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- i. The program aims to create an enabling environment for cities to generate decarbonization solutions across the energy, transport, and built environment sectors.
- ii. This initiative is on the lines of India's commitment to turn net-zero by 2070 as a climate mitigation response at COP26 (Conference of the Parties).
- iii. The WEF and NIUA will adapt the WEF's City Sprint process and Toolbox of Solutions for the decarbonization of 5-7 Indian cities across two years.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

### **1. Who recently (in Jan'22) got re-elected as president of Italy for the 2nd Consecutive Term?**

- 1) Giuseppe Conte
- 2) Sergio Mattarella
- 3) Mario Draghi
- 4) Giorgio Napolitano
- 5) Piersanti Mattarella

Answer- **2) Sergio Mattarella**

#### **Explanation:**

Italy's current president **Sergio Mattarella**, whose 7-year term (from 2015) is ending on 3rd February 2022 has been re-elected for the second term in office.

#### **About Italy:**

**Prime Minister**- Mario Draghi

**Capital** - Rome

**Currency** - Euro

### **2. Who recently (in Feb'22) got Re-elected as Prime Minister (PM) of Portugal with absolute majority?**

- 1) Ricardo Salgado
- 2) Antonio Costa
- 3) Jorge Sampaio
- 4) Ivo Rosa
- 5) Pedro Santana Lopes

Answer- **2) Antonio Costa**

#### **Explanation:**

The Socialists party led by **Antonio Costa**, the current Prime Minister (**PM**) of **Portugal**, has secured 117 seats out of 230 seats in the country's Parliament, to secure an absolute majority victory & got reelected as the PM of Portugal.

i. He is a Portuguese lawyer and politician serving as the Prime Minister of Portugal since 2015.

### **3. Who was recently (in Feb'22) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of 'RummyCircle' by Games24x7?**

- 1) Sonu Sood
- 2) Hrithik Roshan
- 3) Arjun Kapoor
- 4) Aamir Khan
- 5) Shahid Kapoor

Answer- **2) Hrithik Roshan**

**Explanation:**

Games24x7 has appointed renowned bollywood actor, **Hrithik Roshan** as the brand ambassador for '**RummyCircle**', an online skill gaming platform.

i. The brand will also start its the new campaign #RahoEkKadamAage starring Hrithik Roshan via a television commercial starting from January 29.

**4. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the new Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for a period of 5 years?**

- 1) Mukulita Vijayawargiya
- 2) Ravi Mittal
- 3) Rashesh Shah
- 4) Navrang Saini
- 5) Sudhaker Shukla

Answer- **2) Ravi Mittal**

**Explanation:**

**Ravi Mittal**, former secretary of the department of sports is appointed as the new Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for a period of 5 years.

i. Ravi Mittal will take over from Navrang Saini after his term ends on 5th March 2022.

**5. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel recently (in Feb'22) selected \_\_\_\_ as next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI).**

- 1) Anil Kumar Misra
- 2) BK Tyagi
- 3) Arunima Dwivedi
- 4) Shreekanth Pattar
- 5) P. K. Gangopadhyay

Answer- **2) BK Tyagi**

**Explanation:**

The **PESB panel** has recommended the name of Capt. Binesh Kumar Tyagi (**BK Tyagi**) to be the next **CMD** of Shipping Corporation of India (**SCI**), a PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

i. He will succeed **current CMD** of **SCI**, **HK Joshi**, who is set to superannuate on **31st May, 2022**.

ii. He is currently serving as Director (Liner & Passenger Services) in the SCI and also holding additional charge as Director (Technical & Offshore Services) of SCI.

**6. Which company recently (in Feb'22) appointed its co-founder Rahul Bhatia as the new Managing Director (MD) for the period of 5-years?**

- 1) Jet Airways
- 2) IndiGo
- 3) SpiceJet
- 4) Go First
- 5) Vistara

Answer- **2) IndiGo**

**Explanation:**

**IndiGo** (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd), an Indian low-cost airline, has appointed **its co-founder** and promoter **Rahul Bhatia** as the new Managing Director (**MD**) of IndiGo with immediate effect for a period of **5 years**.

- i. The appointment of Rahul Bhatia was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the shareholders.
- ii. Rahul Bhatia established InterGlobe Enterprises in **1989** with its flagship business of Air Transport Management.

**7. Who was recently (in Feb'22) appointed as the Chairperson of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the period of 5 years?**

- 1) K. Sanjay Murthy
- 2) Veda Prakash
- 3) M. Jagadesh Kumar
- 4) Sukhadeo Thorat
- 5) D P Singh

Answer- **3) M. Jagadesh Kumar**

**Explanation:**

The Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Mamidala **Jagadesh Kumar** was appointed as the **Chairperson** of the University Grants Commission (**UGC**). He is appointed for a period of five years (**2022-2027**).

- i. M. Jagadesh Kumar will succeed **Prof D P Singh**, the former UGC Chairman, who resigned in December 2021.

**8. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the Head of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?**

- 1) J.P.S. Chawla
- 2) Girraj Prasad Gupta
- 3) Aruna Makhan
- 4) Sonali Singh
- 5) Deepak Das

Answer- **4) Sonali Singh**

**Explanation:**

**Sonali Singh**, Additional Controller General of Accounts, has been appointed as the **head** of the Controller General of Accounts (**CGA**), under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

- i. The Ministry of Finance has stated that Sonali Singh shall function as the head of the organization of CGA in the same capacity as Additional CGA with effect from **1st February 2022**.
- ii. Sonali Singh has been appointed as the CGA following the superannuation of Deepak Das.

**9. Name the Actress who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Bata India Ltd.**

- 1) Kriti Sanon
- 2) Shraddha Kapoor
- 3) Jhanvi Kapoor
- 4) Disha Patani
- 5) Vidya Balan

Answer- 4) **Disha Patani**

**Explanation:**

**Bata India** Limited appointed Bollywood actress, **Disha Patani** as its **Brand Ambassador**. She will promote the brand and strengthen the youth connection to enhance footwear fashion among them.

**About Bata India Limited:**

**CEO-** Gunjan Shah

**Headquarters-** Gurugram, Haryana

**Founded-** 1931

**10. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand state in February 2022?**

- 1) Vandana Katariya
- 2) Akshay Kumar
- 3) Rajkummar Rao
- 4) Aamir Khan
- 5) Salman Khan

Answer- 2) **Akshay Kumar**

**Explanation:**

Pushkar Singh Dhami, CM of Uttarakhand has appointed Bollywood actor **Akshay Kumar** as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand ahead of the 2022 Assembly Elections.

**About Uttarakhand:**

**Governor-** Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

**UNESCO heritage site-** Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks

**Festival-** Butter Festival or Anduri Utsav; Kumbh Mela

**11. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as new head of Defence Intelligence Agency(DGDIA) & Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Intelligence)?**

- 1) Y K Joshi
- 2) KK Repswal
- 3) G A V Reddy
- 4) Kamal Davar
- 5) KJS Dhillon

Answer- 3) **G A V Reddy**

**Explanation:**

Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) **G A V Reddy** appointed as the Director-General of Defence Intelligence Agency(**DGDIA**) And Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Intelligence) (**DCIDS (Int)**).

i. He succeeds Lieutenant General KJS Dhillon who superannuated on 31st January 2022.

**Note-** KJS Dhillon was honoured with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal on the 73rd Republic Day of India.

**12. In February 2022, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved to extend the tenure of MR Kumar as the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India(LIC) for \_\_\_\_ .**

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

Answer- 3) **1 years**

**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved extending the tenure of **MR Kumar** as the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) by **1 year** till **March 2023**, for a further period beyond 13th March 2022.

i. The government has also extended the tenure of LIC Managing Director, Raj Kumar by one year beyond the date of his superannuation on 31st January 2022 or until further orders.

**13. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as New Prime Minister (PM) of Peru by the President Pedro Castillo?**

- 1) Héctor Valer
- 2) Anibal Torres
- 3) Guido Bellido
- 4) Walter Martos
- 5) Vicente Zeballos

Answer- **2) Anibal Torres**

**Explanation:**

Peruvian President Pedro Castillo swore in **Aníbal Torres Vásquez** as the Prime Minister (PM) or President of the Council of Ministers of Peru. This is Pedro Castillo's **4th cabinet** since he took office on 28th July 2021.

i. Aníbal Torres Vásquez succeeds Héctor Valer who served as PM for just 3 days.

**14. Who recently (in Feb'22) became the 1st woman Vice-Chancellor(VC) of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) for a 5 years term?**

- 1) Chanda Kochhar
- 2) Shikha Sharma
- 3) Naina Lal Kidwai
- 4) Meena Ganesh
- 5) Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit

Answer- **5) Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit**

**Explanation:**

**Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit** was appointed as the **first** woman Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Delhi, for a period of 5 years by the President Ram Nath Kovind.

i. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit was appointed as the **13th VC** of JNU.

ii. She succeeds M Jagadesh Kumar, who was serving as the Acting VC of JNU after his 5-year term as VC ended in 2021. He was appointed as the chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

**15. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the new Director of NCERT for 5 years by succeeding Hrushikesh Senapaty?**

- 1) Madan Singh Yadav
- 2) Sridhar Srivastava
- 3) Anjum Sibia
- 4) Dinesh Prasad Saklani
- 5) Subhash Chander

Answer- **4) Dinesh Prasad Saklani**

**Explanation:**

**Dinesh Prasad Saklani**, Professor of history at the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna(HNB) Garhwal University, Uttarakhand has been appointed as the **new Director** of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (**NCERT**) for 5 years.

i. He succeeds Hrushikesh Senapaty, who has served as the director of NCERT from 2015 to 2020.

**16. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Krishi Network?**

- 1) Kartik Aaryan
- 2) Rajkummar Rao
- 3) Ayushmann Khurrana
- 4) Pankaj Tripathi
- 5) Aamir Khan

Answer- **4) Pankaj Tripathi**

**Explanation:**

The **Krishi Network**, an agritech startup company, appointed Bollywood actor **Pankaj Tripathi** as its **Brand Ambassador** and investor.

i. The Krishi Network is a startup co-founded by **Ashish Mishra** and **Siddhant Bhomia**, alumni of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur. The start-up provides grassroot level information support to farmers' doubts.

**17. Who recently (in Feb'22) got reappointed as the Executive Chairman of Tata Sons for the period of 5 years?**

- 1) Bhaskar Bhat
- 2) Farida Khambata
- 3) N Chandrasekaran
- 4) Ajay Piramal
- 5) Venu Srinivasan

Answer- **3) N Chandrasekaran**

**Explanation:**

**Tata Sons** reappointed Natarajan Chandrasekaran (**N Chandrasekaran**) as its **Executive Chairman** for the period of another five year term (**2022-2027**), starting from February 2022.

i. Ratan Tata, who was also present in the meeting of the Board of Tata Trusts that recommended a renewed term for the Executive Chairman.

**About Tata Sons:**

**Founded-** 1868

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Chairman-** Natarajan Chandrasekaran

**18. In February 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as Managing Director & Chairman of Rockefeller International.**

- 1) Rajiv J. Shah
- 2) Ruchir Sharma
- 3) Ashvin Dayal
- 4) Naveen Rao
- 5) Zia Khan

Answer- **2) Ruchir Sharma**

**Explanation:**

Former Morgan Stanley executive, **Ruchir Sharma** will take over as the **Managing Director and Chairman** of Rockefeller International, the international unit of Rockefeller Capital Management on 14th February 2022.

i. Previously he has served as the chief global strategist and head of emerging markets at Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

**19. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the Chief Justice (CJ) of the Madras HC?**

- 1) Ritu Raj Awasthi
- 2) Rajesh Bindal
- 3) Sanjib Banerjee
- 4) Akil Kureshi
- 5) Munishwar Nath Bhandari

Answer- **5) Munishwar Nath Bhandari**

**Explanation:**

Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari (**MN Bhandari**), Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) of the Madras High Court (HC), has been appointed as the Chief Justice (**CJ**) of the **Madras HC**.

i. The appointment has been approved by the **President of India**, Ram Nath Kovind.

**20. Who became the New President of Burkina Faso in February 2022?**

- 1) Cherif Sy
- 2) Michel Kafando
- 3) Gilbert Diendere
- 4) Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba
- 5) Roch Marc Christian Kabore

Answer- **4) Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba**

**Explanation:**

**Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba**, lieutenant-colonel in the national armed forces of **Burkina Faso**, became the **new President of Burkina Faso** after overthrowing the elected President **Roch Kabore**.

i. The formal swearing-in ceremony would take place on February 16, 2022 in the country's capital city of Ouagadougou.

ii. In January, 2022 Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba along with the army, forced out the elected president, Roch Marc Christian Kabore, after people's protest against his method of handling insurgents.

iii. Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba is also head of the state, President of the Patriotic Movement for Preservation and Restoration (officially Junta), and supreme commander of the armed forces.

