh Pant
- 3) Manish Kumar Mishra
- 4) Rajeev Kumar Jain
- 5) Ajit Kumar Das

Answer-2) Sudhansh Pant

Explanation:

Sudhansh Pant is the present Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**).

i. The government has approved various amendments in food safety and standard regulations, under which only one certification from food regulator FSSAI will be required for food products. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will issue a draft notification in this regard and will seek stakeholders' comments before finalising the amendments.

- For food products, certifications from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and AGMARK will not be needed if these amendments are finalised.

79. Name the department that has recently (in March '24) set up a committee to formulate guidelines to address the issue of pesky, promotional or unsolicited commercial calls.

- 1) Department of Financial Services
- 2) Department of Home
- 3) Department of Commerce

4) Department of Consumer Affairs

5) Department of Economic Affairs

Answer- **4) Department of Consumer Affairs**

Explanation:

The Central government has set up a committee to formulate guidelines to address the issue of pesky, promotional or unsolicited commercial calls received by consumers.

i. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) has constituted a committee in this regard. The committee will comprise of officials from Department of Telecommunication, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority.

80. Who authored the book, The Global Trade Paradigm: Rethinking International Business in the Post-Pandemic World?

1) Sanjeev Sanyal

2) Arun Kumar

3) Ramachandra Guha

4) Kaushik Basu

5) Arvind Subramanian

Answer- **2) Arun Kumar**

Explanation:

The **book**, The Global Trade Paradigm: Rethinking International Business in the Post-Pandemic World authored by **Arun Kumar**.

- The author elaborates that globalisation, through trade and GVCs, has driven a deep wedge between the haves and the have-nots; as globalisation places a premium on high technological skills and thereby increasing their incomes dramatically, whereas incomes in low skilled economies stagnate.

81. In February 2024, India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) market is projected to reach USD 17 billion by _____ (year).

1) 2028

2) 2026

3) 2025

4) 2027

5) 2024

Answer- **4) 2027**

Explanation:

India's Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) market, growing at a CAGR of 25-35 per cent, is projected to reach USD 17 billion by **2027**, with AI/ML capabilities, including GenAI, emerging the top category of IT spend expected to be made by IT Buyers in 2023, according to the Nasscom-BCG AI acceleration survey report.

- This growth will be fuelled by multiple factors, including increased enterprise tech spending, India's growing AI talent base, and a significant increase in AI investments.

82. Who has recently (in Feb '24) appointed as the Country Manager for Nokia in India?

- 1) Ajay Kumar
- 2) Raghav Sahgal
- 3) Tarun Chhabra
- 4) Nishant Batra
- 5) Jayanth Agrawal

Answer- **3) Tarun Chhabra**

Explanation:

Telecom gear maker **Nokia** announced that **Tarun Chhabra**, Head of Mobile Networks Market India, has been appointed as Country Manager for Nokia in India and will be replacing Sanjay Malik who retires on 31st March 2024.

- Chhabra has three decades of diverse leadership experience in sales, pre-sales, business development and operations in leading companies including Nokia, Siemens and Motorola.

83. In March 2024, DP World announced a multimodal service 'SARAL-2' connecting _____ (city) to the National Capital Region under the 'SARAL' initiative.

- 1) Visakhapatnam
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) Bengaluru
- 4) Chennai
- 5) Kochi

Answer- **4) Chennai**

Explanation:

DP World, a global provider of end-to-end supply chain solutions, has announced a multimodal service '**SARAL-2**' connecting **Chennai, Tamil Nadu to the National Capital Region** under the '**SARAL**' initiative. This service is the first multimodal daily rail freight service with a capacity of 500 TEUs per week.

- SARAL-2 leverages DP World's multimodal services by integrating coastal, rail, and truck operations to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and enhance supply-chain efficiencies.
- With around 70 per cent reduction in CO₂ emissions compared to road transportation, this dedicated service assures efficient cargo transport for customers in Delhi NCR and Chennai.

84. In March 2024, Sweden formally joined NATO as the _____ member of the transatlantic military alliance.

- 1) 32nd
- 2) 30th
- 3) 29th
- 4) 27th
- 5) 28th

Answer- **1) 32nd**

Explanation:

Sweden formally joined NATO as the **32nd member** of the transatlantic military alliance, ending decades of post-World War II neutrality as concerns about Russian aggression in Europe have spiked following Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

85. In which state Mukundra Hills National Park is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister – Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

National parks- Ranthambore National Park; **Mukundra Hills National Park**, Keoladeo National Park

86. In which year, European Investment Bank (EIB) was founded?

- 1) 1958
- 2) 1962
- 3) 1966
- 4) 1968
- 5) 1972

Answer- **1) 1958**

Explanation:

About European Investment Bank (EIB):

President- Nadia Calviño

Headquarters- Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, Luxembourg

Founded in- 1958

87. Who is the current (as of March '24) Director General of the Indian Coast Guard?

- 1) S Paramesh
- 2) Suresh Kumar
- 3) Rakesh Pal
- 4) Bhishm Sharma
- 5) Shankar Chauhan

Answer- **3) Rakesh Pal**

Explanation:

About Indian Coast Guard (ICG):

Director General Indian Coast Guard (DGICG) – Rakesh Pal

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1977

Motto – Vayam Rakshamah (We Protect)

88. Who is the current (as of March '24) Secretary-General of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- 1) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- 2) Antonio Guterres

- 3) Henrietta H. Fore
- 4) Tedros Adhanom
- 5) Jens Stoltenberg

Answer- **5) Jens Stoltenberg**

Explanation:

About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):

NATO is an intergovernmental military alliance of countries from Europe and North America.

