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61. Which of the following Indexes is used by the Monetary Policy Committee for inflation Targeting?

- 1) Wholesale Price Index
- 2) Consumer Price Index
- 3) Index of Industrial Production
- 4) GDP Deflator
- 5) None of the above

Answer - **2) Consumer Price Index**

Explanation:

Under the Monetary Policy Framework Agreement, the RBI will be responsible for containing inflation targets at 4% (with a standard deviation of 2%) in the medium term .

i. Under Section 45ZA(1) of the RBI Act, 1934, the Central Government determines the inflation target in terms of the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**, once in every five years in consultation with the RBI. This target would be notified in the Official Gazette.

62. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was established on the recommendation of which of the following Committee?

- 1) Nachiket Mor Committee
- 2) RN Malhotra Committee
- 3) Narasimham Working Group
- 4) Sivaraman Committee
- 5) None of the above

Answer-4) **Sivaraman Committee**

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) was established on the recommendation of the **Sivaraman Committee**.

- NABARD came into existence on 12 July 1982 by transferring the agricultural credit functions of RBI and refinance functions of the then Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation (ARDC). It was dedicated to the service of the nation by the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi on 05 November 1982.

63. Name the Small Finance Bank (SFB) that has recently (in Feb '23) became the official banking partner with Chennai Super Kings.

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

Answer- **3) Equitas SFB**

Explanation:

Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) has announced its partnership as the official banking partner with Chennai Super Kings.

- Through this collaboration, Equitas is introducing a range of banking benefits up to seven percent interest on savings, no maintenance charges, reward points on all debit cards and contactless KYC video services with the aim of building stronger connections.

64. Name the bank that has been recently (in Feb '24) honoured with the title of Best Technology Bank of the Year Award at the 19th IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo, & Citations.

- 1) South Indian Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) City Union Bank
- 5) IDFC FIRST Bank

Answer- 1) South Indian Bank

Explanation:

South Indian Bank has been honoured with the title of **Best Technology Bank of the Year Award** at the 19th IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo, & Citations.

i. The bank's outstanding performance was recognised with a total of six prestigious awards. In three categories, the bank emerged as the winner, secured the runner-up position in one, and received special mentions in two others.

65. Who is the present (as of Feb '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Maharashtra?

- 1) A S Rajeev
- 2) Atanu Kumar Das
- 3) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- 4) Atul Kumar Goel
- 5) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Answer- 1) A S Rajeev

Explanation:

About Bank of Maharashtra(BoM):

BoM was formally registered under Indian Companies Act on 16th September 1935 and commenced operations on 8th February 1936.

The bank was nationalised in 1969.

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – A S Rajeev

Headquarters – Pune, Maharashtra

Tagline – Ek Parivaar, Ek Bank (One Family One Bank)

66. Which brand has recently (in Feb '24) entered into a Business Alliance Partnership with ICICI Bank & AU Small Finance Bank?

- 1) Pharmacy Bazar
- 2) Sun Pharma
- 3) Cipla
- 4) HealthifyMe
- 5) Piramal Enterprises

Answer- 1) Pharmacy Bazar

Explanation:

Pharmacy Bazar has collaboration with AU Small Finance Bank and ICICI Bank, one of India's burgeoning banking institutions.

- This collaboration aims to enhance customer convenience and savings to unprecedented levels.

- Pharmacy Bazar sets forth its vision for expansive growth, aspiring to establish an additional 200 retail outlets by the close of the fiscal year 2025.

67. Participatory Notes (PNs) are issued by a registered Foreign Portfolio Investors(FPI)to overseas investors who wish to invest in the Indian stock market without registering themselves with _____.

- 1) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 3) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- 4) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- 5) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

Answer- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation:

Offshore Derivatives Instruments (ODIs) Issued by FPIs: ODIs or Participatory Notes (PNs) are issued by a registered Foreign Portfolio Investors(FPI) to overseas investors who wish to invest in the Indian stock market without registering themselves with **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.

- Investments in ODIs provide the foreign investors an exposure to the Indian securities and derivatives market.

68. National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI) is a_____.

- 1) Joint Venture between SBI and SEBI
- 2) Not for Profit Company
- 3) Commercial Company
- 4) Registered Society
- 5) Subsidiary of RBI

Answer- 2) Not for Profit Company

Explanation:

National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**), an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India, is an initiative of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.

i. It has been incorporated as a **"Not for Profit" Company** under the provisions of Section 25 of Companies Act 1956 (now Section 8 of Companies Act 2013) in 2008 , with an intention to provide infrastructure to the entire Banking system in India for physical as well as electronic payment and settlement systems.

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

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

Answer- 5) National Payments Corporation of India

Explanation:

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

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

70. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of SBM Bank (India)?

- 1) Umesh Jain
- 2) Ameet N. Patel
- 3) Sudha Ravi
- 4) Shyam Sundar Barik
- 5) Ashish Vijayakar

Answer- **5) Ashish Vijayakar**

Explanation:**About SBM Bank (India) Limited (SBM Bank India):**

- It is the first bank to receive a universal banking licence from the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) to set up and operate as a Scheduled Commercial Bank under Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) mode, offering banking services in India.
- SBM Bank is a WOS of SBM Holdings – Mauritius (erstwhile State Bank of Mauritius).

Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Ashish Vijayakar

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established – 2018

71. Which of the following financial institutions deals exclusively with the private sector?

- 1) International Development Association
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) New Development Bank
- 4) International Finance Corporation
- 5) International Monetary Fund

Answer- **4) International Finance Corporation**

Explanation:

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

- IFC was established in 1956 and has 184 members.

72. Which country was the largest shareholder of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) China
- 2) India
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Japan
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- **4) Japan**

Explanation:

Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region

- The top 4 shareholders of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) are **Japan** 15.677%, U.S. (15.567%), China (6.473%), and India (5.812%).

73. Which of the following have been set up based on the recommendations of Narasimham Working Group (1975)?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Private Banks
- 3) Regional Rural Banks
- 4) Small Finance Banks
- 5) None of the above

Answer- **3) Regional Rural Banks**

Explanation:

Regional Rural Banks (**RRBs**) were established based on the recommendations of the **Narasimham Working Group** (1975) as a distinct set of regionally oriented rural banks, combining the 'local feel and familiarity of rural problems', a characteristic of cooperatives, and 'professionalism and large resource base', a characteristic of commercial banks.

74. Scheduled Banks in India are the banks which are listed in the _____ of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

- 1) Second Schedule
- 2) Third Schedule
- 3) Fourth Schedule
- 4) Fifth Schedule
- 5) Sixth Schedule

Answer- **1) Second Schedule**

Explanation:

Scheduled Banks in India are the banks which are listed in the **Second Schedule** of the Reserve Bank of India Act, **1934**.

- The scheduled banks enjoy several privileges as compared to non- scheduled banks.
- Scheduled banks are entitled to receive refinance facilities from the Reserve Bank of India. They are also entitled for currency chest facilities.

75. Which of the following hears appeals against the decisions of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- 1) Securities Appellate Tribunal
- 2) National Company Law Tribunal
- 3) National Green Tribunal
- 4) Competition Commission of India
- 5) National Lok Adalat

Answer- **1) Securities Appellate Tribunal**

Explanation:

Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) is a statutory body established under the provisions of Section 15K of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 to hear and dispose of appeals against orders passed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India

- SAT hears and disposes of appeals against orders passed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

76. In February 2024, the World Bank priced a USD _____ Sustainable Development Bond linked to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) Index maturing on February 23, 2027.

- 1) 5.13 billion
- 2) 2.14 billion
- 3) 1.25 billion
- 4) 3.20 billion
- 5) 4.12 billion

Answer- **3) 1.25 billion**

Explanation:

The **World Bank** (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD, Aaa/AAA) marked another milestone in sustainable finance with the successful pricing of a **USD 1.25 billion** Sustainable Development Bond linked to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (**SOFR**) **Index maturing** on February 23, 2027.

- According to the World Bank, this landmark transaction garnered significant interest from a diverse array of investors keen on supporting sustainable development initiatives while securing a high-quality credit investment.

77. As of February 2024, How many Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) are present in India?

- 1) 45
- 2) 39
- 3) 42
- 4) 30
- 5) 28

Answer- **2) 39**

Explanation:

The Debts Recovery Tribunals (**DRTs**) and Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunals (DRATs) were established under the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act (RDB Act), 1993.

- **Objective:** These are established to provide expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions.
- At present, **39** Debts Recovery Tribunals (**DRTs**) and 5 Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunals (DRATs) are functioning across the country.

78. Which company has recently (in Feb '24) surpassed Infosys to become India's fifth most valued firm in market capitalization?

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) Reliance Industries

4) HDFC Bank

5) ICICI Bank.