**21. Who was appointed (in Feb'22) as the Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) by succeeding Deepti Umashankar?**

- 1) Ashim Khurana
- 2) S Kishore
- 3) Raj Sharma
- 4) A Bhattacharyya
- 5) B Sankaran

Answer- **2) S Kishore**



**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the appointment of **S Kishore** as the Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (**SSC**).

- i. He succeeds **Deepti Umashankar**, who has been serving as the chairman of SSC (Additional Charge) **since 2021**.
- ii. Prior to this appointment, he was serving as Special Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**).

**22. Who recently (in Feb'22) got the additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)?**

- 1) Anshul Bhargava
- 2) Ghanshyam Prasad
- 3) S R Narasimhan
- 4) Dolly Gosain
- 5) KVS Baba

Answer- **3) S R Narasimhan**

**Explanation:**

**S R Narasimhan** has taken the **additional charge** as the Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**), Power System Operation Corporation Limited (**POSOCO**), a wholly-owned Government of India 'Schedule A' enterprise under the Ministry of Power, with effect from 1st February 2022.

- i. He replaced KVS Baba, who superannuated on 1st February 2022.
- ii. At present, he is serving as Director (System Operation) of POSOCO.

**23. Who recently (in Feb'22) got re-elected as the President of Germany for the 2nd Consecutive Term?**

- 1) Joachim Gauck
- 2) Christian Wulff
- 3) Horst Kohler
- 4) Frank Walter Steinmeier
- 5) Johannes Rau

Answer- **4) Frank Walter Steinmeier**

**Explanation:**

The Incumbent President of Germany, **Frank Walter Steinmeier**, was **re-elected** by the parliamentary assembly for the **next five years (2022-2027)**.

- i. He has been serving as President of Germany since **19 March 2017**.

**About Germany:**

**Capital-** Berlin

**Currency-** Euro

**Chancellor-** Olaf Scholz

**24. Who was appointed as the new MD and CEO of Air India with the effect from 1st April 2022?**

- 1) Amrita Sharan
- 2) Rajiv Bansal
- 3) R S Sandhu
- 4) Vinod Hejmadi
- 5) Ilker Ayci

Answer- **5) Ilker Ayci**

**Explanation:**

**Tata Sons** have appointed **Ilker Ayci**, former Turkish Airlines Chairman as the **new MD and CEO of Air India** and he will resume his responsibilities on or before **April 1, 2022**.

**i.** Achievements Ilker Ayci was awarded the **Order of the Rising Sun** and Golden Rays **with a Neck Ribbon** by The Emperor of **Japan**.

**25. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as new Chairman of CBSE by succeeding Manoj Ahuja?**

- 1) Ashok Ganguly
- 2) Giriraj Garg
- 3) Anurag Tripathi
- 4) Pavnesh Kumar
- 5) Vineet Joshi

Answer- **5) Vineet Joshi**

**Explanation:**

The Central Board of Secondary Education (**CBSE**) announced the **appointment of Vineet Joshi**, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Education, as its new **Chairman** with effect from February 14, 2022 in addition to his existing assignments.

**i.** He will succeed former CBSE Chairman Manoj Ahuja, who was appointed as the OSD in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

**ii.** he also serves as the Director-General of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

**26. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the Brand ambassador of A23 Gaming app?**

- 1) Anil Kapoor
- 2) Shahid Kapoor
- 3) Akshay Kumar
- 4) Shah Rukh Khan
- 5) Salman Khan

Answer- **4) Shah Rukh Khan**

**Explanation:**

**A23**, the gaming application owned by Head Digital Works, an online skill gaming company, has roped in Bollywood actor **Shah Rukh Khan** as its **brand ambassador**.

**i.** Shahrukh Khan will feature in A23's 'Chalo Saath Khele' campaign, along with a first of its kind responsible gaming campaign, which showcases all the multi-gaming platforms of A23 such as carom, fantasy sports, pool and rummy, among others.

**27. Name the Parliamentary Member who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the brand ambassador of Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar.**

- 1) Nityanand Rai
- 2) Kavita Singh
- 3) Manoj Tiwari
- 4) Mohammad Jawed
- 5) Giriraj Singh

Answer- **3) Manoj Tiwari**

**Explanation:**

**Manoj Tiwari**, a Member of Parliament(MP) – Lok Sabha and Bhojpuri singer, has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Khadi and other handicrafts of Bihar.

i. The announcement was made by Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, Minister of industries of Bihar.

**28. Who recently (in feb'22) got appointed as the “Chief Secretary(CS) of Maharashtra”?**

- 1) Ajoy Mehta
- 2) Jairaj Pathak
- 3) Bhushan Gagrani
- 4) Debashish Chakravarty
- 5) Abha Shukla

Answer- **4) Debashish Chakravarty**

**Explanation:**

**Debashish Chakravarty** has been given full charge as the **Chief Secretary(CS) of Maharashtra**.

i. He has been holding the charge as Acting Chief Secretary of Maharashtra since 30th November 2021.

ii. He will also hold the charge of the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Planning department.

**29. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as India’s first National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC)?**

- 1) Sunil Lanba
- 2) Karambir Singh
- 3) Ajit Kumar P
- 4) G Ashok Kumar
- 5) Nirmal Kumar Verma

Answer- **4) G Ashok Kumar**

**Explanation:**

The government of India has appointed Vice Admiral (retd) **G Ashok Kumar**, the former Navy vice chief, as **India’s first National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC)** in the National Security Council Secretariat. The proposal for the creation of this post was cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Security in 2021.

i. This is a part of India’s efforts to enhance maritime security following the **26/11** Mumbai terror attack **(2008)**.

**About G Ashok Kumar:**

i. Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, a Flag Officer in the Indian Navy, retired from the service in July 2021.

ii. He served as the 35th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff from 2019 to 2021.

**30. Who recently (in Feb'22) got appointed as the brand ambassador of the notable sportswear manufacturer, Adidas?**

- 1) Deepti Sharma
- 2) Manika Batra
- 3) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 4) Smriti Mandhana
- 5) Mithali Raj

Answer- **2) Manika Batra**

**Explanation:**

**Adidas'** sportswear team appointed Indian table tennis player Manika **Batra** as the brand ambassador.

**Key points:**

- i. Manika Batra is the **first Indian woman** to win **gold** in table tennis at the Commonwealth Games **2018**.
- ii. She is the first Indian player to reach the top 10 of the (International Table Tennis Federation) ITTF World rankings in women's doubles and top 15 in mixed doubles, and the first Indian woman since 2019 to reach the top 50 of the ITTF women's singles world rankings.

**31. In February 2022, International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission has recently (in Feb'22) re-elected \_\_\_\_\_ from Finland as its Chairman and Seung Min Ryu from \_\_\_\_\_ as its 1st Vice-Chairman.**

- 1) Marko Anttila; Republic of Korea
- 2) Sarah Walker; New Zealand
- 3) Emma Terho; Republic of Korea
- 4) Sarah Walker; China
- 5) Emma Terho; New Zealand

Answer- **3) Emma Terho; Republic of Korea**

**Explanation:**

The International Olympic Committee (**IOC**) Athletes' Commission (**AC**) re-elected ice hockey player **Emma Terho** of **Finland** as its **Chairman** and table tennis player **Seung Min Ryu** of **Republic of Korea** as its **first** Vice-Chair (**VC**).

i. The commission also elected cyclist **Sarah Walker** of **New Zealand** as **second VC** of the Commission.

**About the elected players:**

- Emma Terho is a five-time Olympian and former captain of the Finland women's ice hockey team & She will be the head of the Commission until the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- Seung Min Ryu has won a gold medal in the men's singles at Athens 2004, a team silver medal at London Olympics 2012 and a team bronze medal at Beijing Olympics 2008.
- Sarah Walker is a three-time world champion in BMX (bicycle motocross) from New Zealand & she secured a silver medal at the London Olympics 2012.

**32. In February 2022, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reconstituted its Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC) with 20 members.**

**Who is the New Chairperson of the Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC)?**

- 1) Salil Parekh
- 2) K Dinesh
- 3) Arjun Malhotra
- 4) Nandan Nilekani
- 5) NR Narayana Murthy

Answer- **5) NR Narayana Murthy**

**Explanation:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has reconstituted its Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (**AIPAC**), which has now **20 members** and will be chaired by Infosys co-founder Nagavara Ramarao (**NR**) **Narayana Murthy**.

i. The committee advises SEBI on a range of issues that impact further development of the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) industry, and startup ecosystem in India. It also advises SEBI on issues which need to be taken up with other regulators for development of the AIF.

**Note-** Constituted by SEBI in 2015 with 22 members, the panel has submitted three reports on the AIF.

**33. Identify the International Chess Federation masters who were recently (in Feb'22) appointed as the Brand Ambassadors of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme?**

- 1) Padmini Rout & Tania Rout
- 2) Jayshree Khadilkar & Vasanti Khadilkar
- 3) Saurav Anand & Garima Anand
- 4) Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia
- 5) Garima Gaurav & Kumar Gaurav

**Answer- 4) Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia**

**Explanation:**

International Chess Player woman FIDE (International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation) Masters, **Tanishka Kotia** and her sister **Riddhika Kotia** are appointed as **Brand Ambassadors** for the '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' scheme for the Gurugram District of Haryana State.

**About Tanishka Kotia & Riddhika Kotia:**

- i. Tanishka Kotia won the Limca Book of Records for being the youngest chess player in 2008. They belong to the Haryana state.
- ii. Tanishka Kotia ranks 2nd in the country in the under-16 category, World Chess Federation rankings released in 2019.
- iii. She won a Gold medal at the ASEAN Chess Championship in 2013 and silver at the Commonwealth Chess Championship In 2014 in Scotland.
- iv. Riddhika Kotia represented India at several prestigious international events, including the World Junior Chess Championship 2020.

**34. Who recently (in Feb'22) got nominated as the Director of the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with effect from February 16th, 2022?**

- 1) B Venugopal
- 2) Sanjay Malhotra
- 3) T Rabi Shankar
- 4) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- 5) Swaminathan J

**Answer- 2) Sanjay Malhotra**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India(GOI) has nominated **Sanjay Malhotra**, the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services(DFS), under the Ministry of Finance, as the **Director of the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** with effect from 16th February 2022 and until further orders.

i. He has also been nominated as the Director on the central board of directors of State Bank of India (SBI), with immediate effect and until further order.

ii. He has served as the Chairman & Managing Director of REC Limited(formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited).

**35. Who recently (in Feb '22) got appointed as a full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?**

- 1) Rakesh Mohan
- 2) Neelkanth Mishra
- 3) Sanjeev Sanyal
- 4) Nilesh Shah
- 5) Sajjid Chinoy

Answer- **3) Sanjeev Sanyal**

**Explanation:**

Renowned economist and historian **Sanjeev Sanyal** was appointed as a full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). The council is chaired by Bibek Debroy (A former member of Niti Aayog). The appointment is for a tenure of two years.

**i.** Currently, he is serving as the Principal Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance . He also served as the global strategist and managing director at Deutsche Bank, Germany.

**ii.** EAC-PM is an independent body constituted by the central government. It advises the Prime Minister (PM) on economic and related issues.

**36. Who recently (in Feb'22) got reappointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO) of IDBI Bank for the term of 3 years with an effect from 19th March, 2022?**

- 1) M R Kumar
- 2) Rakesh Sharma
- 3) Samuel Joseph Jebaraj
- 4) Meera Swarup
- 5) Anshuman Sharma

Answer- **2) Rakesh Sharma**

**Explanation:**

The **IDBI Bank** reappointed **Rakesh Sharma** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (**MD&CEO**) of the bank for the term of three years, effective March 19, 2022.

**i.** He was initially appointed as the MD&CEO of the bank in October 2018.

**ii.** The re-appointment is based on the approval of the Reserve Bank of India.

**37. Who recently (in Feb'22) got elected to the Board of Directors of the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI)?**

- 1) Meenesh Shah
- 2) Mangal Jit Rai
- 3) Vinayakrao D Patil
- 4) Rajesh N Parjane
- 5) K S Mani

Answer- **5) K S Mani**

**Explanation:**

**K S Mani**, Chairman of Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF), known by its brand name '**Milma**' has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (**NCDFI**) based at Anand, Gujarat.

**i.** NCDFI is the apex body of dairy and edible oil cooperatives in India. The election was held at the Special General Body meeting of the NCDFI, held at Anand, Gujarat

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Brand Finance's annual report on the world's most valuable & strongest brands named "Global 500 2022"?

A) Apple has retained its title as the World's Most Valuable Brand in 2022 by increasing the valuation 35%(USD 355.1 billion) followed by Amazon.

B) TikTok has become the World's fastest-growing brand with 215% incarceration in its valuation in 2022.

C) India's Tata Group ranked 78th which is among the top 100 most valued brands globally.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

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

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iii. China's WeChat (ranked 13) has been named the strongest Brand for the 2nd year. WeChat has scored 93.3 out of 100 & an elite AAA+ rating.

iv. Satya Nadella, Chairman & CEO of Microsoft has topped the Brand Finance Brand Guardianship Index 2022 of the world's top 250 CEOs.