Objective- To safeguard the freedom and security of its members through both political and military means.

Secretary General- Jens Stoltenberg

Established in 1949

Members- 32 countries(30 from Europe & 2 from North America).

89. Who is the current (as of March '24) Director-General (DG) of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)?

- 1) Sheila Samanta
- 2) Nina Singh
- 3) Madhuri Kanitkar
- 4) Arti Sarin
- 5) Geetika Koul

Answer- **2) Nina Singh**

Explanation:

About Central Industrial Security Force (CISF):

Director-General (DG)- Nina Singh

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

90. In March 2024, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav announced that Cheetah 'Gamini' gave birth to five cubs in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, taking the total number of the big cats in India to ____ .

- 1) 16
- 2) 20
- 3) 26
- 4) 15
- 5) 18

Answer- **3) 26**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav announced that

Cheetah 'Gamini' gave birth to five cubs in **Kuno National Park** in Madhya Pradesh, taking the total number of the big cats in the country to **26**.

- The number of cheetah cubs born in India now stands at 13, the minister added. This is the fourth cheetah litter on Indian soil and the first litter of cheetahs brought from South Africa.

91. To which of the following export sectors, the Centre Government has extended benefits under the popular export promotion scheme, Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) in March 2024?

- 1) Export Oriented Units (EOUs)
- 2) Special Economic Zones (SEZs)
- 3) Advance Authorisation (AA) holders
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The Centre has announced extension of benefits under the popular export promotion scheme, Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (**RoDTEP**), to export oriented units (**EOUs**), units in special economic zones (**SEZs**) and Advance Authorisation (**AA**) holders.

- The extension of RoDTEP benefits to additional sectors is presently till September 30, 2024.

92. Name the personality who has recently (in March '24) won the gold medal at the Europa Cup 2024 in the ILCA 7 category in Mallorca, Spain.

- 1) Vishnu Saravanan
- 2) Abhilash Tomy
- 3) Veeresh Malik
- 4) Bhavik Gandhi
- 5) Daya Shankar

Answer- **1) Vishnu Saravanan**

Explanation:

Indian sailor **Vishnu Saravanan** won the **gold medal** at the **Europa Cup 2024** in the ILCA 7 category in Mallorca, Spain. The event was organised by Reial Club Nautic Port de Pollenca. Saravanan topped the 91-boat race with 17 net points.

- Netherlands' Willem Wiersema also accrued the same points but Saravanan won the category on technicality. The ILCA7 is a category within the ILCA -International Laser Class Association sailing class.

93. Which company has recently (in March '24) announced the unveiling of its artificial intelligence (AI) product, called THEIA, which's a video AI developer platform?

- 1) Cashfree Payments India Private Limited
- 2) Razorpay Software Private Limited
- 3) BharatPe Limited
- 4) Infibeam Avenues Limited
- 5) Paytm Private Limited

Answer- **4) Infibeam Avenues Limited**

Explanation:

Infibeam Avenues Limited, a listed AI-powered fintech company, has announced the unveiling of its artificial intelligence (AI) product, called **THEIA**, which's a video AI developer platform.

i. THEIA empowers organisations to harness the power of AI video analysis for applications in areas such as sports analytics, media optimisation, traffic management, crowd control, insurance claims processing, optimisation of manufacturing units, retail stores, among others.

94. Which state government has recently (in March '24) launched India's First Widow Remarriage Incentive Scheme?

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

Answer- **1) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

In a **first of its kind** initiative in the country, **Jharkhand** Chief Minister Champai Soren launched 'Vidhwa Punarvivah Protsahan Yojana' (**widow remarriage incentive scheme**) under which, women who chose to get married again after the death of their husbands, will be given an incentive of Rs 2 lakh by the government.

i. The beneficiary should be of marriageable age and not a government employee, pensioner or income tax payer.

ii. To avail the benefits, the beneficiary will have to apply within one year from the date of remarriage and submit the death certificate of her late husband.

95. In which state/UT, Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Assam
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **3) Ladakh**

Explanation:

About Ladakh:

Lieutenant Governor – B.D. Mishra

National Park – Hemis National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – **Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary**, Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary

96. In which state Kamlang Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Kamlang Tiger Reserve is a wildlife sanctuary located in the Indian state of **Arunachal Pradesh**. It was established in 1989 and covers an area of approximately 783 square kilometers.

i. The reserve is home to a variety of flora and fauna, including tigers, elephants, clouded leopards, and several species of birds.

97. In which state/UT, Gangotri National Park (GNP) is located?

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- **4) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Gangotri National Park (**GNP**) is located in the Uttarkashi District region of the state of **Uttarakhand** in northern India.

i. It is known for its mountainous landscape, forests, and glaciers. Gaumukh glacier, the origin of river Ganges is located inside the park.

98. Who is the present (as of March '24) Chief of the Air Staff of India?

- 1) Amar Preet Singh
- 2) Pankaj Mohan Sinha
- 3) Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 4) S Prabhakaran
- 5) Vikram Singh

Answer- **3) Vivek Ram Chaudhari**

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

Chief of the Air Staff – Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1932

99. In which year, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) was established?

- 1) 2016
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2013
- 4) 2015
- 5) 2017

Answer- **4) 2015**

Explanation:

About National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog):

CEO– B.V.R. Subrahmanyam

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established in– 2015

100. In which state Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) West Bengal

- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **1) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Chief Minister- Vishnu Deo Sai

Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan

National Park- Guru GhasiDas National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Bhairamgarh Wildlife Sanctuary and **Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary**

101. Where is the Headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) located?

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

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Meteorological Organization (WMO):

WMO is a UN Agency dedicated to international cooperation and coordination on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere.