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

Explanation:

The **State Bank of India** (SBI), the country's largest lender by assets, has surpassed Infosys to become **India's fifth** most valued firm in market capitalization.

- With a market valuation of ₹6.89 lakh crore, SBI occupies the fifth spot after Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank.

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

1) Rakesh Joshi

2) S. N. Rajeswari

3) Parmod Kumar Arora

4) Suchindra Misra

5) Debasish Panda

Answer- **5) Debasish Panda**

Explanation:

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

i. IRDAI is planning to introduce collaterals for reinsurance transactions with Cross Border Reinsurers (CBR).

- The proposed guidelines given in an exposure draft will be applicable for all the reinsurance placements with CBRs by cedants or insurers from India, for reinsurance programmes from FY25-26 onwards.
- The regulator has also observed an increase in premiums collected by CBRs from the Indian reinsurance market and the need to protect the interest of the Indian reinsurer.

80. Which bank has recently (in Feb '24) approved a Rs 110 crore loan to Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL) for a new project in Hyderabad, Telangana?

1) State Bank of India

2) HDFC Bank

3) ICICI Bank

4) Bank of India

5) Bank of Baroda

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

Explanation:

Infrastructure solutions provider Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (**AMSL**) announced State Bank of India (**SBI**) has sanctioned a loan of Rs 110 crore for the company's new project in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- The company has received sanction for a term loan of Rs 110 crore from State Bank of India (SBI) for the implementation of our upcoming project in Hardware Park.
- This funding is allocated towards the establishment of the Integrated Plant for Ingenious Defence Systems (IPiDS).

81. Which Life Insurance Company has recently (in Feb '24) signed a strategic agreement with Satin Creditcare to boost financial inclusion in rural India?

- 1) Max Life Insurance
- 2) Aviva Life insurance
- 3) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- 4) Aegon Life Insurance
- 5) HDFC Life Insurance

Answer- 3) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

Explanation:

To ramp up financial inclusion in India's rural areas, **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has inked a strategic agreement with **Satin Creditcare**.

- The collaboration between Bajaj Allianz Life, Satin Creditcare, proficiently supported by Coverfox, is dedicated to providing financial security and enabling customers to pursue their goals with complete ease.
- The agreement was signed in Haryana's Gurgaon, committing to work together to improve **financial inclusion in rural India**.

82. In February 2024, Paytm shifted its nodal account to _____ (Bank) from Paytm Payments Bank.

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

Answer- 2) Axis Bank

Explanation:

Paytm parent fintech firm One97 Communications has shifted its nodal account to **Axis Bank** from **Paytm Payments Bank**.

- As per a regulatory filing, this move will allow the company to continue operating Paytm QR, Soundbox, card machines after the March 15 deadline set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Earlier, the RBI advised customers and merchants of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) to shift their accounts to other banks by March 15, 2024.

83. Name the bank that has recently (in Feb '24) won seven awards under various categories, at the 19th Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations 2023 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- 1) City Union Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) IDFC FIRST Bank

Answer- 1) City Union Bank

Explanation:

City Union Bank won **seven awards** under various categories, at the 19th Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations 2023 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The awards aim at recognising best technology providers in the banking industry and instils competition in the banking industry.
- The event was organised by the Indian Banks Association, in which RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar handed over the awards to the bank's MD & CEO N. Kamakodi.

84. In February 2024, Zurich Insurance acquired a _____ stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance for Rs 5,560 crore.

- 1) 40%
- 2) 50%
- 3) 60%
- 4) 30%
- 5) 70%

Answer- 5) 70%

Explanation:

Private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank informed the exchanges that **Zurich Insurance** will acquire a **70% stake** in the bank's general insurance arm, **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance**, for **Rs 5,560 crore**, in a single tranche.

i. In November 2023, the bank had announced the sale of a 51 per cent stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance to Zurich Insurance for Rs 4,051 crore through a combination of fresh capital infusion and share purchase, followed by a 19 per cent stake sale within a period of three years.

85. What is the full form of MUDRA?

- 1) Minor Units Development & Refinance Agency
- 2) Macro Units Development & Re-insurance Agency
- 3) Macro Units Development & Refinance Agency
- 4) Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency
- 5) Micro Units Development & Re-insurance Agency

Answer- 4) **Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency**

Explanation:

MUDRA, which stands for **Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd.**

- MUDRA is a financial institution set up by Government of India for development and refinancing of micro unit's enterprises. It was announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister while presenting the Union Budget for FY 2016.

86. Which of the following credit rating agencies has Canara Bank as a lead Promoter?

- 1) Fitch Ratings
- 2) CARE Ratings
- 3) CRISIL
- 4) Brickwork Ratings
- 5) ICRA Limited

Answer- 4) **Brickwork Ratings**

Explanation:

Brickwork Ratings (BWR), a SEBI registered Credit Rating Agency, has also been accredited by RBI offers rating services on Bank Loans, NCD, Commercial Paper, Fixed deposits, Securitised paper, Security receipts etc.

- **Brickwork Ratings** has **Canara Bank**, a leading Public Sector Bank, as its promoter and strategic partner.

87. What is the full form of PPI, used in the context of banking?

- 1) Protection of Personal Interest
- 2) Promotion of Public Interest
- 3) Prepaid Payment Instruments
- 4) Post Payment Instructions
- 5) Pre Payment Instructions

Answer- **3) Prepaid Payment Instruments**

Explanation:

Prepaid Payment Instruments(PPI) are instruments that facilitate purchase of goods and services, conduct of financial services, enable remittance facilities, etc., against the value stored therein. PPIs can be issued by banks and non-banks. Banks can issue PPIs after obtaining approval from RBI.

88. Which of the following owns and operates the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

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

Answer-1) National Payments Corporation of India

Explanation:

Roles & Responsibilities of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

- NPCI owns and operates the Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**).
- NPCI prescribes rules, regulations, guidelines, and the respective roles, responsibilities and liabilities of the PSPs and TPAP, with respect to UPI. This also includes transaction processing and settlement, dispute management and clearing cut-offs for settlement.

89. T.K. Viswanathan Committee is related to _____.

- 1) Calculate Foreign Exchange Reserve
- 2) Frame policies regarding Non-Performing Asset
- 3) Review the flow of credit to Small Scale Industries Sector
- 4) Expand branches of bank to rural area
- 5) Bankruptcy law in India

Answer- **5) Bankruptcy law in India**

Explanation:

The **T.K. Viswanathan Committee** on Bankruptcy Law Reforms was constituted in 2014 by the Government of India to examine and suggest reforms to the country's **bankruptcy laws**.

90. When was the Regional Rural Banks(RRB) act passed?

- 1) 1976
- 2) 2000
- 3) 1954
- 4) 1970

5) 1986

Answer -1) 1976

Explanation:

The Regional Rural Banks(RRB) Act was passed in 1976.

- An Act to provide for the incorporation, regulation and winding up of Regional Rural Banks with a view to developing the rural economy by providing, for the purpose of development of agriculture, trade, commerce, industry and other productive activities in the rural areas, credit and other facilities.
- Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were set up under the terms of the 26 September 1975 ordinance and the RRB Act of 1976.
- There are currently 43 RRBs supported by 12 public sector banks with 21,856 branches across 26 states and 3 Union Territories — Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

91. Which of the following is/are used to measure inflation in an Economy?

- 1) GDP Deflator
- 2) Consumer Price Index
- 3) Wholesale Price Index
- 4) Both 1 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer -5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

GDP Deflator, Consumer Price Index(CPI) and Wholesale Price Index(WPI) are used to measure inflation in an Economy.

- $\text{GDP Price Deflator} = (\text{Nominal GDP} \div \text{Real GDP}) \times 100$
- Consumer Price Index(CPI) monitors changes in retail prices.
- Wholesale Price Index(WPI) monitors changes in wholesale prices

92. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

- 1) Bhavna Doshi
- 2) Jayant Deshmukh
- 3) Sumant Kathpalia
- 4) Rajiv Agarwal
- 5) Sunil Mehta

Answer- 5) Sunil Mehta

Explanation:

About Indian Banks' Association (IBA):

IBA, established on 26th September 1946, is an association of Indian banks and financial institutions.

Chief Executive– Sunil Mehta

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

93. In February 2024, State Bank of India (SBI) approved a Rs _____ loan to Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL) for a new project in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- 1) 110 crore
- 2) 210 crore
- 3) 320 crore

4) 180 crore

5) 260 crore

Answer- **1) 110 crore**

Explanation:

Infrastructure solutions provider Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (**AMSL**) has received a **Rs 110 crore loan** from the State Bank of India (**SBI**) for its **Hyderabad** project. The funding is for the establishment of the Integrated Plant for Ingenious Defence Systems (IPiDS) in Hyderabad. AMSL plans to set up a facility in **Telangana** at a cost of Rs 210 crore for defence product manufacturing.