2. Who became the 1st Indian man to win the World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 Award?

1) Amit Rohidas

2) Harmanpreet Singh

3) PR Sreejesh

4) Krishan Pathak

5) Manpreet Singh

Answer- **3) PR Sreejesh**

**Explanation:**

Veteran India hockey goalkeeper Parattu Raveendran (**PR**) **Sreejesh** from Kerala won The **World Games Athlete of the Year 2021** for his performances in 2021.

i. With this he became the **1st Indian man & 2nd Indian** to receive this accolade after Indian women's hockey captain Rani Rampal who became the first Indian to win this in 2020.

ii. He will receive a trophy and prize from the official sponsor of The World Games Athlete of the Year i.e.i Protective Life.

iii. He was the only Indian nominated and was recommended by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

**3. Who recently (in Feb'22) got selected as the Torchbearer of Winter Olympic 2022 by the China Government?**

- 1) Steve Nash
- 2) Yuva Kim
- 3) Chen Ruolin
- 4) Qi Fabao
- 5) Gina Zehnder

Answer- **4) Qi Fabao**

**Explanation:**

The government of China, selected People's Liberation Army (PLA) regiment commander **Qi Fabao**, who was involved in the Galwan Valley Clash as the **Torchbearer of 2022 Winter Olympic** that will be held in Beijing.

i. The 2022 Winter Olympics, officially called the XXIV Olympic Winter Games and commonly known as Beijing 2022, will be organized between 4- 20 February 2022 in Beijing, China.

**4. Who recently (in Feb'22) won the International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021?**

- 1) Steve Smith (Australia)
- 2) Jason Roy (England)
- 3) Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand)
- 4) Janneman Malan (South Africa)
- 5) Chris Gayle (West Indies)

Answer- **3) Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand)**

**Explanation:**

New Zealand cricketer, **Daryl Mitchell**, has been named the winner of the International Cricket Council **(ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021** for his gesture of refusing to take a single in the high-pressure 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Semi-Finals against England at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

i. He has become the 4th New Zealand player to win the award after Daniel Vettori, Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson.

**5. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Winner of 73rd Republic Day Parade 2022?**

**A) Gujarat was selected as best state tableau in 73rd Republic Day parade 2022 with the theme of Kashi Vishwanath Dham & Cradle of Traditional Handicrafts.**

**B) Uttar Pradesh won the best state tableau under people's choice awards category with the theme Biodiversity and State Bio-symbols of Uttar Pradesh.**

**C) The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was named as the best marching contingent among Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).**

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

Answer- **3) Only C**



**Explanation:**

**Uttar Pradesh** was selected as best state tableau in 73rd Republic Day parade 2022 with the theme of **One District One Product & Kashi Vishwanath Dham** followed by Karnataka.

**i. Maharashtra** won the best state tableau under **people's choice awards category** with the theme **Biodiversity and State Bio-symbols of Maharashtra** and the general public was invited to vote for the 1st time through 'MyGov platform'.

**ii.** The Central Industrial Security Force (**CISF**) was named as the best marching contingent among Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

**iii.** The **Indian Navy** was named as the Best marching contingent category.

**6. Which Bank was recently (in Feb'22) awarded with the DX 2021 Awards for Best Practice in Digital Transformation by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?**

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) Karnataka Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) RBL Bank

Answer- **3) Karnataka Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Karnataka Bank** was awarded with the Digital Transformation Award (**DX 2021 Awards**), in recognition of the "innovative" best practice '**KBL VIKAAS**', by the Confederation of Indian Industry (**CII**) for Best Practice in Digital Transformation.

**About Karnataka Bank:**

**MD & CEO-** M.S. Mahabaleshwara

**Headquarters-** Mangalore, Karnataka

**7. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who became Asia's richest person by overtaking Mukesh Ambani?**

- 1) Robert Budi Hartono
- 2) Gautam Adani
- 3) Ma Huateng
- 4) Shiv Nadar
- 5) Colin Huang

Answer- **2) Gautam Adani**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, **Gautam Adani** net worth reached \$88.5 billion overtaking Mukesh Ambani's \$87.9 billion becoming Asia's richest person as on 8th February, 2022.

**i.** With a nearly \$12 billion jump in his personal wealth, he has become the 10th richest person in the world.

**ii.** Globally, Elon Musk was named as the world's richest person followed by Jeff Bezos and Bernard Arnault.

**8. Which Union Minister recently (in Feb'22) received the 18th late Madhavrao Limaye award in the category of Efficient Member of Parliament for 2020-21?**

- 1) Arjun Munda
- 2) Giriraj Singh

- 3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- 4) Bhupender Yadav
- 5) Nitin Gadkari

Answer- **5) Nitin Gadkari**

**Explanation:**

Nashik Public Library announced that the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** from Nashik, Maharashtra will be facilitated for the first time with the **18th late Madhavrao Limaye award** in the category of **Karyakram Khaasdar** (Efficient Member of Parliament) for the year 2020-21.

**9. Who recently (in Feb '22) became the youngest woman and the 1st woman to circumnavigate the world in a microlight aircraft to fly solo around the world?**

- 1) Anny Divya
- 2) Zara Rutherford
- 3) Besa Mumba
- 4) Shaesta Waiz
- 5) Katrina Mumaw

Answer- **2) Zara Rutherford**

**Explanation:**

**Zara Rutherford**, Belgian-British pilot, has set the world record as the youngest woman to fly solo around the world and she has also become the first woman to circumnavigate the world in a microlight aircraft. She is also the first Belgian to circumnavigate the world solo in a single-engine aircraft.

**i.** Previously, the record of youngest woman to fly solo around the world was held by American aviator Shaesta Waiz who achieved the feat at the age of 30 in 2017.

**10. In February 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ was recognised as 'World Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 feet from Mean Sea Level' by World Book of Records.**

- 1) Nandini Tunnel
- 2) Atal Tunnel
- 3) Syama Tunnel
- 4) Jawahar Tunnel
- 5) Chattergala Tunnel

Answer- **2) Atal Tunnel**

**Explanation:**

The **World Book of Records** United Kingdom (UK) has officially certified **Atal Tunnel** as the **World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet (~3048 Meters)** from the Mean Sea Level (**MSL**).

**About Atal Tunnel:**

Constructed by Border Roads Organization (**BRO**) connecting Manali, **Himachal Pradesh (HP)** to the Lahaul-Spiti Valley in HP, this 9.02 kilometer long tunnel is worth Rs 3300 crores.

**i.** It is built in Pir Panjal Range of Himalayas.

**ii.** It is also the world's longest and highest motorable tunnel running across the 13,050 ft high Rohtang Pass.

**11. Which of the following airports are included in the list of 18 Indian airports that were named for the "Voice of the Customer" award in 2021 by Airports Council International (ACI)?**

- 1) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- 2) Chennai International Airport
- 3) Cochin International Airport
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

The Airports Council International (**ACI**), an international organization for policy development in the Aviation sector, has awarded **18 Indian Airports** with the 'Voice of the Customer' award for 2021.

**The 18 recognized Indian Airports includes some of India's famous International Airports, including:**

- Mangaluru International Airport of Karnataka
- Chennai International Airport from Tamil Nadu
- Cochin International Airport of Kerala
- Goa International Airport
- Biju Patnaik International Airport of Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Indira Gandhi International Airport of New Delhi
- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport of Hyderabad, Telangana

**12. Name the company that recently (in Feb'22) won the ICAI Award for excellence in "financial reporting" for the year 2020-21 under the Public Sector Entities (PSE) Category.**

- 1) RailTel Corporation of India Ltd
- 2) Rail India Technical and Economic Service Ltd
- 3) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd
- 4) Container Corporation of India Ltd
- 5) Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd

**Answer- 1) RailTel Corporation of India Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.** won the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (**ICAI**) award for excellence in 'financial reporting' for the year **2020-21** in Public Sector Entities (**PSE**) Category.

**About RailTel Corporation of India Ltd:**

RailTel is a Miniratna (Category-I) Central PSE under the Ministry of Railways.

**Chairman-** Puneet Chawla

**Founded-** 2000

**13. Name the bank that recently (in Feb'22) won 6 awards, including Best Technology Bank of the Year 2021 under the "small bank" segment at the IBA's 17th Annual Banking Technology Awards 2021.**

- 1) CSB Bank
- 2) RBL Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) South Indian Bank

**Answer- 5) South Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

The South Indian Bank (SIB) has won **6 awards** at the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)'s **17th Annual Banking Technology Awards 2021**.

i. The 6 awards for South Indian banks include the '**Best Technology Bank of the Year 2021**' under the "small bank" segment.

**The SIB has bagged 6 awards in the categories like**

- Best Technology Bank of the year (Small Banks): winner
- Best Use of Artificial intelligence (AI)/Machine learning (ML) T& Data (Small Banks): winner; Karur Vysya Bank(KVB) is the joint winner of this award.
- Best IT Risk & Cyber Security Initiatives (Small Banks): winner
- Best Payments Initiatives (Private Banks): 1st runner up
- Cloud Adoption (Small Banks): 1st runner up
- Best Fintech Adoption (Small Banks): winner

**14. Who was recently (in Feb'22) named as the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21?**

- 1) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 2) N. Kamakodi
- 3) Sanjay Agarwal
- 4) Prashant Kumar
- 5) Sanjiv Chadha

Answer- **1) Sandeep Bakhshi**

**Explanation:**

**Sandeep Bakhshi**, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank, has been named as the **Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21** for his role in turning around ICICI Bank and changing perceptions of the bank during his three-and-a-half-year tenure as MD and CEO of ICICI Bank.

i. He was selected by a jury of five, chaired by **S S Mundra**, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

**15. Identify the personality who was recently (in Feb'22) honoured with the "Hilal-e-Pakistan", the 2nd highest civilian honour in Pakistan.**

- 1) Xi Jinping
- 2) Bill Gates
- 3) Joe Biden
- 4) Volkan Bozkır
- 5) Jeff Bezos

Answer- **2) Bill Gates**

**Explanation:**

The government of **Pakistan** has honoured **Bill Gates** of the **United States of America** with **Hilal-e-Pakistan**, the **second Highest** Civilian Honour of Pakistan for his efforts towards **eradicating polio** in Pakistan. He is the co-founder of Microsoft and a philanthropist.

i. Dr Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan conferred the award to Bill Gates at the ceremony held in Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad, Pakistan, during his one-day visit to Pakistan. This marks Bill Gates first-ever visit to Pakistan.

**16. Which organisation recently (in Feb'22) received the "Most Dependable Public Sector in India Award 2022" by the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)?**

- 1) Steel Authority of India Ltd
- 2) NTPC Ltd
- 3) Bharat Petroleum Ltd
- 4) Coal India Ltd
- 5) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

**Answer- 4) Coal India Ltd**

**Explanation:**

Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (**ASSOCHAM**) awarded '**Most Dependable Public Sector in India award 2022**' to Coal India Limited (**CIL**), an organization under Ministry of Coal during Energy Meet & Excellence Awards 2022 ceremony in Kolkata, West Bengal.

**About The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM): Establishment – 1920**

**Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi**

**President – Vineet Agarwal**

**17. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the "Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) Awards 2022"?**

- 1) Bollywood actors Ranveer Singh and Kriti Sanon received awards in the Best Actor and Best Actress category for their performances in movies '83' and 'Mimi'.
- 2) Actress Asha Parekh was honoured with an award for her outstanding contribution to cinema.
- 3) 'Pushpa: The rise' Telugu film received the 'film of the year' award and Shershaah received the 'Best Film in DPIFF' Award 2022.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

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**iii. The current (as of Feb'22) CEO of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) is Abhishek Mishra.**

**18. Which of the following Parachute Regiment battalions did Not receive the "Presidential Colours or Nishan" award from Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane in February 2022?**

- 1) 11 PARA
- 2) 21 PARA
- 3) 29 PARA
- 4) 12 PARA
- 5) 23 PARA

**Answer- 4) 12 PARA**

**Explanation:**

The Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane on behalf of the President of India Ram Nath Kovind, presented “**Presidential Colours or Nishan**” to **four Parachute battalions**.

- i. The four Parachute Regiment battalions that were presented President’s Colours were: **11 PARA** (SPECIAL FORCE), **21 PARA** (SPECIAL FORCE), **23 PARA** and **29 PARA**.
- ii. The ‘Colour Presentation Parade’ was held at the Parachute Regiment Training Centre (PRTC), Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**About Presidential Colours or Nishan:**

The Presidential Colours or Nishan is one of the greatest honours and meritorious awards presented to Military Unit in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation, during war and in peace.

**Note-** The first Presidential Colours was presented to The Indian Navy during 1951 by Dr Rajendra Prasad, the then President of India.

**19. Which organization recently (in Feb’22) won 3 awards for its Innovative Telecom Solutions in the 12th edition of Aegis Graham Bell Awards?**

- 1) Entropik Technologies
- 2) Capgemini Technology Services India
- 3) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- 4) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- 5) Centre for Development of Telematics

Answer- **5) Centre for Development of Telematics**

**Explanation:**

The Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**), an autonomous Telecom Research & Development (R&D) Centre of Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, won 3 awards at the 12th edition of Aegis Graham Bell Awards.