Secretary-General- Prof. Petteri Taalas

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

102. Which of the following is used as the common identifier for all digital systems of specified govt agencies?

- 1) Legal Entity Identifier
- 2) Universal Account Number
- 3) Mobile Money Identifier
- 4) Permanent Account Number
- 5) Indian Financial System Code

Answer- **4) Permanent Account Number**

Explanation:

Permanent Account Number (**PAN**) used as a common identifier for all digital systems of specified government agencies.

- The move would help in further promoting ease of doing business in the country.

i. PAN is a 10-digit alphanumeric number allotted by the income tax department to a person, firm or entity.

103. In which state, 'Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary' is located?

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

5) Telangana

Answer- **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary by spreading over 14 acres of land, located on the banks of the Vembanad Lake, **Kerala**.

i. The sanctuary is a favourite haunt of migratory birds like the Siberian Stork, egret, darter, heron and teal.

104. In which state Udanti Sitanadi tiger reserve is located?

1) Odisha

2) Maharashtra

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) West Bengal

5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **5) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

The **Udanti Sitanadi tiger reserve** is located in **Chhattisgarh**. It was declared a tiger reserve in the year 2008-09.

i. The Udanti and Sitanadi Rivers flow through the Reserve. There are few perennial springs including the famous Deodhara and Godene falls. Asiatic Wild Buffalo is the key endangered species found in the Core Area.

105. In March 2024, the government granted a 6-month extension in service tenure of foreign secretary _____.

1) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

2) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

3) Sujatha Singh

4) Vijay Keshav Gokhale

5) Ranjan Mathai

Answer- **1) Vinay Mohan Kwatra**

Explanation:

The government has granted a **6-month extension** in service tenure of foreign secretary **Vinay Mohan Kwatra**, who was scheduled to retire in April-end, 2024.

i. The decision was taken by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kwatra took charge as foreign secretary on April 30, 2022.

106. Who has recently (in March '24) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Acko General Insurance?

1) Nithya Easwaran

2) Animesh Das

3) Mridul Arora

4) Abhinav Chaturvedi

5) Shantanu Rastogi

Answer- **2) Animesh Das**

Explanation:

Insurtech unicorn Acko has elevated its chief underwriting officer, **Animesh Das**, as the new Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of its subsidiary entity-**ACKO General Insurance**, as Sanjeev Srinivasan takes the board role.

- Varun Dua will continue as the CEO of Acko Technologies, the parent company of Acko General Insurance.
- Srinivasan, the former MD and CEO at Bharti Axa General Insurance, had joined the General Atlantic-backed venture in 2021 as the managing director and CEO of the subsidiary unit.

107. Which company has recently (in March '24) appointed as official fuel partner for FIM (Federation Internationale De Motocyclisme) Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC) for a period of three years?

- 1) Hindustan Petroleum Limited
- 2) Oil India Limited
- 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 4) Bharat Petroleum Limited
- 5) Coal India Limited

Answer- **3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited**

Explanation:

The country's largest fuel retailer **Indian Oil Corporation Limited** announced its partnership with Two Wheels Motor Racing as the **official fuel partner** for **FIM** (Federation Internationale De Motocyclisme) Asia Road Racing Championship (**ARRC**) for a period of three years from 2024 to 2026.

- As per the pact, the oil major will supply racing fuel "STORM" for all racing championship rounds. The racing fuel is being produced at the oil company's refinery in Gujarat.

108. According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry data released in March 2024, the financial assistance for the Tea sector under the 'Tea Development & Promotion Scheme' has been increased by _____ to Rs.528.97 crore for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

- 1) 82%
- 2) 75%
- 3) 65%
- 4) 70%
- 5) 80%

Answer- **1) 82%**

Explanation:

According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry data, The financial assistance for the **Tea sector** under the '**Tea Development & Promotion Scheme**' has been increased by **82%** from Rs. 290.81 crores to **Rs. 528.97 crore** for the next 2 financial years (**2024-25 and 2025-26**).

- A range of incentives are planned to be provided to small tea growers by mobilizing them into SHGs and FPOs. Setting up of 800 SHGs and 330 FPOs has been envisaged in the next 2 financial years with an increased assistance of Rs 105.5 Cr compared to 40 SHGs & 8 FPOs previously planned with an assistance of Rs 2.7 Cr.

i. This will increase coverage of small tea growers from 1000 to more than 30,000 in the next two years.

109. In which state Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port is located?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Odisha

Answer- 4) West Bengal

Explanation:

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has approved one of the ambitious projects, Re-Construction of Berth No. 8 and Mechanization of Berth Nos. 7 and 8 at Netaji Subhash Dock of KDS, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, **West Bengal**.

- The approved project will be executed on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) basis through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The estimated project cost stands at Rs. 809.18 crore, underscoring the magnitude of this endeavor.

110. Which company's H160 helicopter has been recently (in March '24) granted the letter of type acceptance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

- 1) Lockheed Martin
- 2) Boeing
- 3) Airbus
- 4) BAE Systems
- 5) Dassault Aviation

Answer- 3) Airbus

Explanation:

Airbus announced its **H160 helicopter** has been granted the letter of type acceptance by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (**DGCA**) that will pave the way for its entry into the Indian market.

- More than 100 helicopters of Airbus, including the single-engine H125, are being operated by various entities in the country.