- In addition to the loan, the bank has also sanctioned the renewal and enhancement of other credit facilities for a 12-month period up to February 8, 2025.
- The cash credit limit has been renewed and enhanced to Rs 57.50 crore from the existing limit of Rs 52.50 crore, while the inland bank guarantee limit has been enhanced to Rs 50 crore from Rs 40 crore currently.

94. Which of the following countries is not a member of the World Bank(WB)?

1) Ukraine

2) Tuvalu

3) North Korea

4) Argentina

5) Morocco

Answer- **3) North Korea**

Explanation:

North Korea, officially known as Democratic People's Republic of Korea , joined the United Nations in 1991, but has not joined the World Bank yet. It maintains diplomatic isolation from the rest of the world.

About World Bank:

Establishment -1944

Headquarters-Washington D.C, USA

Member nations-189

95. Which of the following is the apex decision making body of RBI ?

1) Central Board of Directors

2) Monetary Policy Committee

3) Financial Stability and Development Council

4) Debt Management Cell

5) None of the above

Answer-**1) Central Board of Directors**

Explanation:

The **Central Board of Directors** is at the top of the Reserve Bank's organisational structure.

- Appointed by the Government under the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, It has the primary authority and responsibility for the oversight of the RBI.
- The Central Government nominates 14 Directors on the Central Board, including one Director each from the four Local Boards.
- The other ten Directors represent different sectors of the economy, such as, agriculture, industry, trade, and professions. All these appointments are made for a period of four years.

96. What is the Tagline of the Bank of India?

- 1) Always You First
- 2) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 3) We value you
- 4) We Understand Your World
- 5) Support All the Way

Answer- **2) Relationship Beyond Banking**

Explanation:

About Bank of India:

Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Rajneesh Karnatak

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 1906

Tagline – Relationship Beyond Banking

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

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

Answer- **1) Narasimham Committee**

Explanation:

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

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

98. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RBL Bank?

- 1) Raj Vikash Verma
- 2) R Mohan
- 3) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 4) R Subramaniakumar
- 5) Murali Natrajan

Answer- **4) R Subramaniakumar**

Explanation:

About RBL Bank:

RBL Bank was formerly known as Ratnakar Bank Limited.

Managing Director & CEO– R Subramaniakumar

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment– 1943

Tagline– Apno ka Bank

99. In February 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Sumerpur Mercantile Urban Cooperative Bank, Pali (Rajasthan).

Depositors will receive deposit insurance claim amount up to Rs _____ from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

- 1) 1 lakh
- 2) 3 lakh
- 3) 5 lakh
- 4) 2 lakh
- 5) 4 lakh

Answer- 3) 5 lakh

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of Sumerpur Mercantile Urban Cooperative Bank, Pali (Rajasthan), as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Rajasthan, has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator.

- **Depositors** will receive deposit insurance claim amount up to **Rs 5 lakh** from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).
- As on November 30, 2023, DICGC has already paid Rs 45.22 crore of the total insured deposits based on the willingness received from the depositors concerned of the bank.

100. HAR INVESTOR KI TAQAT (The strength of every Investor) is the punch line of _____.

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Bombay Stock Exchange
- 3) National Stock Exchange
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Competition Commission of India

Answer - 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Explanation:

HAR INVESTOR KI TAQAT (The strength of every Investor) is the punch line of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

- SEBI was established by the Government of India on 12 April 1988 as an interim administrative body to promote orderly and healthy growth of the securities market and for investor protection. It was to function under the overall administrative control of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India.

101. PM Mudra Yojana envisages providing Mudra loans to income generating micro enterprises engaged in _____ up to 10 lakhs.

- 1) Manufacturing,
- 2) Trading
- 3) Services
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

Answer- 4) All of the above

Explanation:

PM Mudra Yojana(**PMMY**) envisages providing Mudra loans to income generating micro enterprises engaged in manufacturing, trading and services up to **10 lakhs**.

i. MUDRA has classified loans into 'Shishu', 'Kishor' and 'Tarun' to signify the stage of growth and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit and also to provide a reference point for the next phase of growth to look forward to. The financial limit for these schemes are: -

- Shishu : covering loans upto 50,000/-
- Kishor : covering loans above 50,000/- and upto 5 lakh
- Tarun : covering loans above 5 lakh to 10 lakh

102. Name the portal that has been launched by RBI to claim Unclaimed deposits by their rightful owners.

- 1) SAMBANDH Portal
- 2) UDGAM Portal
- 3) NIRYAT Portal
- 4) PENCIL Portal
- 5) None of the above

Answer- **2) UDGAM Portal**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India has launched a Centralised Web Portal उद्गम **UDGAM** (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access inforMation). This portal has been developed by RBI for use by members of the public to facilitate and make it easier for them to search their **unclaimed deposits** across multiple banks at one place.

103. Accounts which are not operated for a continuous period of two years by the customers are required to be classified as _____ by Reserve Bank of India(RBI).

- 1) Non Performing account
- 2) Special Mention account
- 3) unclaimed deposits
- 4) dormant accounts
- 5) None of the above

Answer - **4) dormant accounts**

Explanation:

Accounts which are not operated for a continuous period of **two years** by the customers are required to be classified as inoperative / **dormant accounts** as per the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India(RBI).

104. How many Regional Rural Banks(RRB) are there in India as of February 2024?

- 1) 40
- 2) 41
- 3) 42
- 4) 43
- 5) 44

Answer- **4) 43**

Explanation:

There are **43 RRBs** in India as on February 2024.

- Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were established based on the recommendations of the Narasimham Working Group (1975) as a distinct set of regionally oriented rural banks, combining the 'local feel and familiarity of rural problems', a characteristic of cooperatives, and 'professionalism and large resource base', a characteristic of commercial banks.
- They are jointly owned by the Government of India, State Governments and Sponsoring commercial banks with equity contribution in the ratio 50:15:35 (GoI: State Government: Sponsor Banks).
- RRBs are regulated by the RBI and supervised by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD).

CA STATIC GK

1. In which year, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was established ?

- 1) 1999
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1992
- 4) 1995
- 5) 1997

Answer- **5) 1997**

Explanation:**About Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI):**

TRAI is a statutory body that regulates the telecommunications sector in India.

Chairman- Anil Kumar Lahoti

Headquarter-New Delhi, Delhi

Established in 1997

2. In which state Lakhari valley sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Odisha**

Explanation:**About Odisha:**

Chief Minister- Naveen Patnaik

Governor- Raghubar Das

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Lakhari valley sanctuary; Karlapat sanctuary

Zoological Park- Nandankanan Zoological Park

3. Mars robot helicopter Ingenuity launched by _____ (company).

- 1) Canadian Space Agency
- 2) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- 3) SpaceX
- 4) European Space Agency
- 5) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Answer- 2) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Explanation:

The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** announced that its **Mars robot helicopter Ingenuity**, the first vehicle to achieve powered, controlled flight on another world, has been grounded for good after flying dozens of times over three years, ending a landmark mission that far exceeded all expectations.

- The fate of Ingenuity was sealed when imagery beamed back to Earth after its 72nd and final flight in January 2024.

4. In January 2024, the Union government allowed a profit margin of up to _____ for manufacturers of potassium and potassic fertilisers.

- 1) 20%
- 2) 19%
- 3) 12%
- 4) 15%
- 5) 17%

Answer- 3) 12%

Explanation:

The **Union government** has allowed a **profit margin** of up to **12%** for manufacturers of **potassium and potassic fertilisers** as part of guidelines issued to evaluate the reasonableness of maximum retail prices for these fertilisers.

- For importers of P&K fertilisers, including di-ammonium phosphate and Muriate of Potash, the profit margin allowed is 8%. It has permitted 10% profit for manufacturers and 12% for integrated manufacturers.
- The guidelines for evaluation of the reasonableness of maximum retail prices of P&K fertilisers under the Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy was issued on Jan. 18, 2024 but will be effective from April 1, 2023, according to sources in the know.

5. Who is the author of the book 'The Last Dream', which will be published in September 2024?

- 1) Alberto Iglesias
- 2) Pedro Almodovar
- 3) Javier Bardem
- 4) Antonio Banderas
- 5) Javier Cámara

Answer- 2) Pedro Almodovar

Explanation:

Pedro Almodovar, Oscar-winning filmmaker's fragmentary autobiography called '**The Last Dream**' out on September 24. Translated from Spanish by Frank Wynne and published by HarperVia.

6. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Chairman Deepak Mohanty has recently (in Jan '24) announced that the total corpus under the National Pension System and Atal Pension Yojana has surpassed Rs _____.