- i. The 12th edition of the Annual Aegis Graham Bell Awards is supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ii. C-DOT has won the awards 3 categories for its indigenously designed & developed innovative Telecom solutions in various categories
  - C-DOT’s Indigenous Early Warning Platform for Disaster Management & Preparedness based on ITU’s Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) won the award under the Tech For Social Good category.
  - C-DOT SAMVAD – A Unified Platform for Secure Messaging and Calling Solution won the award under the Innovative in the lockdown management category.
  - C-DOT Quarantine Alert System (CQAS) won the award under the Preventive measures for the COVID19 category. CQAS used for effect

## **SUMMITS, CONFERENCES**

**1. In February 2022, ASEAN-India High-Level Conference on Renewable Energy was held virtually.**

**What is the theme of the conference?**

- 1) Powering the World with Wind and Sun.
- 2) Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency for a Sustainable Green Economy.
- 3) Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market
- 4) Integrating State and Federal Policy with Technology

5) New Possibilities of Renewable and Nonrenewable Energy

Answer- **3) Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market**

**Explanation:**

The ASEAN (Association of SouthEast Asian Nations)-India High-Level Conference on Renewable Energy held virtually for two days from February 7 to 8, 2022.

- i. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy & Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India and the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), Indonesia, are jointly hosting the ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy
- ii. Theme of the conference: **“Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market”**.

**2. In February 2022, PM Narendra Modi virtually addressed the high-level segment of One Ocean Summit on 11th February, 2022.**

**Which of the following points are correct with respect to One Ocean Summit 2022?**

**A) The One Ocean summit is organized by the USA which was held in New Jersey, United States in cooperation with the United Nations and the UNEP.**

**B) During the summit, UNESCO pledged to have at least 80% of the seabed mapped by 2030 to understand the location of ocean faults.**

**C) UNESCO also announced that by 2025, ocean education will be included in the school curricula of its 193 member countries.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The One Ocean summit is organized by **France** from 9-11 February in Brest, Brittany-France in cooperation with the **United Nations** and the **World Bank** to mobilize the international community to take tangible action towards preserving and supporting healthy and sustainable ocean ecosystems.

- i. During the summit, **UNESCO** pledged to have at least **80 percent** of the seabed mapped by **2030** to understand the location of ocean faults.
- ii. **UNESCO** also announced that by **2025, ocean education** will be included in the school curricula of its 193 member countries.

**3. Which country will hold the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023?**

- 1) South Africa
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Germany
- 4) India
- 5) France

Answer- **4) India**

**Explanation:**

**India** is all set to hold the **Presidency of the G20** (Group of Twenty) from December 1, **2022 to November 30, 2023**. In this regard, on February 15, 2022, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and its reporting structures.

i. This Secretariat, functional till February 2024, will be responsible for the implementation of overall policy decisions and affairs needed for India's G20 Presidency. India to host the 2023 G20 Summit in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

**4. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2022?**

**A) It is the 12th edition of the TERI's WSDS 2022 was held with the theme of Sustainable Green Energy.**

**B) PM Narendra Modi has delivered the inaugural address at the summit & reiterated the two initiatives of LIFE (Lifestyle For Environment) & Pro Planet People (3-Ps).**

**C) Vedanta has signed an MoU with TERI to promote 'Sustainable Use of Resources for a Resilient Planet through Transformative Actions' & improve ESG goals.**

1) Only A

2) Only C

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

It is the **21st** edition of the TERI's WSDS 2022 was held with the theme of '**Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future**'.

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**5. In which Indian city, G. Kishan Reddy recently (in Feb'22) inaugurated the 1st Global Summit 2022 on 'Reimagining Museums in India'?**

1) Mumbai, Maharashtra

2) Kolkata, West Bengal

3) Hyderabad, Telangana

4) Bangalore, Karnataka

5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Answer- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Explanation:**

The Minister for Culture, Minister of Tourism and Minister of Development of the North- Eastern Region, G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the first of its kind, a 2 - Day Global Summit on '**Reimagining Museums in India**' virtually on 15th-16th February 2022 in **Hyderabad, Telangana.**

**About the summit:**

**i.** The summit has been organised under the aegis of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the flagship program on preserving, protecting, and perpetuating our cultural heritage to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

**ii.** Four themes of the online summit - Architecture and Functional Needs; Management; Collections (including Curation & Conservation practises); and, Education and Audience Engagement.



**6. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the India-UAE Virtual Summit 2022 held by PM Narendra Modi & UAE's Crown Prince H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan?**

**A) India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was signed & exchanged during the virtual summit.**

**B) MoU were signed between IFSCA, GIFT City and the Abu Dhabi Global Market Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).**

**C) The two Leaders also released Joint Commemorative Stamp on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's independence and the 50th year of UAE's foundation.**

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) Only A

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

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**7. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 28th Department of Science & Technology-Confederation of Indian Industry (DST-CII) India-Singapore Technology Summit 2022 that was held in February 2022?**

**A) The 28th edition of DST-CII India-Singapore Technology Summit 2022 was held on the theme 'Building Economies for the Future' under the chairmanship of Vipin Sondhi.**

**B) Singapore is India's largest trade partner in ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and it is the leading source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).**

**C) DST, India & the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) of Singapore signed an MoU for cooperation in science, technology and innovation.**

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A

3) Only B

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

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

**Explanation:**

The **28th** edition of DST-CII India-Singapore Technology Summit 2022 was held on the theme '**Building Economies for the Future**' under the chairmanship of **Vipin Sondhi**, who is a Chairman, CII National Mission on Technology, Innovation & Research.

**i. DST, India & the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) of Singapore signed an MoU for cooperation in science, technology and innovation.**

**ii. Singapore is India's largest trade partner in ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and it is the leading source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).**

iii. DST, India & Enterprise Singapore also signed an Implementation Agreement to start an Industrial R & D Programme to provide opportunities for Industry from both countries.

## COMMITTEE AND MEETING

1. In February 2022, the Central Government constituted a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)-Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) with a 20-member National Steering Committee for the implementation of the Ken-Betwa interlinking of rivers project.

The SPV will be headed by the CEO of Additional Secretary Rank. Who is the present Secretary at the Ministry of Jal Shakti?

- 1) Asok Kumar
- 2) Vini Mahajan
- 3) Debashree Mukherjee
- 4) Vinod Kumar
- 5) Pankaj Kumar

Answer- 5) Pankaj Kumar

### Explanation:

The Central Government has constituted a **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** i.e. Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (**KBLPA**) for the implementation of the Ken-Betwa interlinking of rivers (ILRs) project. It also formed a 20-member National Steering Committee (SC) which will monitor the implementation.

i. The **SPV** will be headed by a **CEO** (Chief Executive Officer) of additional secretary rank.

ii. On the other hand, the **committee** will be chaired by the Secretary (Currently- **Pankaj Kumar**), Ministry of Jal Shakti.

2. Which of the following is correct with respect to the 8th Annual Meeting of the Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure?

A) The Meeting was co-chaired by Rohit Kumar Singh, Consumer Affairs Secretary-India and Dr Deniela Bronstrup, Germany.

B) During the meeting Work Plan 2022 was signed by both sides to strengthen Quality Infrastructure (QI), reduce technical trade barriers.

C) Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) study was released during a meeting in which India secured 10th rank in the world for overall QI environment.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

### Explanation:

The Meeting was co-chaired by **Rohit Kumar Singh**, Consumer Affairs Secretary-India and Dr **Deniela Bronstrup**, Germany, Director General, Digital and Innovation Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)

i. During the meeting **Work Plan 2022** was signed by both sides to strengthen Quality Infrastructure (QI), reduce technical trade barriers.

ii. Global Quality Infrastructure Index (**GQII**) study was released during the meeting in which **India secured 10th rank** in the world for overall QI environment.

**3. Which of the following countries recently (in Feb'22) agreed to form a Joint Hydro Development Committee during 9th meetings of the Joint Working Group & Joint Steering Committee on bilateral power sector cooperation?**

- 1) Bangladesh & India
- 2) Nepal & India
- 3) Bhutan & India
- 4) Afghanistan & India
- 5) Sri Lanka & India

Answer- **2) Nepal & India**

**Explanation:**

**Nepal** and **India** have agreed to form a **Joint Hydro Development Committee** during the 9th meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG, Joint Secretary level) and the Joint Steering Committee (JSC, Secretary level) on bilateral power sector cooperation in Kathmandu, Nepal on 23rd and 24th February 2022.

i. The JSC meeting was co-chaired by Alok Kumar, Power Secretary, Government of India and Devendra Karki, Energy Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, Government of Nepal.

ii. The Committee will explore the development of viable hydropower projects in Nepal with a focus on storage. The task force will have a maximum of three members from both countries.

## **INDEX**

**1. The Global Digital Skills Index 2022 was released by \_\_\_\_\_ & the Index was topped by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Oracle; Brazil
- 2) Salesforce; India
- 3) Oracle; Mexico
- 4) Salesforce; Brazil
- 5) HubSpot; Thailand

Answer- **2) Salesforce; India**

**Explanation:**

**Salesforce** released the 2022 Global Digital Skills Index which highlights the growing global digital skills crisis & the need for action.

i. India topped the Index with the score **63 out of 100**, the average global readiness score was 33 out of 100.

ii. India has the highest readiness index among the 19 countries & also leads the digital skills readiness.

**2. As per the India Press Freedom Report 2021, \_\_\_\_\_ topped the list of most attacks on journalists in 2021.**

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Tripura

Answer- **3) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

As per India Press Freedom Report 2021 released by Rights and Risks Analysis Group (**RRAG**), Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) topped the list of States and Union Territories where journalists and media houses were targeted the most in 2021. It was followed by Uttar Pradesh(UP), Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Tripura.

**3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 'Reimagining Healthcare in India through Blended Finance' report released in February 2022?**

- A) The report was released by WHO India which highlighted that 50% of hospital beds in India cater to almost 35% of the population concentrated in 4 states.**
- B) India spending is 3.6 percent of its GDP in healthcare, including out-of-pocket and public expenditure.**
- C) India's public expenditure on health is the lowest among the BRICS countries while Brazil spends the most.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The report was released by **NITI Aayog** which highlighted that **65%** of hospital beds in India cater to almost **50%** of the population concentrated in **7 states**. (Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal and Kerala.)

- i.** India spending is 3.6 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in healthcare, including out-of-pocket and public expenditure.
- ii.** India's public expenditure on health is the lowest among the BRICS countries while Brazil spends the most.
- iii.** Health insurance becomes the 2nd largest portfolio with a contribution of about 20 percent of non-life insurance business.

**4. As per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), India is the \_\_\_\_ largest exporter of millets in the world (as per 2020 Data).**

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

Answer- **3) 5th**

**Explanation:**

As per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**), India is the **5th** largest exporter of millets in the world (as per the 2020 data).

- i.** India is the world leader in the production of millets with a share of around 41 percent of total global millet production in 2020.
- ii.** In 2020-21, India exported millets worth USD 26.97 million against USD 28.5 million in 2019-20.

iii. Nepal, UAE & Saudi Arabia are the top 3 Importers of millets from India in 2020-21.

**5. As per the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2021/2022 Report, India secured \_\_\_\_ rank in the category of easiest places to start a new business, while \_\_\_\_ topped the list.**

- 1) 2nd; Sweden
- 2) 4th; Saudi Arabia
- 3) 2nd; Netherlands
- 4) 3rd; Saudi Arabia
- 5) 4th; Sweden

**Answer- 2) 4th; Saudi Arabia**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the “Global Entrepreneurship Monitor **2021/2022 Global Report: Opportunity Amid Disruption**”, unveiled at the Dubai Expo, India is among the top five easiest places to start a new business & low-income economies.

- i. Easy to start a business category **India** placed **4th** globally. It was topped by **Saudi Arabia** and followed by Netherlands & Sweden.
- ii. There are good opportunities to start a business in their area As per this, India secured 2nd place globally Saudi Arabia Topped in this Category.

**6. As per the TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021, Mumbai, India secured a \_\_\_\_ rank while \_\_\_\_ secured the 1st place as the most congested city in the world.**

- 1) 4th; Istanbul, Turkey
- 2) 5th; Kyiv, Ukraine
- 3) 3rd; Bogota, Colombia
- 4) 5th; Istanbul, Turkey
- 5) 3rd; Kyiv, Ukraine

**Answer- 4) 5th; Istanbul, Turkey**

**Explanation:**

As per the **TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021**, **Mumbai** has been ranked at **5th**, **Bengaluru** at **10th** in terms of the most congested cities in the world in 2021. Delhi and Pune ranked 11th and 21st among 404 cities across 58 countries, according to TomTom Traffic Index’s global top 25 lists.

**i. Istanbul, Turkey** has been declared as the **most congested city in the world** as per the ranking, while Moscow region (Oblast) Russia came in second. Kyiv, Ukraine (3rd), Bogota, Colombia (4th) respectively.