111. As per the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) (Base Year 2011-12) released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industries, the coal sector has demonstrated the highest growth of ____ (provisional) among the eight core industries for the month of January 2024.

- 1) 15.1 %
- 2) 12.3 %
- 3) 8.3 %
- 4) 9.1 %
- 5) 10.2 %

Answer- 5) 10.2 %

Explanation:

The **coal sector** has demonstrated the highest growth of **10.2 % (provisional)** among the eight core industries for the month of **January 2024**, as per the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) (Base Year 2011-12) released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industries.

- i. The index of coal industry has reached 218.9 points during January 2024 as compared to 198.6 points during the same period of last year and its cumulative index has increased by 12.2% during April to January, 2023-24 over corresponding period of the previous year.
- ii. The ICI measures the combined and individual production performance of eight core industries, viz. cement, coal, crude oil, electricity, fertilizers, natural gas, refinery products, and steel.

112. Who is the current (as of March '24) Director General of International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- 1) Shreya Jai
- 2) Praveen Kumar
- 3) Ajay Mathur
- 4) Jayanth Agrawal
- 5) Anish De

Answer- **3) Ajay Mathur**

Explanation:

About International Solar Alliance (ISA):

The ISA was established in Paris, France in 2015 as a joint effort by India and France to mobilize efforts against climate change through the deployment of solar energy solutions. It was conceptualized on the sidelines of the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris in 2015.

Director General- Dr Ajay Mathur

Headquarters- Gurugram, Haryana

113. In which state Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **2) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Chief Minister – Nayab Singh Saini

Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

National Park – Sultanpur National Park, Kalesar National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary

114. When was the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established ?

- 1) 1930
- 2) 1935
- 3) 1942
- 4) 1949
- 5) 1950

Answer- **2) 1935**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) was established on **April 1, 1935** in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

i. In March 2024, India allowed the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) to import gold without paying import levies, the government said in a notification issued late on March 12, 2024.

- Indian gold importers need to pay basic customs duty and Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC).

115. In March 2024, _____ became the first Indian fintech company to receive PTSP Certification from the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) to operate as a Payment Processor in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

- 1) Cashfree Payments India Private Limited
- 2) Razorpay Software Private Limited
- 3) BharatPe Limited
- 4) Infibeam Avenues Limited
- 5) Paytm Private Limited

Answer- **4) Infibeam Avenues Limited**

Explanation:

Infibeam Avenues Ltd, reported its international subsidiary, Infibeam Avenues Saudi Arabia became the first Indian fintech player to secure **PTSP Certification** from the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (**SAMA**), allowing it to operate as a Payment Processor (PTSP) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

i. The company also forged a Payment Processing Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Saudi Arabia's premier bank, SAB (Saudi Awwal Bank).

ii. Infibeam Avenues aims to establish its flagship payment brand, CCAvenue, as a major player in digital transactions within the Saudi Arabian market.

116. In March 2024, the Centre-appointed 16-member Committee on Digital Competition Law (CDCL), submitted its report to Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The CDCL was headed by Corporate Affairs Secretary, _____.

- 1) Manoj Govil
- 2) Ajay Kumar
- 3) Arindam Chakrabarti
- 4) Manish Raj
- 5) Santhosh Kumar

Answer- **1) Manoj Govil**

Explanation:

The Centre-appointed 16-member Committee on Digital Competition Law (CDCL) has submitted its report to Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

i. The CDCL, headed by Corporate Affairs Secretary **Manoj Govil**, has also submitted a draft Bill on proposed Digital Competition law.

ii. The Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) had, on February 6, 2023, constituted a 16-member inter-ministerial committee to examine the need for a separate law on competition in digital markets. The digital panel has been, among other things, tasked with preparing a draft Digital Competition Act and submitting a report in three months.

117. Which city has recently (in March '24) launched the "India by the Creek" festival to celebrate deep ties with India?

- 1) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2) Mandaluyong, Philippines
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **1) Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Explanation:

Dubai, United Arab Emirates launched the "India by the Creek" festival to celebrate its deep ties with India.

- The festival took place at Al Seef Park from March 8th to 10th. It showcased a variety of cultural programs, including musical performances, literary discussions, and poetry readings.
- Al Seef Park, located on the Dubai Creek, has historical significance as a center of trade between India and Dubai.
- The festival aims to strengthen the cultural connections between India and Dubai through artistic expression. The collaborative effort involved various organizations, including Dubai Duty Free, the Consulate General of India, and Dubai Economy and Tourism.

118. In March 2024, Indian men and women Table Tennis teams qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

In the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings released in March 2024, the Indian men's team ranked _____, while the women's team ranked 13th.

- 1) 12th
- 2) 10th
- 3) 9th
- 4) 15th
- 5) 16th

Answer- **4) 15th**

Explanation:

For the first time in the history of Indian table tennis, the National men and women's teams have qualified for the Olympics, through the World team rankings, the final list of which was released in March 2024.

- The top 16 teams make it to the Paris Olympics. In the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings released in March 2024, the **Indian men's team is ranked 15** while the women's 13.

119. In March 2024, The Election Commission of India amended the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to raise the minimum age for senior citizens eligible for voting by postal ballot, to 85 years from _____ years.

- 1) 60
- 2) 80
- 3) 70
- 4) 75
- 5) 65

Answer- 2) 80

Explanation:

For the upcoming Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections, senior citizens who **are 85 years** and older will be able to opt for postal ballots as the government amended the rule to increase the eligibility from the current limit of 80 years and above.