- 1) 20 lakh crore
- 2) 15 lakh crore
- 3) 10 lakh crore
- 4) 25 lakh crore
- 5) 11 lakh crore

Answer- **5) 11 lakh crore**

Explanation:

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (**PFRDA**) Chairman **Deepak Mohanty** announced that the **total corpus** under the National Pension System and Atal Pension Yojana has surpassed **Rs 11 lakh crore**. This milestone was achieved on January 10, 2024.

- The AUM has risen from Rs 10 lakh crore to Rs 11 lakh crore in just 4 months and 18 days. Additionally, the private sector AUM has exceeded Rs 2 lakh crore.

7. In January 2024, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) extended the deadline for completing the Know Your Customer (KYC) for FASTags to _____.

- 1) 30th June 2024
- 2) 31st March 2024
- 3) 31st July 2024
- 4) 29th February 2024
- 5) 30th April 2024

Answer- **4) 29th February 2024**

Explanation:

The National Highways Authority of India (**NHAI**) has extended the deadline for completing the Know Your Customer (**KYC**) for **FASTags** for one month (**February 29 2024**), a move that will come as a relief for a large number of vehicle owners. Earlier, the deadline was January 31, 2024.

8. In January 2024, the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board lifted the suspension of _____ (country) Cricket.

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Namibia
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) Afghanistan

Answer- **1) Sri Lanka**

Explanation:

The International Cricket Council (**ICC**) Board has **lifted** the **suspension** of **Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC)** with immediate effect.

- The ICC suspended Sri Lanka in November last year citing political interference.

9. In which state 'Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Telangana

3) Tamil Nadu

4) Kerala

5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu (TN):

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Parks– Children’s Park, Kurumbapatti Zoological Park

10. Where is the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) located?

1) New York City, United States of America

2) Paris, France

3) London, The United Kingdom

4) Rome, Italy

5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **3) London, The United Kingdom**

Explanation:

About International Maritime Organisation:

The IMO Convention entered into force in 1958. India joined the IMO as its member state in the year 1959.

Secretary-General– Kitack Lim (South Korea)

Headquarters– London, the United Kingdom(U.K.)

Members– 175 member states and 3 associate members.

11. In which Article of Indian Constitution, the Union Budget is referred as the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)?

1) Article 110

2) Article 112

3) Article 100

4) Article 114

5) Article 111

Answer- **2) Article 112**

Explanation:

Article 112 of Indian Constitution, the Union Budget is referred as the Annual Financial Statement (AFS).

i. In Parliament, The Budget goes through these stages:

- Presentation of Budget
- General Discussion
- Scrutiny by departmental committees
- Voting on Demands for grants
- Passing of appropriation bill
- Passing of finance bill.

12. Who presented the first budget for India in 1860 (Pre independence)?

- 1) Franklin Allen
- 2) Christopher Allsopp
- 3) James Wilson
- 4) Sir Alison
- 5) Julia Aglionby

Answer- **3) James Wilson**

Explanation:

INDIA'S FIRST BUDGET: The Budget was first introduced in India on April 7, 1860 when Scottish economist and politician **James Wilson** from East India Company presented it to the British Crown.
i. Independent India's first budget was presented on November 26, 1947 by the then Finance Minister R K Shanmukham Chetty.

13. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard?

- 1) Harish Bisht
- 2) Krishnaswamy Natarajan
- 3) Rakesh Pal
- 4) Anil Chopra
- 5) Virender Singh Pathania

Answer- **3) Rakesh Pal**

Explanation:

About Indian Coast Guard (ICG):

Director General Indian Coast Guard (DGICG)- Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established on- February 1, 1977

Motto- Vayam Rakshamah (We Protect)

14. In which state 'Sohagi Barwa Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

Wildlife Sanctuary- Sohagi Barwa Wildlife Sanctuary

Airport- Kushinagar International airport; Kanpur Airport

15. In which state 'National Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Madhya Pradesh

- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister– Mohan Yadav

Governor– Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park– Ghughwa Fossil National Park(Dinosaur Fossil National Park), Vanvihar National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary– **National Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary**; Ghatigaon wildlife sanctuary

16. The world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's 'Icon of the Seas', embarked on its maiden voyage, on 27th January 2024 from _____ (Port) in Florida.

- 1) Port of Bremerhaven
- 2) Port of Miami
- 3) Port of Busan
- 4) Port of Rotterdam
- 5) Port of Hamburg

Answer- **2) Port of Miami**

Explanation:

The world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas, set sail from Port of **Miami, Florida** on its maiden voyage on 27th January 2024, carrying what amounted to the population of a small city.

i. The ship, built over 900 days at a shipyard in Turku, Finland, is a monument to enormity, longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall, with 20 decks and room for more than 5,600 passengers (7,600 at maximum capacity) and a crew of 2,350.

ii. To ensure no one gets bored or hungry, the monster ship, registered in the Bahamas, has seven swimming pools including a 40,000-gallon "lake,"

17. In which state Kaziranga National Park is located?

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

Answer- **3) Assam**

Explanation:

Kaziranga National Park is located in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts of **Assam**. It was declared a national park in 1974.

i. Recently, a rare golden tiger was spotted in Kaziranga National Park taking a stroll.

18. Which country will host the 2027 World Test Championship final?

- 1) West Indies
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) India

- 4) England
- 5) Australia

Answer- **4) England**

Explanation:

The **2027** World Test Championship final will be held in **England** in June. It will be the fourth consecutive time that England will host the WTC final-it staged the 2021 WTC final at Southampton, the 2023 final at The Oval, and will stage the 2025 final at Lord's.

19. In January 2024, Federation of India selected Diver, _____ to lead the Indian diving team at the World Aquatics Championship 2024 in Doha, Qatar.

- 1) Palak Sharma
- 2) Shikha Tandon
- 3) Priya Kumar
- 4) Neela Bhaskar
- 5) Ritu Nehra

Answer- **1) Palak Sharma**

Explanation:

Federation of India has selected Diver **Palak Sharma** to lead the Indian diving team at the upcoming **World Aquatics Championship 2024 in Doha, Qatar.**

- The World Aquatics Championship is taking place in Qatar's capital Doha from January 31 to February 10.

20. Who has recently (in Jan '24) assumed the additional charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India arm Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL)?

- 1) Anindya Sinha
- 2) Rajneesh Narain
- 3) Manish Kumar
- 4) Jitendra Malik
- 5) Sumeet Kumar Sinha

Answer- **3) Manish Kumar**

Explanation:

Manish Kumar has assumed the additional charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (**CMD**) of Coal India arm Northern Coalfields Ltd (**NCL**).

i. Kumar took the charge following the superannuation of Bhola Singh on 31st January 2024.

21. Which country has overtook Japan as the world's largest vehicle exporter in 2023?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) China
- 3) United States of America
- 4) Germany
- 5) France

Answer- **2) China**

Explanation:

Data from a Japanese auto industry association shows that **China** overtook **Japan** as the world's largest vehicle exporter in 2023.

i. The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association reported Japan exported 4.42 million vehicles in 2023, up 16% from a year earlier, while domestic auto sales totalled nearly 4.78 million vehicles.

22. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) signed its largest ever power purchase agreement with offshore wind projects off the coast of Netherlands to achieve its green power supply targets?

- 1) Walmart
- 2) Microsoft Corporation
- 3) Amazon
- 4) Google
- 5) IBM

Answer- **4) Google**

Explanation:

Technology giant **Google** has signed its largest ever power purchase agreement (**PPA**) with offshore wind projects off the coast of the **Netherlands** as part of efforts to green its power supply and hit climate targets.

i. Under its largest offshore wind PPA to date, Google has agreed to take 478 megawatts (MW) of power from two new wind farms developed by Crosswind & Ecowende Consortia, joint ventures between energy companies Shell and Dutch utility Eneco.

23. In January 2024, _____ announced to join Ferrari in a multi-year deal from 2025.

- 1) Sergio Pérez
- 2) Carlos Sainz
- 3) Max Verstappen
- 4) Charles Leclerc
- 5) Lewis Hamilton

Answer- **5) Lewis Hamilton**

Explanation:

Seven-time Formula One world champion **Lewis Hamilton** will leave **Mercedes** at the end of this season and **join Ferrari** in a multi-year deal.

- He will race for Ferrari from 2025.