**7. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the ‘Democracy Index 2021’ released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in February 2022?**

- A) India has ranked 32nd position in the 2021 Democracy Index’s global ranking, while Finland topped the Index.**
  - B) Out of 167 countries 52 as flawed democracies are included in the index, India is also under flawed democracies.**
  - C) Under International ranking, Asia ranked 4th, while North America was ranked at 1st position followed by Western Europe.**
- 1) Only A
  - 2) Only B
  - 3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

**India** has ranked **46th position** in the 2021 Democracy Index's global ranking, while **Norway tops. Afghanistan** is the **least democratic country**.

**i.** Out of **167** countries, **52** as flawed democracies are there in the index, India is also under flawed democracies.

**ii.** Under International ranking, **Asia** ranked **4th** while **North America** was ranked at **1st** position followed by Western Europe.

**8. As per the Deloitte 2022 CxO Sustainability Report, what is the rank of Indian businesses in their concern for climate change?**

1) 2nd

2) 7th

3) 5th

4) 3rd

5) 6th

Answer- **3) 5th**

**Explanation:**

As per the 'Deloitte 2022 CxO Sustainability Report: The Disconnect Between Ambition and Impact' Indian businesses acknowledge the risks of climate inaction and ranks 5th amongst 21 countries in their concern for climate change.

**i.** The report was released by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (DTTL). DTTL is also known as Deloitte Global.

**ii.** The report is based on a survey of 2,083 C-level executives. The survey was conducted by KS&R Inc. and Deloitte, during September and October 2021

**9. Which state/UT became India's millionaire capital with 20,300 millionaire households according to Hurun India Wealth Report 2021?**

1) Bengaluru, Karnataka

2) Hyderabad, Telangana

3) Mumbai, Maharashtra

4) Kolkata, West Bengal

5) Delhi, New Delhi

Answer- **3) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

According to Hurun India Wealth Report 2021, **Maharashtra's Mumbai** became **India's millionaire capital**, with 20,300 millionaires households. It is followed by Delhi and Kolkata with 17,400 and 10,500 millionaire households, respectively.

**i.** The number of dollar-millionaire households in India increased by 11% to 4,58,000 households compared to 2020. The report was released by Hurun Report.

**ii.** The number of Indian dollar millionaire households is estimated to increase by 30% over the next five years and the number will reach up to 6,00,000 households by 2026.

**iii.** The Hurun Research Institute surveyed 350 Indian 'millionaires', individuals with a personal wealth of \$1 million (or about Rs 7 crore).

# ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

**1. In February 2022, NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN) Ltd acquired a \_\_\_\_ stake in Power Exchange of India Limited (PXIL).**

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

Answer- **2) 5%**

**Explanation:**

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited has acquired a **5%** equity stake in Power Exchange of India Limited (PXIL).

**i.** NVVN has purchased these shares from the National Stock Exchange (NSE) Investments Limited (NSE Investments), a co-promoter shareholder of PXIL.

**About PXIL:**

**i. Establishment** – 2008

**ii.** PXIL is India's 1st institutionally promoted power exchange, promoted by NSE Investment Limited & National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) Limited for providing innovative and credible solutions.

**2. Competition Commission of India (CCI) recently (in Feb'22) approved the acquisition of Additional Equity Shares of Escorts Ltd by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Valtra Ltd
- 2) Kubota Corporation
- 3) Case Corporation
- 4) Yanmar Ltd
- 5) Komatsu Ltd

Answer- **2) Kubota Corporation**

**Explanation:**

The **CCI** approved the acquisition of certain additional equity shares of **Escorts Ltd** by **Kubota Corporation**.

**i.** The shares of Escorts Ltd will be acquired through preferential allotment and a mandatory tender offer in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011.

**About Competition Commission of India (CCI):**

CCI was established in 2003, under the provisions of the Competition act 2002.

**Fully Operational-** March, 2009

**Chairperson-** Ashok Kumar Gupta

**3. In February 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ Raised its stake to 9.9% in India International Clearing Corporation (IICC) at IFSC GIFT City.**

- 1) YES Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank

4) IndusInd Bank

5) Axis Bank

Answer- **2) ICICI Bank**

**Explanation:**

**ICICI Bank** Limited has bought additional stake in India International Clearing Corporation (**IICC**) at International Financial Services centre (**IFSC**) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (**GIFT City**), Gujarat for Rs 4.43 crore, raising to **9.90 percent**.

i. Around 44,262,356 equity shares at Rs. 1 per share were allotted to ICICI Bank on 2nd February 2022 for a cash consideration of Rs 44.3 million (Rs 4.43 crore).

**About ICICI Bank Limited:**

**Establishment** – 1994

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**MD & CEO** – Sandeep Bakhshi

**Tagline** – ‘Hum Hain Na Khayal Apka’

**4. In February 2022, which of the following companies got approval from CCI to acquire the athenahealth Group?**

1) Minerva Holdco

2) Hellman & Friedman LLC

3) Bain Capital

4) GIC Special Investments

5) All the above

Answer- **5) All the above**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**), has approved the acquisition of **athenahealth Group, Inc.**, by the funds managed and advised by Hellman & Friedman LLC (**H&F**), Bain Capital Investors LLC (**Bain**), and GIC Special Investments Pte. Ltd (**GICSI**), and **Minerva Holdco, Inc.**

i. The proposed combination is an acquisition of control, shares, voting rights under Section **5(a)** of the **Competition Act**.

**5. In which company did Reliance New Energy recently (in Feb'22) acquired an additional 10.37% stake for Rs. 738 crore from its promoters?**

1) Swelect Energy Systems

2) Websol Energy Systems

3) Inox Wind

4) Sterling & Wilson Renewable Energy

5) Suzlon Energy

Answer- **4) Sterling & Wilson Renewable Energy**

**Explanation:**

A subsidiary of Reliance Industries, Reliance New Energy (**RNEL**) has acquired an additional **10.37%** stake in Sterling & Wilson Renewable Energy (**SWREL**) for **₹738 crore** from its **promoters**.

i. The promoters include Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Private Limited (1.53 crore equity shares of SWREL) and Khurshed Daruvala (42.86 lakh equity shares of SWREL).

ii. After the acquisition, RNEL holds 40.00% of the total paid-up equity share capital of SWREL.



**6. Name the bank that recently (in Feb'22) acquired a 21% stake in Union Bank of India in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company.**

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

**Answer- 2) Bank of Baroda**

**Explanation:**

Bank of Baroda (**BoB**) is set to acquire a **21% stake** in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (**IndiaFirst Life / IFLIC**) from Union Bank of India (**UBI**).

**i.** The acquisition is pursuant to a '**Right of First Offer (ROFO)**' made by UBI to the existing shareholders of IndiaFirst Life, to divest 21% of its stake in IndiaFirst Life.

**ii.** At present, the shareholding in IFIC is BoB holds 44%, Carmel Point Investments India holds 26% and Union Bank holds 30%.

**7. In February 2022, Sona Company got approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire a certain stake in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Sajjan India Ltd
- 2) Aarti Industries Ltd
- 3) BASF India Ltd
- 4) India Glycols Ltd
- 5) Bayer CropScience Ltd

**Answer- 1) Sajjan India Ltd**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) has approved the acquisition of a certain stake in **Sajjan India Limited** by **Sona Company Private Limited**, a portfolio company under CVC Capital Partners.

**i.** The acquisition amounts to a combination under **Section 5(a)(ii)(B)** of the Competition Act, 2002.

**Note-** Sona Company is an investment company, **incorporated** under the laws of **Singapore**.

**8. Which company recently (in Feb'22) invested in Zand, an upcoming digital bank in the UAE?**

- 1) L & T Group
- 2) Aditya Birla Group
- 3) Bajaj Group
- 4) Tata Group
- 5) Adani Group

**Answer- 2) Aditya Birla Group**

**Explanation:**

The Aditya Birla Group has invested an undisclosed amount in Zand, an upcoming digital bank in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Following the launch, Zand will be the first digital bank to provide both retail and corporate services.

**i.** With this investment, Aditya Birla Group has joined the investors of Zand as shareholders in the bank.

**9. Name the bank that has “Not” recently (on Feb '22) announced the subscription to the shares of India Debt Resolution Company Ltd. (IDRCL)?**

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

**Answer- 5) Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

State Bank of India (SBI), Bank of Baroda (BoB), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Union Bank of India (UBI), Canara Bank, and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM), has announced the subscription to the shares of India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL).

i. The Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Public Financial Institutions (FIs) will hold a maximum of 49% stake in IDRCL and the remaining will be with Private sector lenders.

**Details of Equity stakes in IDRCL:**

- State Bank of India- 12.30%
- Bank of Baroda- 12.30%
- Punjab National Bank- 11.18%
- Union Bank of India- 12.30%
- Canara Bank- 14.90%
- Bank of Maharashtra- 6.21%

**10. In February 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ bank signed an agreement to acquire a \_\_\_\_\_ stake for a cash investment of INR 19.99 crore with Verve Financial Services (VFSPL).**

- 1) ICICI Bank; 9.49%
- 2) Axis Bank; 7.45%
- 3) HDFC Bank; 9.49%
- 4) ICICI Bank; 7.45%
- 5) Axis Bank; 8.12%

**Answer- 1) ICICI Bank; 9.49%**

**Explanation:**

**ICICI Bank** signed an agreement with Verve Financial Services (VFSPL). The bank has acquired a 9.49% stake for a cash investment of INR 19.99 crore in the equity shares of VFSPL.

i. The investment agreement is expected to be completed by the **end of March 2022**. Later, ICICI Bank will hold a 9.49% stake (on a fully diluted basis) in VFSPL through the acquisition of 2,29,600 equity shares.

**About ICICI Bank:**

**CEO & MD**– Sandeep Bakhshi

**Headquarters**- Vadodara, Gujarat

**Founded**-1994

**11. In February 2022, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) increased its stake from 4.959% to 5.044% in which company?**

- 1) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd
- 2) STCI Finance Ltd
- 3) Capri Global Capital Ltd

- 4) Muthoot Capital Services Ltd
- 5) Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd

Answer- **3) Capri Global Capital Ltd**

**Explanation:**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) has acquired 0.085% additional stakes of Capri Global Capital Ltd (**CGCL**) through market purchase and **increased** its stake in **CGCL** from **4.959% to 5.044%**.

- i. CGCL is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- ii. LIC has acquired 150000 shares (0.085%) carrying voting rights.

**12. Name the company that recently (in Feb'22) got approved by CCI to acquire a stake in ISMT Limited under the Section 5(a) of the Competition Act, 2002.**

- 1) Aamvi Global Ferrous Private Ltd
- 2) Hindalco Industries Ltd
- 3) Shubh Ferrous Private Ltd
- 4) Hindustan Zinc Ltd
- 5) Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd

Answer- **5) Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) has approved the acquisition of stakes in **ISMT Limited** by **Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited**, a flagship company of Kirloskar Group.

- i. The Proposed Combination is notifiable under Section 5(a) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- ii. Under this combination, Kirloskar Ferrous Industries seeks to acquire up to 51.25% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the ISMT and will acquire up to 76.3% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the ISMT.

**13. Which company signed an agreement with Vodafone to buy a 4.7% equity stake in Indus Towers?**

- 1) Bharti Airtel
- 2) Reliance Jio
- 3) BSNL
- 4) MTNL
- 5) Tata Docomo

Answer- **1) Bharti Airtel**

**Explanation:**

**Bharti Airtel Limited**, also known as Airtel, has signed an agreement with Vodafone to purchase 4.7% equity interest in Indus Towers. The agreement has been signed on the condition that the amount paid shall be inducted by Vodafone as fresh equity in Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) and simultaneously remitted to Indus Towers to clear VIL's outstanding dues.

- i. The deal is expected to be in the range of Rs 3,000 crore.

**About Bharti Airtel Limited (Airtel):**

**MD & CEO (India & South Asia)**– Gopal Vittal

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi.

# DEFENCE

**1. Indian Armed Forces recently (in Feb'22) received the first batch of 70,000 Ak-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles from which Country?**

- 1) UAE
- 2) Russia
- 3) France
- 4) USA
- 5) Israel

Answer- **2) Russia**

**Explanation:**

The **Indian Armed Forces** received the 1st batch of 70,000 **Ak-203** Kalashnikov assault rifles from **Russia**, which will be commissioned into the Indian Air Force.

- i. The Rs. 5,124 crore worth contract for this procurement was signed on 6 December 2021 between India and Russia, under which Indian Armed Forces placed an order for 670,000 rifles, with 600,000 of them for the Indian Army.
- ii. The lightweight AK-203 Rifles will succeed the military's in-service **INSAS** (Indian Small Arms System) **Rifle**.