- The Union Law Ministry amended the Conduct of Elections Rules-1961 to change the definition of senior citizens who are eligible to choose the postal ballot facility from those “above 80 years” to those “above 85 years”. This, the notification said, was “after consulting the Election Commission of India”.
- The rules enable postal ballot voting for a “notified class of electors”, which includes essential services workers, persons with disabilities, Covid-19-infected or suspected cases and senior citizens. In Section 27(A) (e), senior citizens had been defined as those above 80 years.

120. In March 2024, Indian cricketer, _____ announced his retirement from International Cricket.

- 1) Kumar Kushagra
- 2) Virat Singh
- 3) Shahbaz Nadeem
- 4) Varun Aaron
- 5) Anukul Roy

Answer- 3) **Shahbaz Nadeem**

Explanation:

Jharkhand left-arm spinner **Shahbaz Nadeem**, who featured in two Tests for India, has announced his **retirement** from **International Cricket** to try his luck in franchise-based leagues as he does not foresee opportunities in the national team.

- Nadeem, who held the world record of best bowling figures (8/10) in an innings in List A cricket in a two-decade long career for Jharkhand, was handed a surprise Test debut against South Africa at his home venue of JSCA International Stadium in Ranchi in 2019.

121. In which state ‘Tal Chhapar Wildlife Sanctuary’ is located?

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

Answer- 1) **Rajasthan**

Explanation:

The **Tal Chhapar Sanctuary** is situated on the border of the Great Indian Thar Desert, **Rajasthan**. It is a distinctive shelter of the most graceful Antelope seen in India, “the Blackbuck”.

- It was given the status of a sanctuary in 1966.

122. In which state, Raimona National Park is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Odisha

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Assam**

Explanation:

The **Raimona National Park** is within the Bodoland Territorial Region in **Assam**. The area of the park includes the northern part of the notified Ripu Reserve Forest, which forms the western-most buffer to the Manas National Park that straddles the India-Bhutan border.

123. In Which state 'Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Kerala

3) Telangana

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

CM- Anumula Revanth Reddy

Governor- Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan

National Park- Mrugavani National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Pocharam Sanctuary and **Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary**

124. In which state Orang National Park is located?

1) Odisha

2) Maharashtra

3) Gujarat

4) Assam

5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **4) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor - Gulab Chand Kataria

National Park- **Orang National Park**; Dehing Patkai National Park; Raimona National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary; Panidihing Wildlife Sanctuary

125. Which state government has recently (in March '24) announced a plan to inaugurate the adoption of Sangod as an ideal town for rooftop solar power?

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Punjab

3) Haryana

4) Maharashtra

5) Rajasthan

Answer- **5) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Rajasthan Energy Minister Heera Lal Nagar will inaugurate the “**Adoption of Sangod as an ideal model town** by Rajasthan Solar Association” to promote solar for PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli scheme. The inauguration ceremony will be held at Sangod town in Kota.

i. On February 29, Rajasthan Solar Association (RSA) had announced the adoption of three towns in Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Scheme). The adopted towns are Pushkar, Phalodi and Sangod.

126. In which state 'Pakhui Tiger Reserve' is located?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Manipur
- 5) Assam

Answer- **3) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:**About Arunachal Pradesh:**

Chief Minister- Pema Khandu

Governor – Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

Wildlife Sanctuary- Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary; Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve- Namdapha Tiger Reserve; **Pakhui Tiger Reserve**; Kamlang Tiger Reserve

127. In March 2024, _____ became the first state in India to adopt the Uniform Civil Code Bill, after being approved by President of India Droupadi Murmu.

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **1) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Uttarakhand has become the **first state in India** to adopt the **Uniform Civil Code Bill**, after being approved by President Droupadi Murmu.

- The Uniform Civil Code will provide equal rights to all citizens, curbed the oppression of women, and promote social equality.
- The President gave her assent to the Uniform Civil Code, Uttarakhand, 2024 under Article 201 of the Constitution of India on March 11, 2024.

128. In March 2024, a high-level committee (HLC) on 'One Nation, One Election', headed by _____, presented the report to President Droupadi Murmu, recommending simultaneous polls for all three tiers of governance.

- 1) Rajiv Kumar (Chief Election Commissioner of India)
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind (Former President of India)
- 3) Jagdeep Dhankhar (Vice President of India)
- 4) Droupadi Murmu (President of India)

5) Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu (Former Vice President of India)

Answer- **2) Ram Nath Kovind (Former President of India)**

Explanation:

Ram Nath Kovind, Chairman of the High-Level Committee (HLC) on '**One Nation, One Election**', presents the report to President Droupadi Murmu, in New Delhi, Delhi on 14th March 2024.

i. A high-level committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind recommended holding simultaneous polls for all three tiers of governance, saying it will optimise scarce resources, encourage voters to participate in electoral process and end disruption to governance.

ii. The committee also recommended that there should be a single electoral roll and Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) for use in elections to all the three tiers of government.

129. Which company has recently (in March '24) announced the launch of Devin, world's first fully autonomous AI software engineer?

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) Google
- 3) IBM
- 4) Cognition
- 5) Oracle Corporation

Answer- **4) Cognition**

Explanation:

A US-based company called **Cognition** has announced the launch of a new artificial intelligence chatbot called **Devin** which it claims to be the world's first fully autonomous AI software engineer.

i. Devin can plan and execute complex engineering tasks requiring thousands of decisions. Devin can recall relevant context at every step, learn over time, and fix mistakes.