24. In which state 'Pampadum Shola National Park' is located?

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

Answer- **3) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Chief Minister – Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor – Arif Mohammed Khan

National Parks – **Pampadum Shola National Park**; Mathikettan Shola National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS) – Peppara WLS; Shendurney WLS

25. Who has recently (in Feb '24) assumed charge as the General Manager of Integral Coach Factory (ICF)?

- 1) Praveen Sharma
- 2) U Subba Rao
- 3) Darshana Jardosh
- 4) Ajay Kumar
- 5) Atish Mathur

Answer- **2) U Subba Rao**

Explanation:

U Subba Rao assumed charge as the **General Manager** of Integral Coach Factory (**ICF**) in Chennai on 1st February 2024.

i. He took charge from BG Mallya, who superannuated from railway services a day earlier. He was holding the office of the Additional General Manager, South Western Railway, Hubballi.

26. Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has recently (in Jan '24) signed an MoU with Punjab Police for the establishment of a first-of-its-kind in-house Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) Lab.

- 1) IIT Jodhpur
- 2) IIT Patna
- 3) IIT Mandi
- 4) IIT Ropar
- 5) IIT Bhilai

Answer- **4) IIT Ropar**

Explanation:

Punjab Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Ropar** for the establishment of a first-of-its-kind in-house Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) and Machine Learning (**ML**) Lab.

i. While AI can assist the police in the detection of criminal activities and fraud by identifying patterns and trends in large volumes of data, on the other hand, ML algorithms can help understand criminal behaviour and allocate resources accordingly.

27. In which state Ghataprabha Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot

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

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

28. Chandoli National Park located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister- Shri Eknath Shinde

Governor- Shri Ramesh Bais

National Park- Tadoba National Park, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, **Chandoli National Park**

Airport- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (Mumbai, Maharashtra)

29. In which year the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was established?

- 1) 1972
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1964
- 5) 1934

Answer- 2) 1945

Explanation:

About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established in- 1945

30. Asian Development Bank (ADB) and JICA Partnership Supports Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific.

What is fullform of JICA?

- 1) Japan Investment Coordination Agency
- 2) Japan Investment Cooperation Agency
- 3) Jordan International Cooperation Agency
- 4) Japan International Cooperation Agency
- 5) Japan International Cooperation Authority

Answer-4) Japan International Cooperation Agency

Explanation:

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is an International aid & developmental initiative of Japan.

- JICA aims to contribute to the promotion of international cooperation as well as the sound development of the Japanese and global economy by supporting the socioeconomic development, recovery or economic stability of developing regions. It provides Soft loans; India too is a beneficiary of JICA.

31. What is the base year for calculation of Consumer Price Index(CPI)?

- 1) 2010
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2018
- 5) 2020

Answer -2) **2012**

Explanation:

The base year for calculation of Consumer Price Index(CPI) is **2012**.

- **The National Statistical Office (NSO)**, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) releases All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) on Base 2012=100 and corresponding Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for Rural (R), Urban (U) and Combined (C) month wise.

32. In which state Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **3) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister – Champai Soren

Governor – C. P. Radhakrishnan

National Park – Betla National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, Lawalong Wildlife Sanctuary

33. Kutch Copper Ltd (KCL), the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant at Mundra in _____ (state), will start operations of the first phase by March 2024.

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Kutch Copper Ltd (KCL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant at Mundra in **Gujarat**, will start operations of the **first phase by March 2024** and full-scale 1 million tonnes capacity by FY29 (March 2029).

i. Kutch Copper, a greenfield copper refinery with a capacity to produce refined copper with 1 million tonnes per annum, is scheduled to be completed in two phases.

34. In February 2024, the government of India extended the ban imposed on terrorist group Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) for _____ years.

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

Answer- 5) 5

Explanation:

The **government of India** extended the **ban imposed** on terrorist group Students Islamic Movement of India (**SIMI**) for **five years** for its involvement in fomenting terrorism and disturbing peace and communal harmony in the country.

i. Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared SIMI an 'Unlawful Association' for five more years under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act**. SIMI has been continuously engaging in subversive activities and re-organizing absconding activists.

35. In February 2024, Deputy Prime Minister of _____ (country), Biman Prasad will be the first foreign leader to visit the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) Fiji
- 3) Italy
- 4) Samoa
- 5) France

Answer- 2) Fiji

Explanation:

Deputy Prime Minister of **Fiji, Biman Prasad**, who is on a one week-long visit to India starting on 4th February 2024, will be the **first foreign leader** to visit the Ram temple in **Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh**.

i. Indian origin Prasad, who also serves as the Minister of Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics for his country, plans to visit Ayodhya on 8th February 2024 following his trips to New Delhi and Goa. Prasad also plans to visit Gujarat.

36. Which state government has recently (in Feb '24) decided to award the cash prize of Rs 25 lakh and a monthly pension of Rs 25,000 to the Padma award winners from the state?

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

Answer- 4) Telangana

Explanation:

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the **state government** will extend 25 lakh cash, and a monthly pension of 25,000 to the Padma award winners from **Telangana**.

i. The central government announced Padma awards for five personalities from Telangana — Dasari Kondappa (Art), A Velu Ananda Chari (Art), G Sammaiah (Art), Kurrella Vittalacharya and Kethavath Somlal (Literature & Education).

37. In January 2024, _____ (country) became the First country to issue Digital Schengen Visas in the European Union.

- 1) Denmark
- 2) Germany
- 3) Finland
- 4) Italy
- 5) France

Answer- **5) France**

Explanation:

Since January 1, 2024, **France** has initiated the issuance of **Digital Schengen visas**, becoming the **first country** to hand out these **visas** in the **European Union**. This move precedes the anticipated complete digitalization of Schengen visa processes set for 2026.

38. In February 2024, Shravasti airport in _____ (state) received 2B VFR (visual flight rules) licence from the directorate general of civil aviation (DGCA) to begin commercial operations of 19-seater aircraft.

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

Answer- **1) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Shravasti airport in **Uttar Pradesh** received **2B VFR (visual flight rules) licence** from the directorate general of civil aviation (**DGCA**) to begin commercial operations of 19-seater aircraft.

i. The airport, which is part of the Buddha circuit, is spread across 57.63 acres of land and has a 1,351 metres-long runway which can handle landing and take-off in day hours with a clear sky.

39. Which of the following organizations are known as Bretton Wood Twins?

- A) World Bank (WB)**
- B) World Trade Organisation (WTO)**
- C) United Nations (UN)**
- D) International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

- 1) A & B
- 2) A & C
- 3) B & C
- 4) A & D
- 5) B & D

Answer- **4) A & D**

Explanation:

The Bretton Woods conference is known as the birthplace of the Bretton Woods twins, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

i. Objectives of International Monetary Fund (**IMF**):

- To promote international monetary cooperation through a permanent institution,

- To facilitate the expansion of balanced growth of international trade and to contribute thereby to the promotion and maintenance of high levels of employment and real income,
- To promote exchange stability with a view to maintain orderly exchange arrangements among member countries, and
- To assist in the establishment of a multilateral system of payments in respect of current transactions between members.

40. In which state Melghat Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Melghat Tiger Reserve is located in the Amaravati district of **Maharashtra**. It is located on the southern offshoot of the Satpura Hill Range in Central India, called Gavilgarh Hill. It was the first tiger reserve in Maharashtra.

41. Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary is one of the largest inland wetlands of **Tamil Nadu**, and is a significant source of groundwater recharge for the area.

i. Recently, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, the newly added wetlands include Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve, Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve, and Aghanashini Estuary from Karnataka, along with Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary and Longwood Shola Reserve Forest from Tamil Nadu.

42. Permanent Account Number (PAN) is a _____ digit alphanumeric number, issued in the form of a laminated card, by the Income Tax Department.

- 1) 9
- 2) 11
- 3) 10
- 4) 8
- 5) 7

Answer- **3) 10**

Explanation:

Permanent Account Number (**PAN**) is a **ten**-digit alphanumeric number, issued in the form of a laminated card, by the Income Tax Department, to any "person" who applies for it or to whom the department allots the number without an application.

- PAN enables the department to link all transactions of the "person" with the department. These transactions include tax payments, TDS/TCS credits, returns of income, specified transactions, correspondence, and so on. PAN, thus, acts as an identifier for the "person" with the tax department.

43. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) New York City, United States of America
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **2) New York City, United States of America**

Explanation:**About United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC):**

High Representative– H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos

Headquarters– New York, United States of America (USA)

Established in 2005

44. What is the capital of the Republic of Namibia?

- 1) Nairobi
- 2) Kigali
- 3) Dodoma
- 4) Maputo
- 5) Windhoek

Answer- **5) Windhoek**

Explanation:**About Republic of Namibia:**

President – Nangolo Mbumba

Capital- Windhoek

Currency – Namibian Dollar

45. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Managing Director (MD) of Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)?

- 1) Deepali Agrawal
- 2) Dammu Ravi
- 3) Harsha Bangari
- 4) N. Ramesh
- 5) Prahalathan Iyer

Answer- **3) Harsha Bangari**

Explanation:

About Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank):

Managing Director(MD) – Harsha Bangari

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 1982

46. The World's first rapid-firing multiple-barrel machine gun, Gatling, was declared obsolete by the _____ (country's army) in 1911, but only one is still functional in India.