**2. Which Company recently (in Feb'22) signed a Rs. 3,131.82 crore contract with the Indian Army for supply of Konkurs-M Anti-Tank Missiles?**

- 1) Bharat Electronic Ltd
- 2) HAL
- 3) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- 4) ISRO
- 5) DRDO

Answer- **3) Bharat Dynamics Ltd**

**Explanation:**

A contract has been inked between Bharat Dynamics Limited (**BDL**) and the **Indian Army** worth Rs 3,131.82 crore in New Delhi, Delhi for the manufacturing and supply of Konkurs-M, anti-tank guided missile, by BDL under a license agreement with a Russian Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

- i. This contract will be executed in three years.

**3. Name the company that recently (in Feb'22) signed a contract with the Ministry of Defence to develop a High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (HAPS).**

- 1) Bharat Electronics Ltd
- 2) NewSpace Research & Technologies Pvt. Ltd
- 3) Boeing India Pvt. Ltd
- 4) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- 5) BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd

Answer- **2) NewSpace Research & Technologies Pvt. Ltd**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed up a design and development contract with **NewSpace Research & Technologies**, a Bengaluru-based company to develop a High Altitude Pseudo Satellite

**(HAPS)** which will be able to conduct surveillance operations and support communications by staying airborne for months at a stretch.

**i.** The HAPS Unarmed Aerial Vehicle (**UAV**) will fly in the stratosphere with cutting edge aerospace development. The UAV is being designed to fly at 70,000 feet.

**ii.** The project is mentored under MoD's Innovations for Defence Excellence (**IDEX**) initiative, and is supported by the armed forces and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**)

**4. Which of the following Indian Air Force (IAF)'s aircraft represents India at the Singapore Air Show 2022 held at the Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore in February 2022?**

1) Sukhoi Su-27

2) Tejas MK-I

3) Kiran MK-II

4) MiG-21

5) Dhruv MK-III

**Answer- 2) Tejas MK-I**

**Explanation:**

Indian Air Force (**IAF**) contingent participated in the **Singapore Air Show 2022** held from 15th to 18th February 2022 at the Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore. India showcased the IAF's 'Made in India' Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) **Tejas Mark-One (MK-1)**, a 4th generation fighter aircraft.

Singapore Air Show is a biennial event that provides a platform for the Global Aviation Industry to showcase its products. This is Asia's largest Aerospace and Defence event.

**About Tejas LCA:**

**i.** The Indian fighter jet, Tejas, was developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the IAF and Indian Navy in collaboration with the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA).

**ii.** Tejas LCA is powered by a General Electric F404-GE-IN20 engine and can carry a maximum payload of 3,500 kg.

**Features:**

- Length 13.2 m.
- Wingspan 8.2 m.
- Height 4.4 m.
- Max Take off Weight 13.5 Tonnes(T).
- Service Ceiling 16 km

**5. The bilateral air exercise named 'Eastern Bridge-VI' was commenced between India & \_\_\_\_\_ in Jodhpur Air Force Station in Rajasthan.**

1) Indonesia

2) UAE

3) France

4) Saudi Arabia

5) Oman

**Answer- 5) Oman**

**Explanation:**

The 6th edition of the 5-day **bilateral air exercise** between the Indian Air Force (**IAF**) and the Royal Air Force of Oman (**RAFO**) namely '**Eastern Bridge-VI**' commenced at Jodhpur Air Force Station in Rajasthan.

**Objective:** This exercise is an opportunity to enhance operational capability and interoperability between the two Air Forces.

**Participants:**

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has deployed a fleet of Sukhoi-30MKIs, Jaguar and Mirage-2000 fighter jets for the sixth edition of the exercise 'Eastern Bridge'.
- The Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) has deployed its F-16 jets.

**6. Name the country that recently (in Feb '22) tested the iron dome based naval defence system named "C-Dome or Protective Dome" by Maven Naval Warship.**

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) Iran
- 3) UAE
- 4) Israel
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- **4) Israel**

**Explanation:**

**Israel** successfully test-fired its "C-Dome or Protective Dome" naval defence system based on Iron Dome which was tested against rockets, cruise missiles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). The C-Dome was successfully tested for the first time from Saar-6 Corvette **INS Magen**, Israel's Naval Warship.

**About The "C-Dome or Protective Dome" Missiles:**

- i. The C-Dome is a multilayer missile defence system, alongside the Arrow and David's Sling systems which is capable of intercepting everything from long-range missiles to short-range rockets.
- ii. Rafael developed the Iron Dome, a mobile all-weather air defence system.
- iii. The C-Dome has a speed of Mach 2.2 (2716.56 kmph).

**7. The 1st batch of 3 MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters are expected to arrive India in July 2022 in Kochi, Kerala.**

**Which country will deliver the MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters to India?**

- 1) Israel
- 2) UAE
- 3) US
- 4) France
- 5) Russia

Answer- **3) US**

**Explanation:**

The **first batch of three MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters** is expected to arrive in India in July 2022 in Kochi, Kerala. These three helicopters were already handed over by the United States (**US**) in 2021 but Indian pilots were using these helicopters for training purposes in Pensacola, San Diego and Florida of US.

- i. The MH-60R Multi-Role helicopters will replace Sea King 42/42A helicopters, which were decommissioned in the 1990s.
- ii. These helicopters are expected to be deployed on indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- iii. In 2020, India signed a USD 2.2 billion deal for MH-60R helicopters built by Lockheed Martin during the visit of former U.S. President Donald Trump. All deliveries will be completed by 2025.

**8. In February 2022, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract for Rs 1075 crore with Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) for the retro-modification of Commander Sight in 957 T-90 battle tanks.**

**Which of the following organizations jointly developed the sight with BEL?**

- 1) DRDO
- 2) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- 3) HAL
- 4) ISRO
- 5) Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd

**Answer- 1) DRDO**

**Explanation:**

The Acquisition Wing of the Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) signed a contract for **Rs 1075 crore** with Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) for the retro-modification of Commander Sight in 957 India's premier Battle Tanks i.e. T-90 of the Indian Army.

- i.** T-90's present Image Converter (IC) tube-based sight for night viewing will be replaced with the advanced Mid Wave Thermal Image (**MWIR**) based sight which is jointly designed and developed by **DRDO** (Defence Research and Development Organization) and **BEL**. This modification is based on the requirement by the Indian Army.
- ii.** With these modifications, the Commander of T-90 can detect, engage and neutralize the targets with phenomenal accuracy.

**9. Name the multilateral exercise of the Indian Navy which commenced in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh with the theme of "Camaraderie, Cohesion, Collaboration".**

- 1) VARUNA 2022
- 2) MILAN 2022
- 3) JIMEX 2022
- 4) INDRA 2022
- 5) SIMBEX 2022

**Answer- 2) MILAN 2022**

**Explanation:**

The 11th edition of the Indian Navy's multilateral exercise '**MILAN 2022**' commenced in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh** the 'City of Destiny', commemorating India's 75th year of independence in 2022. It is being hosted by the **Eastern Naval Command**.

- i.** MILAN 22 was scheduled to be conducted for 9 days in two phases with the harbour phase from 25th to 28th February 2022 and Sea Phase from 1st to 4th March 2022.
- ii.** Theme - 'Camaraderie - Cohesion - Collaboration' which aims to project India as a responsible maritime power to the world at large.
- iii.** MILAN 22 witnesses participation of more than 40 countries with a focus on exercises at sea including exercises in surface, sub-surface and air domains and weapon firings.
- iv.** On 27th - 28th February 2022 MILAN 22 will also host an International Maritime Seminar with the theme - 'Harnessing Collective Maritime Competence through Collaboration'.

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**1. Which country recently (in Feb'22) tested fired Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRMB) named "Hwasong-12"?**

- 1) UAE
- 2) Japan
- 3) North Korea
- 4) China
- 5) South Korea

**Answer- 3) North Korea**

**Explanation:**

**North Korea** successfully test fired an Intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), "**Hwasong-12**" from North Korea's Jagang Province toward the East Sea.

This is North Korea's seventh test fire in 2022.

Purpose – To verify the overall accuracy of the missile.

**2. The Indian Navy recently (in Feb'22) flight tested the Rafale-M Fighter Jet that will be deployed in which INS?**

- 1) INS Khukri
- 2) INS Visakhapatnam
- 3) INS Rajput
- 4) INS Vikrant
- 5) INS Arihant

**Answer- 4) INS Vikrant**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Navy successfully flight tested the marine version of French-made Rafale-Maritime (Rafale-M) fighter jets at Shore Based Test Facility at Indian Navy Ship (INS) Hansa in Goa where conditions similar to that on the indigenously-developed aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant** were simulated

**About INS Vikrant:**

i.INS Vikrant which is codenamed as Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 1 (IAC 1), is an aircraft carrier constructed by the Cochin Shipyard for the Indian Navy that is currently in sea trials near the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

IAC 1 is expected to be commissioned as 'INS Vikrant' on 15th August 2022.

**3. Name the 5th Scorpene-class submarine that was recently (in Feb'22) commenced its 1st Sea trial.**

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

**Answer- 4) INS Vagir**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Navy's new submarine, **Vagir**, the fifth of six French-designed Scorpene-class submarines (Kalvari-class), built as part of Project 75 commenced its first sea trial on 01, February 2022.



- i. The submarine was launched in November 2020 from Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ii. The submarine-designated 'Yard 11879' during its construction by MDL in collaboration with the Naval Group of France and will be named 'Vagir' after it is commissioned into service.

**4. Name the Institute that recently (in Feb'22) installed & commissioned One of India's most Powerful Supercomputers named 'Param Pravega' under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).**

- 1) IIT Ropar
- 2) IIT Bombay
- 3) IIT Kanpur
- 4) IIT Madras
- 5) IISc Bengaluru

Answer- **IISc Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**), **Bengaluru**, Karnataka has installed and commissioned 'Param Pravega', one of the most powerful supercomputers in India, and the largest in an Indian academic institution under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

- i. The system has a total supercomputing capacity of 3.3 petaflops (1 petaflop equals a quadrillion (one quadrillion =  $10^{15}$  or  $10^{24}$ ) operations per second).

**5. Which Organization recently (in Feb'22) launched an intelligence satellite named 'NROL-87' for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)?**

- 1) OneWeb
- 2) JAXA
- 3) SpaceX
- 4) Blue Origin
- 5) NASA

Answer- **3) SpaceX**

**Explanation:**

An intelligence satellite namely '**NROL-87**' for the United States (US) National Reconnaissance Office (**NRO**) was launched into space through a two-stage **SpaceX** Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) in California, US.

- i. NROL-87 is described as the 'national security payload' with an outlay of \$50 Million.

**6. Google recently (in FEB'22) launched 'New Chromebook devices' focusing on which sector?**

- 1) Education
- 2) Healthcare
- 3) eCommerce
- 4) Marketing
- 5) MSME

Answer- **1) Education**

**Explanation:**

**Google** has introduced a new line of secure & sustainable **Chromebook devices** for **education**. The devices with updated programmes, resources and Chrome OS advances will play a major role in the classroom and support 50 million students and teachers to learn and collaborate from any location.

i. Chromebooks run on **Chrome OS**, a Google operating system (OS), based on the Google Chrome browser.

**7. The International Space Station (ISS), which was launched in 1998, is projected to drop into the Pacific Ocean in \_\_\_\_\_ after the expiry of its operation period.**

- 1) 2028
- 2) 2026
- 3) 2029
- 4) 2025
- 5) 2031

Answer- **5) 2031**

**Explanation:**

According to The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**), the International Space Station (**ISS**), launched in 1998 will **deorbit** in January 2031 that drops into the most remotest point in the **Pacific Ocean** in **2031**. ISS will continue its operations till 2030.

**i. About ISS deorbiting:** Once out of orbit, the ISS would descend in Point Nemo before splash-landing, which is about **2,700 km** from any land.

**ii.** NASA has announced a new transition plan for '**low-Earth orbit science**' which will be launched by Blue Origin, Nanoracks LLC and Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation.

**8. The ISRO-Space Application Centre (SAC) & \_\_\_\_\_ recently (in Feb'22) demonstrated Quantum Entanglement using real-time Quantum Key Distribution (QKD).**

- 1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 2) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
- 3) Physical Research Laboratory
- 4) Raman Research Institute
- 5) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

Answer- **3) Physical Research Laboratory**

**Explanation:**

Scientists from Ahmedabad-based Space Applications Centre (**SAC**) and Physical Research Laboratory (**PRL**) successfully demonstrated quantum entanglement based real time Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), a major step towards satellite-based quantum communication.

**i.** Space Applications Centre (SAC) is one of the major centers of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

**9. In February 2022, which communications satellite was decommissioned by ISRO through 11 manoeuvres after successful completion of 14 years of on-orbit operation?**

- 1) CMS-01
- 2) INSAT-4E
- 3) GSAT-15
- 4) INSAT-4B
- 5) INSAT-1A

Answer- **4) INSAT-4B**

**Explanation:**

**ISRO** has decommissioned **INSAT-4B** through **11 manoeuvres** that pushed the communication satellite into a desired orbit mandated by international guidelines.