130. Who has recently (in March '24) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Union Asset Management?

- 1) Madhu Nair
- 2) Raghu Palat
- 3) Nidhu Saxena
- 4) Alice Vaidyan
- 5) Pradeep Kumar

Answer- **1) Madhu Nair**

Explanation:

Union Asset Management Company has appointed **Madhu Nair** as the **Chief Executive Officer**. He will replace G Pradeepkumar who tendered his resignation after 14 years of service.

- A Harvard Business School alumni, Nair comes with over 25 years of diverse experience across various market segments.

131. Which Airport has been recently (in March '24) conferred with the award for the 'Best Airport' in the Asia-Pacific Region for the sixth consecutive year?

- 1) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- 2) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
- 3) Kempegowda International Airport
- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport

5) Chennai International Airport

Answer- **4) Indira Gandhi International Airport**

Explanation:

Indira Gandhi International Airport has been conferred the award for the '**Best Airport**' in the Asia-Pacific Region for the **sixth consecutive year**.

i. Delhi's Indira Gandhi Airport International Airport has bagged the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Best Airport award for 2023 in the category of over 40 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) for its excellence and commitment to ensure passenger satisfaction and adherence to global aviation standards.

132. Name the company that has recently (in March '24) partnered with Election Commission of India (ECI) to prevent spread of false information, promote authorised content and label AI-generated data during the upcoming general election.

- 1) Google
- 2) Meta
- 3) Wipro Limited
- 4) Twitter
- 5) Microsoft Corporation

Answer- **1) Google**

Explanation:

Alphabet Inc-owned **Google** has joined hands with Election Commission of India (**ECI**) to prevent spread of false information, promote authorised content and label AI-generated data during the upcoming general election.

i. Google India announced its product features are designed to elevate authoritative information on various election-related topics.

133. Which of the following personalities were among the winners of the annual India-UK Achievers Honours in London in March 2024?

- 1) Zoya Akhtar
- 2) Asma Khan
- 3) Nitin Sawhney
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Filmmaker **Zoya Akhtar** and **British Indian chef Asma Khan** were among the winners of the annual India-UK Achievers Honours in London, which recognises the achievements of Indian students and alumni who have pursued an international programme of study.

i. The initiative, by the National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU), UK in partnership with the British Council in India and the UK government's Department for Business and Trade, was launched last year with the aim of celebrating bilateral educational ties.

134. Who is the current (as of March '24) Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- 1) Rajiv Kumar
- 2) Sushil Chandra
- 3) Anup Chandra Pandey
- 4) Sunil Arora
- 5) Arun Goel

Answer- **1) Rajiv Kumar**

Explanation:

About Election Commission of India(ECI):

Chief Election Commissioner- Rajiv Kumar

Election Commissioners- Anup Chandra Pandey, Arun Goel

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

135. Where is the Headquarters of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) located?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Manila, Philippines
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) New York, United States of America (USA)

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Labour Organisation (ILO):

Director-General – Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Established – 1919

Member nations – 187

136. Who is the current (as of March '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati?

- 1) Gaurav Dwivedi
- 2) Alok Agrawal
- 3) Sanjay Gupta
- 4) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- 5) Vasudha Gupta

Answer- **1) Gaurav Dwivedi**

Explanation:

About Prasar Bharati:

Prasar Bharati is a statutory autonomous body established under the Prasar Bharati Act and came into existence in 1997.

Chief Executive Officer – Gaurav Dwivedi

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

137. In March 2024, International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that the stop clock system, which is currently on trial, will be made a permanent feature of all full-member ODIs and T20Is from the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024.

As per the rule, the fielding side will have to start a new over within ____ seconds of the completion of the previous over.

- 1) 55
- 2) 60
- 3) 40
- 4) 50
- 5) 45

Answer- 2) 60

Explanation:

According to the International Cricket Council (ICC), The stop clock system, which is currently on trial, will be made a permanent feature of all full-member ODIs and T20Is from the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024.

- The ICC had introduced the stop clock rule in December 2023, and now it has been incorporated into the standard playing conditions which will be in vogue from June 1, 2024.
- As per stop clock rule that was trialled in men's white-ball cricket, the fielding side is expected to start a new over **within 60 seconds** of the completion of the previous over.
- An electronic clock, counting down from 60 to zero, will be displayed on the ground, with the onus on the third umpire to determine the start of the clock.

138. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) celebrated its _____ Foundation Day on 11th March 2024.

- 1) 45th
- 2) 36th
- 3) 38th
- 4) 40th
- 5) 32nd

Answer- 3) 38th

Explanation:

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (**IREDA**) celebrated its **38th Foundation Day** on March 11, 2024, marking a significant milestone in its journey towards fostering renewable energy development in India.

- The Foundation Day celebration provided a valuable opportunity to look back on IREDA's 37-year journey and accomplishments. It was a moment to express gratitude to its dedicated employees, stakeholders, and business partners whose constant support has been instrumental in making IREDA the largest Pure Play Green Finance NBFC in the country.

139. The Citizenship of India deals with which of the following parts of the Constitution of India?

- 1) Part VI
- 2) Part V
- 3) Part II
- 4) Part IV

5) part III

Answer- **3) Part II**

Explanation:

Part II of the Constitution of India (Articles 5-11) deals with the **Citizenship of India**. Article 5 to Article 11 defines the provision of Citizenship.

i. The Central Government on March 12 launched a new portal for people applying for citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)-2019.

- Besides the portal, the government will also launch the mobile app 'CAA-2019' to facilitate applications.
- The MHA notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024, that would enable the implementation of the CAA passed by the Parliament in 2019.