- 1) United States
- 2) Russia
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) United Kingdom

Answer- 1) United States

Explanation:

Gatling, World's first rapid-firing multiple-barrel **machine gun**, invented way back in 1862 by an American doctor, was declared obsolete by the **United States** army in 1911.

i. Only one is still functional which is presented in India, cared for by the Indian Army. It was on display in Nagpur's Mankapur sports stadium, a display item in the 'Shourya Sandhya' event which was organised in Bengaluru on the occasion of 75th Army Day.

47. As of January 2024, India's crude oil imports from _____ (country) hit 12-month low as Sanctions Bite.

- 1) Kuwait
- 2) Iran
- 3) United Arab Emirates
- 4) Russia
- 5) United States of America

Answer- 4) Russia

Explanation:

India's crude oil imports from its top supplier **Russia** fell for a second straight month in January to their lowest in a year as tighter Western sanctions hit supply of light sweet Sokol grade.

i. The world's third-biggest oil importer and consumer boosted imports of Iraqi oil to offset the drop in Russian oil imports.

ii. Imports from Russia declined 4.2% to 1.3 million barrels per day (bpd), according to LSEG data. Data from ship tracking agency Vortexa showed a slide of 9% to 1.2 million bpd.

48. _____ (organisation) provides zero-to low-interest loans and grants to poor countries.

- 1) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
- 2) International Development Association
- 3) International Finance Corporation
- 4) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
- 5) Bank of International Settlements

Answer-2) International Development Association

Explanation:

International Development Association (**IDA**) funds are allocated to the recipient countries in relation to their income levels and record of success in managing their economies and their ongoing IDA projects.

i. IDA's lending terms are highly concessional, meaning that IDA credits carry no or low interest charges.

49. The World Economic Outlook report is released by _____ (Organisation/Bank).

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

Answer- **5) International Monetary Fund**

Explanation:

Global Financial Stability Report, and **World Economic Outlook** are released by the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**).

- World Economic Outlook is usually published twice a year.

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

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

Answer- **1) Nagaland**

Explanation:

About Nagaland:

Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio

Governor - La Ganesan

Wildlife Sanctuary - Rangapahar Wildlife Sanctuary

Bird Sanctuary - Ghosu Bird Sanctuary

51. In which state 'Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **4) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Chief Minister- Manohar Lal

Governor - Bandaru Dattatreya

Zoological Park – Mini Zoo and Rohtak Zoo

Wildlife Sanctuary – Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary

52. Gugamal National Park, located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- **2) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Governor – Ramesh Bais

Chief Minister – Eknath Shinde

National Park – **Gugamal National Park**, Tadoba National Park (tiger reserve)

Wildlife Sanctuary – Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

53. Which Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with 52nd Amendment Act of 1985 or also known as “Anti-Defection Law”?

- 1) 11th Schedule
- 2) 3rd Schedule
- 3) 5th Schedule
- 4) 10th Schedule
- 5) 6th Schedule

Answer- **4) 10th Schedule**

Explanation:

Anti-defection law was introduced in India in 1985 through the 52nd amendment to the Constitution of India. This amendment added the **Tenth Schedule to the Constitution**, which lists out the provisions related to defection.

- It lays down the process by which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection by the Presiding Officer of a legislature based on a petition by any other member of the House.

54. Who has recently (in Feb '24) assumed charge as the Chief Hydrographer to the government of India?

- 1) Vice Admiral Mahendra Kumar
- 2) Vice Admiral Lochan Singh Pathania
- 3) Vice Admiral Adhir Arora
- 4) Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar
- 5) Vice Admiral Karambir Singh

Answer- **2) Vice Admiral Lochan Singh Pathania**

Explanation:

Vice Admiral **Lochan Singh Pathania** assumed charge as the **Chief Hydrographer** to the **government of India**. Commissioned in the Executive branch of the Indian Navy in 1990, he is a Hydrography Specialist.

- The Flag Officer has commanded IN Ships Darshak and Sandhayak.

55. Name the cricketer who has been (in Feb '24) elevated to an International retainer contract by Cricket West Indies (CWI).

- 1) Kavem Hodge
- 2) Kevin Sinclair
- 3) Shamar Joseph
- 4) Kemar Roach
- 5) Justin Greaves

Answer- 3) Shamar Joseph

Explanation:

In the aftermath of his stunning display at the Gabba Test against Australia, where the West Indies secured their first victory on Australian soil in over two decades, pacer **Shamar Joseph** has been elevated to an International retainer contract by **Cricket West Indies (CWI)**.

- The decision was made after Joseph produced a magical spell in the second innings of the second Test as the Windies stunned Australia in Brisbane by eight runs to register their first victory Down Under since 1997.

56. The Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA) Stadium in _____ (state) will be renamed after former first-class cricketer and senior administrator Niranjan Shah ahead of the third Test between India and England in February 2024.

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

Answer- 1) Gujarat

Explanation:

The Saurashtra Cricket Association (**SCA**) Stadium will be renamed after former first-class cricketer and senior administrator **Niranjan Shah** ahead of the third Test between India and England.

- The stadium in Khandheri, in **Gujarat** will be rechristened as Niranjan Shah Stadium on the eve of the third Test between India and England, starting on 15, February 2024.
- The inauguration of the new name of the stadium, 11 years after it hosted its first-ever game, will be done by BCCI secretary Jay Shah.

57. What is the Tagline of Federal Bank?

- 1) Be A Step Ahead of Life
- 2) We Make You Feel Richer
- 3) Good People to Grow With
- 4) Your Perfect Banking Partner
- 5) We understand your world

Answer- 4) Your Perfect Banking Partner

Explanation:

About Federal Bank:

Managing Director & CEO- Shyam Srinivasan

Tagline- Your Perfect Banking Partner

Headquarters- Aluva, Kochi, Kerala

Establishment- 1931

58. In which state Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 2) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

Chief Minister- Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Patel

National Park- Dudhwa National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Katarniya Ghat Wildlife Sanctuary; **Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary**

59. In February 2024, Telecommunications company, Telenor from _____ (country) had opened the world's southernmost mobile phone base station in Antarctica.

- 1) Japan
- 2) Russia
- 3) Germany
- 4) Brazil
- 5) Norway

Answer- 5) Norway

Explanation:

Telecommunications company **Telenor** from **Norway**, has opened the world's southernmost mobile phone base station in Antarctica, bringing regular cell phone services to a corner of the frozen continent for the first time.

i. The new 4G service covering the remote Troll research station and its surroundings will boost security for scientists and staff and enable the use of internet-of-things devices that collect and upload real-time information.

60. The Union Budget of India is an Annual Document prepared by the Economics Division of the _____ (Department) of the Finance Ministry.

- 1) Department of Expenditure
- 2) Department of Revenue
- 3) Department of Economic Affairs
- 4) Department of Investment and Public Asset management
- 5) None of the above

Answer- 3) Department of Economic Affairs

Explanation:

The **Union Budget of India** is an Annual Document prepared by the Economics Division of the **Department of Economic Affairs** of the Finance Ministry under Chief Economic Adviser (CEA),

presenting a review of India's economic performance over the past year and outlining its future economic policy direction.

61. What is the capital of Yemen?

- 1) Ulaanbaatar
- 2) Riyadh
- 3) Dushanbe
- 4) Sana'a
- 5) Tashkent

Answer- **4) Sana'a**

Explanation:

About Yemen:

President- Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi

Capital- Sana'a

Currency- Yemeni Rial

62. Which of the following curves explains the inverse relationship between the Inflation rate and Unemployment rate?

- 1) Lorenz Curve
- 2) Laffer Curve
- 3) Phillips Curve
- 4) Kuznets Curve
- 5) None of the above

Answer- **3) Phillips Curve**

Explanation:

Phillips Curve explains the inverse relationship between the Inflation rate and Unemployment rate.