- i. The finally achieved orbit is about 340km above geostationary (GEO) altitude, in perfect compliance with IADC guidelines for space debris mitigation of GEO objects.
- ii. The INSAT-4B has completed around **14 years** of on-orbit operations.

**10. Which company recently (in Feb'22) delivered 3 Floating Border Out-Post (FBOPs) vessels to the water wing of Border Security Force (BSF)?**

- 1) Cochin Shipyard Ltd
- 2) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd
- 3) Goa Shipyard Ltd
- 4) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd
- 5) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd

**Answer- 1) Cochin Shipyard Ltd**

**Explanation:**

The Cochin Shipyard Limited (**CSL**) under the Ministry of Ports, Ships & Waterways delivered the **three** Floating Border Out-Post (**FBOPs**) vessels to the Border Security Force (**BSF**) for its water wing.

- i. With this, CSL has delivered six vessels out of nine FBOPs being built for the BSF and the 3 vessels will be deployed at Sundarbans near Indo-Bangladesh border waters.
- ii. These vessels are **designed** in-house by **CSL** & **classed** by **Indian Register of Shipping**.

**11. Vijay Raghavan recently (in Feb'22) launched Beta Version of Swarajability, India's 1st AI-based platform for specially-abled jobseekers.**

**Which Institute developed the Platform?**

- 1) IIT-Madras
- 2) IIT-Bombay
- 3) IIT-Hyderabad
- 4) IIT-Kanpur
- 5) IIT-Indore

**Answer- 3) IIT-Hyderabad**

**Explanation:**

A beta version of Swarajability, **India's 1st job portal powered by artificial intelligence (AI)** for specially-abled jobseekers has been launched by Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Union Government .

- i. The portal is developed by Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Hyderabad**, Telangana in association with Youth4Jobs, Visual Quest and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

**12. Name the Second Earth Trojan Asteroid which will share its orbit for next 4,000 years.**

- 1) 2020 XE8
- 2) 2021 24E
- 3) 2020 XL5
- 4) 2021 2B
- 5) 2022 AA8

**Answer- 3) 2020 XL5**

**Explanation:**

An International team of astronomers led by researcher Toni Santana-Ros, from the University of Alicante and the ICCUB have confirmed the existence of a **second Earth Trojan** that was discovered by

the **Pan-STARRS S1 telescope** in Hawaii survey in **2020** and is named **2020 XL5** (C-type or carbonaceous asteroid).

- i.** It is a 1.18 km wide near-earth asteroid (NEO) that is expected to stay in orbit for the next **4,000 years** before deviating away.
- ii.** The **first** known Earth Trojan asteroid was 2010 TK7, just about 0.3 km wide, and discovered in 2010.
- iii.** The 2020 XL5 findings were published in Nature in February 2022.

**13. Which organization recently (in Feb'22) selected the Multi-slit Solar Explorer (MUSE) & HelioSwarm missions to improve understanding of the Sun-Earth connection?**

- 1) ISRO
- 2) Blue Origin
- 3) NASA
- 4) SpaceX
- 5) JAXA

Answer- **3) NASA**

**Explanation:**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) has selected two science missions – the Multi-slit Solar Explorer (**MUSE**) and **HelioSwarm** to help improve our understanding of the dynamics of the Sun, **the Sun-Earth connection**, and the constantly changing space environment.

- i.** The **MUSE mission** helps scientists in understanding the forces driving the heating of the Sun's corona and the eruptions in that outermost region.
- ii.** The **HelioSwarm mission** is a constellation or 'swarm' of 9 spacecraft that will capture the 1st multiscale in-space measurements of fluctuations in the magnetic field and motions of the solar wind known as solar wind turbulence.

**14. Name the Organization that recently (in Feb'22) launched the COSMO-SkyMed Second Generation FM2 satellite through Falcon 9 rocket from Florida, United States.**

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

Answer- **1) SpaceX**

**Explanation:**

**SpaceX** has finally launched **COSMO** (COnstellation of small Satellites for the Mediterranean basin Observation)-**SkyMed Second Generation FM2** (CSG-2) satellite, an Italian Earth-observation satellite aboard its Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States (US).

- i. Objective** – It will monitor the Earth and provide data risk management, cartography, forest & environment protection, natural resources exploration, land management, defence and security, maritime surveillance, food & agriculture management.
- ii.** The Satellite was built by Thales Alenia Space & funded by the Italian Space Agency.

**15. Which of the following satellites were recently (February 2022) launched into a sun-synchronous polar orbit at 529 km altitude from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota by ISRO using PSLV-C52 rocket?**

- 1) INSPIRESat-1
- 2) EOS-04
- 3) INS-2TD
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISROs) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C52) successfully injected Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-04), with 2 rideshare satellites viz, INSPIRESat-1 & INS-2TD into a sun-synchronous polar orbit of 529 km altitude from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota Range (SHAR), Andhra Pradesh.

**i. EOS-04** satellite weighs about 1,710 kg, generating 2,280 Watt power with a mission life of 10 years.

**ii. INSPIRESat-1** satellite is around 8.1-kilogram with 1-year mission life.

**iii. INS-2TD**, satellite weighs around 17.5 kilograms with 6 months operational lifetime and it.

**16. Which company recently (in Feb'22) announced the joint venture with Société Européenne des Satellites (SES) to provide satellite-based broadband services in India?**

- 1) SpaceX technologies
- 2) Bharat Broadband Network Ltd
- 3) Jio Platform Ltd
- 4) Hughes Network System
- 5) Bharti Airtel Limited

**Answer- 3) Jio Platform Ltd**

**Explanation:**

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)'s Jio Platform Ltd (JPL) announced the joint venture with Société Européenne des Satellites (SES), a Luxembourg firm, to offer satellite-based broadband communication in India.

**i.** It is a multi-year capacity purchase agreement, purchase of gateways and equipment with a total value of circa USD100 million.

**i.** Under the joint venture, JPL owns 51 % and SES owns 49 %. This venture will use multi-orbit space networks that are a combination of geostationary (GEO) and medium earth orbit (MEO) satellite constellations.

**17. Which country recently (in Feb'22) launched long range ballistic Surface to Surface missile named 'Khaibar Shekan' (Khaibar buster)?**

- 1) UAE
- 2) Iran
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Qatar
- 5) Israel

**Answer- 2) Iran**

**Explanation:**

Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of Iran revealed a new domestically-made long range ballistic Surface to Surface missile, 'Khaibar Shekan' (Khaibar buster) with a range of 1,450 kilometres (km)(900 Miles), a day after Tehran (Iran) and Washington (United States (US)) resumed indirect talks of a 2015 nuclear deal.

- i. Iran, which has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East, says its ballistic missiles have a range of up to 2,000 km (1,200 miles) and are capable of reaching its arch-foe Israel and U.S. bases in the region.
- ii. This long-range missile is domestically manufactured by the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC)

**18. Name the Organization that recently (in Feb'22) launched the 'Quit Tobacco App' to help people quit tobacco use in all forms.**

- 1) UN-Habitat
- 2) UNICEF
- 3) WHO
- 4) UNDRR
- 5) UNEP

Answer- **3) WHO**

**Explanation:**

The World Health Organization (WHO) launched the 'Quit Tobacco App' to help people quit tobacco use in all forms including smokeless and other related products.

- i. It is a first-of-its-kind app which helps users identify the triggers, set their targets, manage cravings, and stay focused on quitting tobacco.
- ii. The 'WHO Quit Tobacco App' is the first such initiative of the WHO. It was launched during WHO's year-long 'Commit to quit' tobacco control campaign.

**19. In February 2022, SpaceX engineer Anna Menon & three other members were announced as the crew members for which space mission?**

- 1) Starship
- 2) Polaris Dawn
- 3) Artemis
- 4) Skylab
- 5) Space Shuttle

Answer- **2) Polaris Dawn**

**Explanation:**

SpaceX engineer Anna Menon will be among the crew of a unique space mission announced by Jared Isaacman, who led the world's first all-private space crew in 'Inspiration4 mission' into orbit in 2021.

- i. The new mission is named Polaris Dawn which is targeted to launch in the fourth quarter of 2022 carrying 4 crew members from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ii. Anna Menon will be Mission Specialist and Medical Officer and other three members are Jared Issaacman, Scott Poteet and Sarah Gillis.

**20. Name the Indian Navy's Warship that recently (in Feb'22) tested-fire the BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile off the western seaboard.**

- 1) INS Kalvari
- 2) INS Vela

- 3) INS Imphal
- 4) INS Vagir
- 5) INS Visakhapatnam

Answer- **5) INS Visakhapatnam**

**Explanation:**

Indian Navy's warship INS Visakhapatnam, a type of stealth guided-missile destroyer, carried out the test-firing of the advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile off the western seaboard.

i. The warship which has reached Visakhapatnam will take part in the President's Fleet Review that will be held on 21st February 2022.

**21. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAYG) scheme (as of February 2022)?**

**A) Recently, the PMAYG Dashboard was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to monitor the implementation of the scheme.**

**B) It was developed by the National Informatics Centre of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology under the policy of Zero tolerance against corruption.**

**C) PMAY-G was launched in 2016 with the objective of providing "Housing to All" by 2024.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**) launched the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (**PMAYG**) **Dashboard** to monitor the implementation of the scheme.

i. This portal has been developed on the lines of the Government's policy of Zero tolerance against corruption by the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) to provide complete transparency in the implementation of the PMAYG.

ii. Launched in **2016**, **PMAY-G** is a revamped rural housing programme namely 'Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)' initiated in January 1996. PMAY-G was introduced to boost the "**Housing for All**" **scheme by 2024**.

**22. The indigenous underwater submersible vehicle called "Matsya 6000" will be launched in 2024 for the Samudrayaan Mission.**

**The MATSYA 6000 was designed by which organization?**

- 1) Goa Shipyard Ltd
- 2) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 3) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd
- 4) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 5) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

Answer- **2) Indian Space Research Organisation**

**Explanation:**

The indigenously developed manned underwater submersible vehicle, **Matsya 6000** that is capable of taking 3 humans to a depth of 6,000 metres (m), will be ready for its launch in **2024** for the **Samudrayaan Mission**.

**i.** MATSYA 6000 is an undersea submersible vehicle **designed** by the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) and **developed** by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (**MoES**) **under** the aegis of Deep Ocean Mission (**DOM**). The navigation and electronics aspects of the vehicle were designed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (**NIOT**), **MoES**.

**ii.** Matsya 6000 is 2.1 m in diameter with a Titanium Alloy Personnel Sphere of 80 mm thickness that uses battery-powered propulsion that can reach a maximum depth of 6,000 metres.

**iii.** It has an operational capacity of 12 hours and during emergencies, it can operate up to 96 hours for deep ocean exploration of non-living resources

**iv.** It will study cobalt crust, hydrothermal sulphides, hydrates and polymetallic manganese nodules in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

**23. Name the largest giant Radio Galaxy (as of Feb '22) was discovered by European astronomers.**

- 1) Comet Galaxy
- 2) ESO 306-17
- 3) Hercules A
- 4) IC 1101
- 5) Alcyoneus

Answer- **5) Alcyoneus**

**Explanation:**

European astronomers, led by Martijn S.S.L. Oei of Leiden University, the Netherlands, have reported the detection of a new giant radio galaxy (**GRG**) as part of the Low-Frequency Array (LOFAR) Two-meter Sky Survey (LoTSS).

**i.** The newly found GRG, dubbed GRG **Alcyoneus**, is the largest ever known Radio Galaxy.

**ii.** It is situated around 3 billion light-years away and the Radio Galaxy has been named Alcyoneus, taken from Greek mythology.

**iii.** The Alcyoneus spans ~16.3 million light-years making it four times the size of IC 1101 and 160 times the size of the Milky Way galaxy

**24. Which Institute recently (in Feb '22) tested India's 1st Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Technology in Prayagraj & Vindhyachal of Uttar Pradesh along with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?**

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

Answer- **4) IIT-Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**), **Delhi** for the 1st time successfully demonstrated India's indigenous technology, Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) link between Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Vindhyachal, UP, a distance of more than 100 kilometres (km).



i. It is developed by the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR), Bengaluru, and Mumbai-based DRDO Young Scientists' Laboratory- Quantum Technology (DYSL-QT).

**25. Which ministry recently (in Feb'22) developed the 'Ombudsperson App' for MGNREGA to ensure transparency of e-governance?**

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Labour & Employment

Answer- **3) Ministry of Rural Development**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj **Giriraj Singh** launched the '**Ombudsperson App**' for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (**MGNREGA**), a step towards e-governance for ensuring transparency and accountability.

- i. The Ombudsperson App has been developed by the '**Ministry of Rural Development**'.
- ii. The app has been developed for smooth reporting and categorization of grievances by Ombudsperson based on complaints from various sources viz. physical, digital and mass media, related to the implementation of the MGNREGA scheme in the States/ Union Territories (UTs).