140. Which organisation/ Institute, along with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has recently (in March '24) published the surveillance data of the Indian Network for Fishery and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance (INFAAR) for 2019-22?

- 1) World Food Programme
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 3) International Food Policy Research Institute
- 4) International Fund for Agricultural Development
- 5) United Nations Development Programme

Answer- **2) Food and Agriculture Organization**

Explanation:

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (**FAO**) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**) published the surveillance data of the Indian Network for Fishery and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance (INFAAR) for 2019-22.

- This is the first report on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance trends in fisheries and livestock sector from India.

i. INFAAR, a network of laboratories established under ICAR, along with technical support from FAO and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is dedicated to AMR surveillance in fisheries and livestock sectors.

141. In which state Gajner Wildlife 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

142. In which state Blackbuck National Park is located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister- Bhupendrabhai Patel

Governor- Acharya Devvrat

National Park- Gir National Park, **Blackbuck National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuary- Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Wild Ass Sanctuary

143. In which state Attiveri Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Governor - Thawar Chand Gehlot

WildLife Sanctuary - Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Thimlapura Wildlife Sanctuary, Yadahalli Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary

Bird Sanctuary- Adichunchanagiri Peacock Sanctuary, **Attiveri Bird Sanctuary**, Ghataprabha Bird Sanctuary

144. In which year, the World Economic Forum (WEF) was established?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1982
- 3) 1984
- 4) 1971
- 5) 1994

Answer- **4) 1971**

Explanation:

About World Economic Forum (WEF):

Founder and Executive Chairman- Prof. Klaus Schwab

Managing Director(MD)- Saadia Zahidi

Headquarter- Cologny, Geneva Canton, Switzerland

Established in 1971

145. What is the capital of Kyrgyzstan?

- 1) Ashgabat
- 2) Ankara
- 3) Damascus
- 4) Ulaanbaatar
- 5) Bishkek

Answer- **5) Bishkek**

Explanation:

About Kyrgyzstan:

President – Sadyr Japarov

Capital– Bishkek

Currency– Kyrgyzstani Som

146. In which state Gir National Park is located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister (CM): Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

Capital: Gandhinagar

National Park (N.P.): Gir National Park, Marine National Park

147. Who is the current (as of March '24) Director General (DG) of Archeological Survey of India (ASI)?

- 1) Yadubir Singh Rawat
- 2) Nandini Bhattacharya
- 3) Madan Singh Chauhan
- 4) Sanjay Kumar Manjul
- 5) Janhwij Sharma

Answer- **1) Yadubir Singh Rawat**

Explanation:

About Archeological Survey of India (ASI):

ASI is the premier organisation for archaeological research and protection of cultural heritage in India. It functions under the Ministry of Culture (MoC).

Director General – Yadubir Singh Rawat

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1861

148. In which state Sarangarh-Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Assam
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **5) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Chief Minister- Vishnu Deo Sai

Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Sarangarh-Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary and Pamed Wild Buffalo Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves- Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve and Achanakmar Tiger Reserve

149. Which of the following Indian cricketer players have been recently (in March '24) appointed as the brand ambassadors for My11Circle?

- 1) Yashasvi Jaiswal
- 2) Rinku Singh
- 3) Shivam Dube
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Games24x7, an online skill-gaming platform, has announced the appointment of cricket players **Rinku Singh** and **Yashasvi Jaiswal** as brand ambassadors for My11Circle, a fantasy sports platform.

150. In March 2024, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated infrastructure projects at the Indian Navy's Karwar (Karnataka.) base under _____ (Project).

- 1) Project Vijayak
- 2) Project Smarak
- 3) Project Seabird
- 4) Project GatiShakti
- 5) Project Namghar

Answer- **3) Project Seabird**

Explanation:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to inaugurate infrastructure projects at the Indian Navy's Karwar (Karnataka.) base under **Project 'Seabird.'** These projects, including piers and residential towers, aim to strengthen India's maritime security interests.

- The expansion of the naval base, approved for berthing 32 ships and submarines, includes an iconic dry berth and townships. The projects, executed with industry collaboration, are expected to boost the local economy and provide government employment opportunities.

i. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the new State-of-the-Art Admin-cum-Training building of the Naval War College at Goa. The modern edifice is named the 'Chola' in commemoration of the mighty maritime empire of the Chola dynasty.

151. Who is currently (as of March '24) India's Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India?

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

Answer- 1) Ajay Kumar Sood

Explanation:

In a significant step to further strengthen Security Forces, Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have indigenously developed two different categories of explosive detectors for Indian Security Forces.

The explosive detectors were recently handed over to the Director Intelligence Bureau (IB) by the Principal Scientific Adviser **(PSA) to Government of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood** for their deployment with the Security Forces.

152. In March 2024, _____ became India's first city to launch the Zero Carbon Buildings Action Plan (ZCBAP).

- 1) Patna
- 2) Nagpur
- 3) Pune
- 4) Ahmedabad
- 5) Surat

Answer- 2) Nagpur

Explanation:

Nagpur (Maharashtra) has become the **first city** in the country to take a decisive step towards sustainable development by launching the **Zero Carbon Buildings Action Plan (ZCBAP)**.

- The city's plan will boost building sector decarbonization, thus contributing to India's 'net zero by 2070' target.
- The plan includes a holistic roadmap covering public buildings, government-led affordable housing, commercial buildings as well as homes, and an implementation strategy to achieve net-zero buildings city-wide by 2050.

153. In March 2024, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the carbody structure of the Vande Bharat sleeper transit, a new project by Indian Railways.

The train set was manufactured by _____(company).