63. In which state Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Chief Minister- YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

Governor- Justice (Retd.) S. Abdul Nazeer

National Park- Sri Venkateswara National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary; Krishna Wildlife sanctuary

64. In which state Kanger Valley National Park is located?

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Assam

4) Chhattisgarh

5) Mizoram

Answer-4) Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Governor – Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

Chief Minister (CM) – Vishnu Deo Sai

National Parks – Indravati (Kutru) National Park, Kanger Valley National Park

65. Who has been recently (in Feb '24) named as the new India head of Nokia?

1) Ajay Kumar

2) Raghav Sahgal

3) Tarun Chhabra

4) Nishant Batra

5) Jayanth Agrawal

Answer- 3) Tarun Chhabra

Explanation:

Finnish telecom giant **Nokia** has named **Tarun Chhabra** as the new India head, as part of an organisational change.

i. Chhabra is currently serving as head of mobile networks and senior vice president at Nokia and will assume the new position effective April 1, 2024.

ii. Sanjay Malik, who has served as Head of Nokia India for almost eight years, has decided to retire from effective March 31, 2024,

66. Which of the following companies have announced a plan to launch a sports streaming service in 2024?

1) Warner Bros Discovery

2) Fox Corporation

3) ESPN

4) Both 1 & 2

5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer - 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

Fox Corporation, Walt Disney's **ESPN** and **Warner Bros Discovery** announced that they will launch a sports streaming service later in 2024.

i. The media companies will form a joint venture to create a new service from their broad portfolio of professional and collegiate sports rights, which span the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, FIFA World Cup and college competitions.

67. Who has recently (in Feb '24) broken the world record for the most cumulative time spent in space by spending more than 878 days and 12 hours in space?

1) Oleg Kononenko

2) Sergey Volkov

3) Gennady Padalka

4) Nikolai Chub

5) Anton Shkaplerov

Answer- **1) Oleg Kononenko**

Explanation:

Russian cosmonaut **Oleg Kononenko** has broken the **world record** for the most cumulative time spent in space.

i. The 59-year-old has now spent more than 878 days and 12 hours in space, surpassing fellow Russian Gennady Padalka, who set the previous record of 878 days, 11 hours, 29 minutes, and 48 seconds in 2015.

ii. Kononenko has made five journeys to the International Space Station, dating back to 2008.

68. In which state Pampadum Shola National Park is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Telangana

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Chief Minister– Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor– Arif Mohammed Khan

National Parks– Eravikulam National Park, Silent Valley National Park, **Pampadum Shola National Park**

69. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) located?

- 1) New York, United States of America
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **1) New York, United States of America**

Explanation:

About United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):

It began operating in 1969 as the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

Executive Director– Dr. Natalia Kanem

Headquarters– **New York, United States of America (USA)**

70. Name the state government that has recently (in Feb '24) partnered with Truecaller to boost cyber safety awareness in the state.

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The **Karnataka** government formalised a **partnership** by signing a Letter of Intent (**LoI**) with **Truecaller**, the caller ID and spam-blocking app to bolster awareness of cyber safety and advocate for secure digital communication across the state.

- Truecaller would undertake a range of initiatives designed to enhance online safety awareness.

71. Who has recently (in Feb '24) assumed charge as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting?

- 1) Chandra Sekhar
- 2) Vivek Maurya
- 3) Astik Sinha
- 4) Sukant Vatsa
- 5) Sanjay Jaju

Answer- **5) Sanjay Jaju**

Explanation:

Senior IAS officer **Sanjay Jaju** assumed charge as **Secretary** of the **Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

- i. Sanjay Jaju has earlier served as Additional Secretary to Government of India from 2018 to 2023, and Director, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, from October 2014 to March 2018.
- ii. He has served as Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh (Electronics, IT and Communications Department) from May 2011 to October 2014.

72. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in Feb '24) developed India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility?

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

Answer- **4) IIT Kanpur**

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (**IITK**) achieved a major milestone by successfully establishing and testing **India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility**.

- i. The facility is capable of generating flight speeds between 3-10 km/s, simulating the hypersonic conditions encountered during atmospheric entry.
 - Thus, it is a valuable test facility for ongoing missions of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) including Gaganyaan, RLV (Reusable Launch Vehicle), and hypersonic cruise missiles.

73. On 6 February, 2024 - Safer Internet Day, _____ (International Organisation) partnered with TikTok on a digital campaign emphasizing the importance of Media and Information Literacy.

- 1) United Nations Children's Fund
- 2) World Bank

- 3) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- 4) International Telecommunication Union
- 5) UN Women

Answer- **3) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

Explanation:

On Safer Internet Day (6 February, 2024), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) partners with **TikTok** on a digital campaign emphasizing the importance of Media and Information Literacy in creating a safer digital space.

i. The internet has helped connect billions of people around the world to each other, enhancing access to information, supporting livelihoods and helping educate new generations.

74. Which of the following organisations releases the Global Innovation Index?

- 1) World Economic Forum
- 2) World Bank
- 3) International Monetary Fund
- 4) United Nations
- 5) World Intellectual Property Organization

Answer - **5) World Intellectual Property Organization**

Explanation:

The **Global Innovation Index** has been released by the World Intellectual Property Organization(**WIPO**) annually since 2007.

i. The index tracks the innovation ecosystem performance of 132 global economies and the most recent global innovation trends

75. In which state Wayanad Wildlife sanctuary is located?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

Wayanad Wildlife sanctuary is located in **Kerala** and is an integral part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. It is contiguous to the tiger reserves of Nagarhole and Bandipur of Karnataka and Madhumalai of Tamil Nadu.

i. In the first-ever tri-State synchronised vulture survey 320 individual vultures were counted in the seven-protected areas spread over Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and Himalayan griffon is only reported from Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary.

76. In which year, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) was established?

- 1) 1966
- 2) 1950
- 3) 1955
- 4) 1959
- 5) 1962

Answer- **1) 1966**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President – Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters – Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines

Established in – 1966

77. Chilean _____ is the currency of Chile.

- 1) Dinar
- 2) Pound
- 3) Won
- 4) Peso
- 5) Riyal

Answer- **4) Peso**

Explanation:

About Chile:

President – Gabriel Boric

Capital – Santiago

Currency – Chilean Peso

78. In which state Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **3) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister– Anumula Revanth Reddy

Governor– Tamilisai Soundararajan

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Shivaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary

Festivals – Bathukamma, Vijayadashami, Bonalu

79. In which state Vansda National Park is located?

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

Answer- **2) Gujarat**

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister– Bhupendra Patel

Governor– Acharya Devvrat

National Parks– Marine National Park, Vansda National Park

80. What is India's rank in the Logistics Performance Index Report (2023) released by the World Bank in February 2024?

- 1) 35
- 2) 25
- 3) 29
- 4) 38
- 5) 40

Answer- **4) 38**

Explanation:

India has been **ranked 38** out of 139 countries according to the World Bank's '**Logistics Performance Index Report (2023)**.

- India's rank has improved by six places from 44 in 2018 and sixteen places from 54 in 2014.

81. On 23rd January 2024, Which of the following Indian badminton players have reclaimed the top spot in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) men's doubles rankings?

- 1) Lakshya Sen and Srikanth Kidambi
- 2) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- 3) Chirag Shetty and Lakshya Sen
- 4) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Srikanth Kidambi
- 5) Prannoy H. S. and Chirag Shetty

Answer- **2) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**

Explanation:

On 23rd January 2024, India's **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** reclaimed the top spot in the Badminton World Federation (**BWF**) **men's doubles rankings**.

i. The Asian Games champions reached the world no. 1 ranking for a second time after successive runner-up finishes in the Malaysia Open super 1000 and India Open super 750 badminton tournaments.

82. In February 2024, Lieutenant General _____ became the first woman to be appointed as the Commandant of Army Medical Corps Centre and College in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- 1) Kavita Sahai
- 2) Madhuri Kanitkar
- 3) Punita Arora
- 4) Ganeve Lalji
- 5) Shaliza Dhani

Answer- **1) Kavita Sahai**

Explanation:

Lieutenant General **Kavita Sahai** became the **first woman** to be appointed as the Commandant of Army Medical Corps Centre and College in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

i. Lieutenant General Sahai is an alumnus of Armed Forces Medical College in Pune and was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps in 1986.

ii. She completed her Doctor of Medicine in Pathology in 1994 and completed her Diplomate of National Board in Pathology in 1997 from AFMC in Pune, Maharashtra.

83. Which of the following personalities have recently (in Feb '24) launched their new venture, Pi42, a Crypto-INR perpetual futures exchange?

- 1) Praveen Sharma and Jayanth Kumar
- 2) Nischal Shetty and Avinash Shekhar
- 3) Praveen Sharma and Nischal Shetty
- 4) Avinash Shekhar and Jayanth Kumar
- 5) Ajay Sharma and Atish Mathur

Answer- **2) Nischal Shetty and Avinash Shekhar**

Explanation:

Nischal Shetty, founder of WazirX, Shardeum and **Avinash Shekhar**, ex-CEO of cryptocurrency exchange Zebpay, have launched their new venture, **Pi42, a Crypto-INR perpetual futures exchange**.

i. The exchange is making its debut in India today and aims to expand its reach across the key global markets by targeting the existing over 30 million Indian crypto investors over the next 2-3 years.

ii. Pi42 complies with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) guidelines and has applied for the approval for Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

84. What is the full form of WIPO ?

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

Answer- **4) World Intellectual Property Organization**

Explanation:

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

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

85. Which country has recently (in Feb '24) appointed Temesgen Tiruneh as the Deputy Prime Minister?

- 1) Ethiopia
- 2) Nigeria
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Uganda
- 5) Ghana

Answer- **1) Ethiopia**

Explanation:

Ethiopia's Parliament approved the appointment of intelligence service chief **Temesgen Tiruneh** as **Deputy Prime Minister**, replacing Demeke Mekonnen, who had served in the role for 11 years.

i. In addition, Parliament accepted the nomination of Taye Atske Selassie, a former ambassador to the United Nations, as Foreign Minister. Mr. Demeke had also served as Foreign Minister since 2020.