**26. Which company recently (in Feb'22) delivered the Maritime Patrol Aircraft Poseidon-8I (P-8I) to the Indian Navy?**

- 1) Mazagaon
- 2) Larsen & Toubro
- 3) Boeing
- 4) Dassault Aviation
- 5) Lockheed Martin

Answer- **3) Boeing**

**Explanation:**

United States (US)-based aerospace company **Boeing** delivered **12th** Maritime Patrol Aircraft Poseidon-8I (**P-8I**). This aircraft becomes the 4th of the four additional aircraft delivered under the options contract signed by the Ministry of Defence in 2016.

- i. The Indian Navy was the **1st** international customer for the P-8 aircraft in 2009.
- ii. The P-8I is an integral part of the Indian Navy's fleet and has surpassed 35,000 flight hours since it was inducted in 2013.
- iii. P-8 I, an Indian variant of P-8A, is designed for long-range anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (ASuW), and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions & It is capable of high speeds (up to 789 kilometres per hour) and has a high endurance of about 10 hours.

**27. Which organization recently (in Feb'22) delayed the test launch of Artemis 1 Lunar Mission?**

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

Answer- **3) NASA**

**Explanation:**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) has delayed the test launch of Artemis 1 Lunar Mission, formerly known as Exploration Mission 1 (EM-1).

**i.** NASA stated that it will roll the combined Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and uncrewed Orion spacecraft out of the Vehicle Assembly Building to Launch Pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral in Florida, United States of America (USA) for testing in March 2022.

**ii.** Artemis 1 Mission, will be the first-ever launch of NASA's new Space Launch System (SLS) mega rocket and the Orion crew capsule.

## SPORTS

**1. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 110th Australian Open Tennis that was held in January 2022?**

**A) Rafael Nadal (Spain) won his record-breaking 21st Grand Slam Men's Singles Title by defeating Daniil Medvedev (Russia) in the finals.**

**B) Danielle Rose Collins (Australia) became the 1st Australian woman in the last 4 decades to win the Women's Singles title in an Australian Open tournament**

**C) Matthew Ebden (Australia) Max Purcell (Australia) won the Men's Double Title.**

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A

5) Only C

Answer- **4) Only A**

**Explanation:**

**Rafael Nadal (Spain)** won his record-breaking 21st Grand Slam Men's Singles Title by defeating Daniil Sergeyevich Medvedev (Russia).

**i. Ashleigh Barty (Australia)** became the 1st Australian woman in the last 4 decades to win the Women's Singles title in an Australian Open tournament

**ii. Thanasi Kokkinakis (Australia), Nicholas Hilmy Kyrgios (Australia)** won the Men's Double Title by defeating Matthew Ebden (Australia) Max Purcell (Australia).

**iii. Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) , Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic)** won the Women's Double Title.

**iv. In Mixed Doubles Kristina Mladenovic (France) Ivan Dodig (Croatia)** won.

**2. Ben Cooper recently (in Jan'22) announced his retirement from International Cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?**

1) Sri Lanka

2) South Africa

3) West Indies

4) Netherlands

5) New Zealand

Answer- **4) Netherlands**

**Explanation:**

**Netherlands cricketer**, Benjamin Nicolas Cooper (**Ben Cooper**) announced his retirement from international cricket. He is one of the Netherlands top run-scorers in Twenty20 (T20) Internationals shortest format of the game.

i. He has scored 1,239 runs from 58 T20I matches and he has featured in 13 ODI matches and scored 187 runs. v.He has played 71 white-ball internationals for the Netherlands and has scored 1426 runs.

**3. The 19th Edition of Asian Games 2022 will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ in September 2022 & \_\_\_\_\_ is set to feature in the Asian Games after 11 Years.**

- 1) Manila, Philippines; Shooting
- 2) Seoul, South Korea ; Sport-Climbing
- 3) Zhejiang, China; Cricket
- 4) Seoul, South Korea; Soft Tennis
- 5) Zhejiang, China; Shooting

Answer- **3) Zhejiang, China; Cricket**

**Explanation:**

The 19th edition Asian Games 2022, the multi-sporting event which is set to take place from 10th to 25th September 2022 in Hangzhou, **Zhejiang, China** will feature 40 sports with a total of 61 disciplines including several Olympic Sports.

i. **Cricket (in T20 format )** is set to be featured in the Asian Games after 11 years.

ii. Following the approval from the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), E-sports and breakdancing will debut in the 2022 Asian Games.

**Note-** Sony Pictures Networks India, (SPN), has acquired the exclusive rights for the 2022 Asian Games from November 2021 to September 2023.

**4. In February 2022, Indian Cricketer Mithali Raj secured \_\_\_\_\_ rank in the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings while \_\_\_\_\_ secured the 1st position.**

- 1) 2nd; Ellyse Perry (Australia)
- 2) 3rd; Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
- 3) 2nd; Alyssa Healy (Australia)
- 4) 4th; Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
- 5) 3rd; Alyssa Healy (Australia)

Answer- **3) 2nd; Alyssa Healy (Australia)**

**Explanation:**

Indian cricketer **Mithali Raj** has reached second rank in the Women's ODI Batting Rankings released by ICC , ahead of the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022. **Alyssa Healy (Australia)** secured **first** position and Lizelle Lee (South Africa) secured third position in the ranking.

i. Smriti Mandhana, at 6th rank, is the only other Indian player in the top 10 ODI batting rankings.

ii. In the **ODI All Rounder Ranking of ICC**, Indian cricketer **Deepti Sharma** secured **fourth rank** and **Ellyse Perry** from Australia secured **first**.

**5. Who recently (in Feb'22) won his 8th Tata Steel Title 2022 extending his record for most wins in the Tata Steel Chess Tournament?**

- 1) Terje Wibe
- 2) Aryan Tari
- 3) Magnus Carlsen

4) Arne Kroghdahl

5) Fabiano Caruana

Answer- **3) Magnus Carlsen**

**Explanation:**

Norwegian Grandmaster(GM), **Magnus Carlsen** (world rank: 1), has won the title of Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022, organized by the Tata Steel Chess Tournament. He has won his 8th Tata Steel Title defeating Italian-American GM Fabiano Caruana.

Magnus Carlsen, holds the record for most wins at the tournament.

The Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022, 84th edition, took place in Wijk ann Zee, the Netherlands from 14th January to 30th January 2022.

**Note-** Grandmaster Erigaisi Arjun of India has won the Tata Steel Challengers and earned a spot in the Tata Steel Masters 2023.

**6. Which of the following Games are included by the International Olympic Committee to the Summer Olympics Games 2028 that will be organized in Los Angeles, USA?**

1) Surfing

2) Skateboarding

3) Sport Climbing

4) Both 1 & 3

5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved a proposal to include **Surfing, Skateboarding** and **Sport Climbing** for the **2028 Summer Olympics Games** that will be organized in Los Angeles (LA), United States.

i. Surfing , Skateboarding and Sport Climbing had made their Olympic debut in Tokyo Olympics 2021 and will also be included in the “additional” list for Paris in 2024.

**About International Olympic Committee (IOC):**

**President-** Thomas Bach

**Headquarters-** Lausanne, Switzerland

**Founded-** 1894

**7. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Odisha Open 2022?**

**A) Unnati Hooda (India) has won the Women's Singles title at the Odisha Open 2022 & became the youngest Indian to win the Tournament.**

**B) Kiran George (India) has won the men's singles by defeating Priyanshu Rajawat (India).**

**C) Odisha Open 2022 was a Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 100 tournament held at Cuttack, Odisha in January 2022.**

1) All A, B & C

2) Only B & C

3) Only A & B

4) Only A & C

5) Only C

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

**Explanation:**

**Unnati Hooda (India)** has won the Women's Singles title at the Odisha Open 2022 & became the youngest Indian to win the Tournament.

**i. Kiran George (India)** has won the men's singles by defeating Priyanshu Rajawat (India).

**ii.** Odisha Open 2022 was a Badminton World Federation (**BWF**) **Super 100 tournament** held at Cuttack, Odisha in January 2022.

**8. Cricketer Suranga Lakmal recently (in Feb'22) announced his retirement from International Cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?**

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

Answer- **3) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

**Suranga Lakmal**, a veteran **Sri Lankan cricketer**, announced retirement from international cricket after Sri Lanka's tour of India which ends in March 2022.

**i.** He has played 68 Tests and 86 One Day International (ODI).

**ii.** He has also captained the Sri Lankan Test team in 5 matches in 2018.

**9. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup Tournament 2022?**

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**Explanation:**

**Unnati Hooda (India)** has won the Women's Singles title at the Odisha Open 2022 & became the youngest Indian to win the Tournament.

**i. Kiran George (India)** has won the men's singles by defeating Priyanshu Rajawat (India).

**ii.** Odisha Open 2022 was a Badminton World Federation (**BWF**) **Super 100 tournament** held at Cuttack, Odisha in January 2022.

**8. Cricketer Suranga Lakmal recently (in Feb'22) announced his retirement from International Cricket. Which country did he represent in International Cricket?**

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

Answer- **3) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

**Suranga Lakmal**, a veteran **Sri Lankan cricketer**, announced retirement from international cricket after Sri Lanka's tour of India which ends in March 2022.

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**10. Who was named as the Captain of ICC's Most Valuable Team of the U-19 World Cup 2022?**

- 1) Yash Dhull (India)
- 2) Cooper Connolly (Australia)
- 3) Ackeem Auguste (West Indies)
- 4) Jacob Bethell (England)
- 5) Matt Montgomery (South Africa)

Answer- **1) Yash Dhull (India)**

**Explanation:**

India's U19 Captain **Yash Dhull** was named as the Captain of ICC's 'Most Valuable Team' of the U-19 World Cup.

- i. ICC released the list of 'Most Valuable Team' of the tournament consisting of 12-members.
- ii. Three of the 12 players were from the tournament winning Indian side-- Yash Dhull (Captain), Raj Bawa, Vicky Ostwal.

**11. Which country won the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Asian Cup India 2022 held at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra?**

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Japan
- 3) India
- 4) China
- 5) South Korea

Answer- **4) China**

**Explanation:**

**China** PR (People's Republic) won the **AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022** defeating South Korea in the finals held at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra. The 2022 championship marks China's 9th title.

- i. AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022, the 20th edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup, was hosted by India from 20th January to 6th February 2022 in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and Pune, Maharashtra.

**12. Which country won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) championship 2021 for the 1st time by defeating Egypt?**

- 1) Mali
- 2) Burkina Faso
- 3) Morocco
- 4) Cameroon
- 5) Senegal

Answer- **5) Senegal**

**Explanation:**

**Senegal** won the **2021 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) championship** for the **first time**, defeating Egypt.

- i. The AFCON 2021 also known as the **TotalEnergies 2021 Africa Cup of Nations** was **organized** by the Confederation of African Football (**CAF**).
- ii. **AFCON 2021**, the **33rd** edition of the biennial African football festival, was **hosted** by **Cameroon** from 9th January to 6th February 2022 held at the Olembé stadium, Yaoundé, Cameroon (final match).

**13. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 15th Edition of ESPNcricinfo Awards 2021?**

**A) Indian wicketkeeper batsman Rishabh Pant won the Men's Test batting Award in ESPNcricinfo Awards 2021.**

**B) The Men's Test bowling award given to Kyle Jamieson (England), he was also named as Debutant of the year.**

**C) New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson has been given the honour of being named 'Captain of the Year'.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

Indian wicketkeeper batsman **Rishabh Pant** won the **Men's Test batting Award** in ESPNcricinfo Awards 2021.

**i. The Men's Test bowling award** given to Kyle Jamieson (**New Zealand**) for his 5 wickets for just 31 runs.

- Ollie Robinson (England) was named as Debutant of the year.

**ii. New Zealand Skipper Kane Williamson** has been given the honour as '**Captain of the Year**'.

**ICC Team Ranking (as of February 2022):**

**Test Ranking** – Australia (Rank 1), India (Ranks 3)

**ODI Ranking** – New Zealand (Rank 1), India (Ranks 4)

**T20I Ranking** – England (Rank 1), India (Ranks 2)

**14. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the West Indies Tour of India – 2022?**

**A) India defeated West Indies by 3-0 in both One-Day Internationals (ODI) and Twenty-20 Internationals (T20I) cricket under the captaincy of Rohit Sharma.**

**B) The Indian cricket team became the 1st team to win 100 T20I matches.**

**C) Rohit equalled Eoin Morgan (England) record of 9 consecutive T20I wins as a skipper.**

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only B

5) Only A

**Answer- 5) Only A**

**Explanation:**

**India** defeated West Indies by 3-0 in both One-Day Internationals (ODI) and Twenty-20 Internationals (T20I) cricket under the captaincy of Rohit Sharma.

**i. The Indian cricket team became the 2nd team to win 100 T20I matches** followed by **Pakistan**.

**ii. Rohit** equalled **Sarfraz Ahmed** (Former Pakistan Captain) record of **nine** consecutive T20I wins as a skipper.

**iii. India** under the captaincy of Rohit Sharma, claims the T20I crown for the first time in six years, last time India held the ranking was under the leadership of MS Dhoni in early 2016.