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) BEML Limited
- 3) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 4) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited
- 5) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

Answer- 2) BEML Limited

Explanation:

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the carbody structure of the Vande Bharat sleeper transit, a new project by Indian Railways. The train set was manufactured by Bharat Earth Movers Limited (**BEML**) at its rail unit in Bangalore.

- The Vande Bharat sleeper train, a self-propelled train set, is designed to offer superior features compared to the existing Rajdhani Express trains, setting a new standard in overnight travel.

154. Which state government has recently (in March '24) signed an MoU with the NLC India Limited to set up a 125 MW Lignite Based Power Plant and 1000 MW Solar Power Plant?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Odisha
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **1) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

NLC India Limited signed an MOU with the Government of **Rajasthan** for the formation of a Joint Venture to set up a 125 MW Lignite Based Power Plant and 1000 MW Solar Power Plant.

- The MoU between NLC India Limited and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (RVUNL) entails a staggering investment of more than Rs 7,000 crores.

155. Which Department of GoI has recently (in March '24) signed an MoU with the Indian Council for Skill Development in the Electronics Sector to enhance empowerment and skill development of Persons?

- 1) Department of Personnel and Training
- 2) Department of School Education & Literacy
- 3) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- 4) Department of Home
- 5) Department of Higher Education

Answer- **3) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

Explanation:

In a significant step towards enhancing empowerment and skill development of Persons with Disabilities, the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **Indian Council for Skill Development in the Electronics Sector**.

- With an aim to equip differently abled people with special skills required in various types of jobs in the electronics sector, the MoU was formalized on January 08, 2024 under the leadership of Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Secretary and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

156. In March 2024, Union Minister for Communications, Electronics and Information Technology and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, launched India's fastest and indigenously developed IP/MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching) in _____ (city).

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka

4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

5) Nagpur, Maharashtra

Answer- **3) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

Union Minister for Communications, Electronics and Information Technology and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, launched **India's fastest** and indigenously developed IP/MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching) router in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The router has a capacity of 2.4 tdps.

- The router was developed by the collaboration of the government's Department of Telecom, Centre for Development of Telematics (CDOT) and Nivetti.

157. Name the bank that has recently (in March '24) partnered with the Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (TPSSL) to boost rooftop solar adoption among residential consumers.

1) Union Bank of India

2) State Bank of India

3) Bank of Maharashtra

4) Bank of India

5) Punjab Bank of India

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

Explanation:

Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (**TPSSL**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), has announced the renewal and expansion of its partnership with **Union Bank of India (UBI)** to offer financing solutions for residential customers, in-line with the Government's PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana as well as for commercial and industrial (C&I) customers.

- With loan limits extended up to Rs 1.5 million for residential and Rs 0.16 billion for C&I customers, the renewed scheme plans to provide financing up to 80 per cent and 85 per cent for the respective categories.

158. In which state, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Tamil Nadu

3) Kerala

4) Karnataka

5) Telangana

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister- M.K. Stalin

Governor- R.N. Ravi

Airport- Coimbatore International Airport, Chennai International Airport

National Parks- **Mudumalai Tiger Reserve**, Anamalai Tiger Reserve

159. The Government of India launched the PRASAD scheme in the year 2014-2015 under the _____ (Ministry).

- 1) Ministry of Tourism
- 2) Ministry of Culture
- 3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer- 1) Ministry of Tourism

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stones of various development works to be undertaken in Simhachalam Devasthanam with the funds of the central government scheme 'PRASHAD' and as part of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 schemes at Borra Caves to provide additional facilities.

- The central government has proposed a scheme called 'PRASHAD' (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) for the development of spiritual centres across the country.
- The Government of India launched the PRASAD scheme in the year 2014-2015 under the **Ministry of Tourism**.

160. Name the Union Minister who has recently (in March '24) launched 'Common Fellowship Portal', a single interface for applicants to navigate through various fellowship schemes by the Department of Biotechnology.

- 1) Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of State of Science and Technology)
- 2) Hardeep Singh Puri (Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs)
- 3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare)
- 4) Giriraj Singh (Union Minister of Rural Development)
- 5) Virendra Kumar (Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment)

Answer- 1) Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of State of Science and Technology)

Explanation:

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh launched '**Common Fellowship Portal**', a single interface for applicants to navigate through various fellowship schemes by the Department of Biotechnology, at National Media Centre, New Delhi, Delhi.

- Dr. Jitendra Singh said initiatives of science & technology are in line with PM Modi's whole Government Approach- one centralized portal for all research applications.
- Dr. Singh further informed that at present, Departments under the Ministry of Science & Technology (DST, DBT, CSIR) have come together for submission of application forms and soon application forms for all other Departments such as ICMR, UGC and AICTE will also be on-boarded.

161. In which state 'Chail Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla

Wildlife Sanctuary- Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary; **Chail Wildlife Sanctuary**

UNESCO heritage site- Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area; Mountain Railways of India

162. In which state Ranthambore National Park is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister - Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor - Kalraj Mishra

National parks: Ranthambore National Park; Mukundra Hills National Park, Keoladeo National Park

163. In which state 'Ghosu Bird Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **1) Nagaland**

Explanation:

About Nagaland:

Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio

Governor - La Ganesan

Wildlife Sanctuary - Rangapahar Wildlife Sanctuary

Bird Sanctuary - Ghosu Bird Sanctuary

164. Mauritian _____ is the currency of Mauritius.

- 1) Ngultrum
- 2) Rupee
- 3) Yen
- 4) Rupiah
- 5) Peso

Answer- **2) Rupee**