86. In February 2024, _____ became India's first business conglomerate to cross Rs 30 trillion in market capitalisation (mcap).

- 1) Mahindra Group
- 2) Bajaj Group
- 3) Reliance Industries
- 4) Tata Group
- 5) Adani Group

Answer- **4) Tata Group**

Explanation:

Tata Group became **India's first business conglomerate** to cross **Rs 30 trillion** in market capitalisation (**mcap**). The shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) jumped 4 per cent, taking its market valuation above the Rs 15 trillion mark for the first time.

i. The sharp rally in the TCS stock boosted the Mumbai-based salt-to-software major's total mcap to Rs 30.6 trillion.

ii. Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Group is currently India's second-largest business enterprise with a mcap of Rs 21.6 trillion, followed by Gautam Adani-led Adani Group, which stood at Rs 15.5 trillion.

87. In which state Amrabad Tiger reserve is located?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **1) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister- Revanth Reddy

Governor- Tamilisai Soundararajan

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves- Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve, Kawal Tiger Reserve, and **Amrabad Tiger reserve**

88. In which year, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was established?

- 1) 1962
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1952
- 4) 1958
- 5) 1966

Answer- **2) 1945**

Explanation:

About Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Established in- 1945

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Members- 194 Member Nations, and 1 member organization, the European Union.

89. In which state Mollem National Park is located?

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

Answer- 3) Goa

Explanation:

About Goa:

Chief Minister (CM)- Pramod Sawant

Governor- P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

National Park- Mollem National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary

90. Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 5) Telangana

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister- Revanth Reddy

Governor- Tamilisai Soundararajan

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves- Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve, Kawal Tiger Reserve, and Amrabad Tiger reserve

91. In February 2024, _____ emerged as the first transwoman Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) of Southern Railway.

- 1) Prithika Yashini
- 2) S Swapna
- 3) Mallika Srinivasan
- 4) Meena Kandasamy
- 5) Sindhu Ganapathy

Answer- 5) Sindhu Ganapathy

Explanation:

Sindhu Ganapathy, has emerged as the **first transwoman** Travelling Ticket Examiner (**TTE**) of Southern Railway.

i. Hailing from Nagercoil, Sindhu joined Southern Railway in 2003 and first worked at Ernakulam, under Trivandrum division in Kerala. She was transferred to Dindigul under Madurai division in 2009.

92. On 8th February 2024, Massive Lava Erupted from Sylingarfell volcano located in _____ (country).

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Iceland
- 3) Australia
- 4) Spain
- 5) Brazil

Answer- **2) Iceland**

Explanation:

In southwestern **Iceland**, a **Sylingarfell volcano** erupted on 8th February 2024, marking its third eruption since December, 2023.

i. The fiery display of bright orange lava could be seen from Reykjavik, the capital, situated about 30 miles away. The eruption commenced at 6 a.m. on a mountain ridge in the Reykjanes Peninsula,

93. Which company has recently (in Feb '24) signed a joint venture agreement with the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to develop renewable energy projects, with focus on offshore wind?

- 1) Adani Green Energy Ltd
- 2) ReNew Energy Global
- 3) NTPC Green Energy Ltd
- 4) Tata Power Ltd
- 5) JSW Energy Ltd

Answer- **3) NTPC Green Energy Ltd**

Explanation:

State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (**ONGC**) and **NTPC Green Energy Ltd**, a subsidiary of NTPC signed a joint venture agreement to develop renewable energy projects, with focus on offshore wind.

- The JV, signed at the India Energy Week, envisages building renewable energy projects both within India and overseas.
- The scope also includes projects in battery storage, e-mobility, carbon credits, green credits, green hydrogen and its derivatives such as green ammonia and green methanol.

94. In February 2024, the Indian Air Force (IAF) gifted a _____ (Fighter aircraft) to the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT) for training purposes.

- 1) Mirage-2000
- 2) Sukhoi-30 MKI
- 3) Jaguar
- 4) MiG-21
- 5) Tejas

Answer- **4) MiG-21**

Explanation:

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has gifted a **MiG-21 fighter aircraft** to the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT) for training purposes which will help enhance practical understanding of various features of the aircraft,

- The MiG-21 is the first supersonic fighter in service of the IAF and was inducted in 1963. It has participated in all major conflicts since then. The MiG-21, which has undergone service upgrades during its lifetime, is slowly being phased out of the IAF and is being replaced by other fighter jets.
- The MiG-21 fighter jet that has been gifted to the MILIT is a Total Technical Life Expired (TTLE) aircraft, which means it has completed its design life in terms of the operational hours.

95. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Chairman of Quality Council Of India (QCI)?

- 1) Vipin Sondhi
 - 2) N Venkateswaran
 - 3) Mahesh Verma
 - 4) Jaxay Shah
 - 5) Rajesh Maheshwari
- Answer- **4) Jaxay Shah**

Explanation:**About Quality Council Of India (QCI):**

QCI is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Chairman – Jaxay Shah

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established in– 1997

96. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief executive officer (CEO) of Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB)?

- 1) Pankaj Dwivedi
- 2) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 3) Rajendra Kumar
- 4) Manoj Kumar
- 5) Gopal Krishan

Answer- **2) Swarup Kumar Saha**

Explanation:**About Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB):**

MD & CEO – Swarup Kumar Saha

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1908

97. In which state Papikonda National Park is located?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

Governor- S. Abdul Nazeer

National Parks- Rajiv Gandhi National Park, **Papikonda national park**, Sri Venkateswara National Park (Biosphere Reserve)

98. Which country is the Largest Cement producer?

- 1) China
- 2) Brazil
- 3) India
- 4) United States
- 5) Vietnam

Answer- **1) China**

Explanation:

In 2023, cement production in the United States amounted to some 91 million metric tons. Thus, the United States was ranked as the fourth leading cement producer globally.

- Cement **producer** nations: Asia in the lead **China** produces the most cement globally by a large margin, at an estimated 2.1 billion metric tons in 2022.
- China's cement production share equates to over half of the world's cement. India was the world's second-largest cement producer, with production amounting to a distant 370 million metric tons in 2022.

99. The Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President of India under _____ (Article) of the Constitution of India.

- 1) Article 135 (2)
- 2) Article 120 (1)
- 3) Article 124(3)
- 4) Article 130
- 5) Article 125

Answer- **3) Article 124(3)**

Explanation:

According to **Article 124(3)** of the Constitution, a person can be appointed by the **President of India** as a judge of the Supreme Court if he or she:

- A person must be a citizen of India.
- Must have served as a judge of a High Court for at least five years or two such courts in succession.
- Alternatively, must have been an advocate of a High Court for at least ten years or two or more such courts in succession.

100. Which Arab-Israeli War is known as the Yom Kippur War?

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

4) 5th

5) 7th

Answer- **2) 4th**

Explanation:

Yom Kippur War, fourth of the **Arab-Israeli wars**, which was initiated by Egypt and Syria on October 6, 1973, on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur.

- It also occurred during Ramadan, the sacred month of fasting in Islam, and it lasted until October 26, 1973.

101. Which company has recently (in Feb '24) entered into an agreement with Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd (MNGL) for gas leak prevention?

1) Amol Oils

2) Laxmi Industries

3) Josler Hydrocarbons India

4) Super Itoms Inc

5) Integral Systems And Solutions

Answer- **3) Josler Hydrocarbons India**

Explanation:

In a significant move towards environmental conservation and public safety, Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd (**MNGL**) entered into an agreement with **Josler Hydrocarbons India**, a gas leak detection firm based in Ahmedabad, which played a vital role in holistically enabling its US based technological partner Heath.

i. Josler Hydrocarbons has been a partner with Houston based company Heath for over 10 years in providing leak instruments and services to all reputed Indian companies.

102. Which state government has recently (in Feb '24) approved the Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill, 2024?

1) Odisha

2) Madhya Pradesh

3) Karnataka

4) Assam

5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Assam**

Explanation:

To stop magical healing in the name of treatment, the **Assam** cabinet has approved the **Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill, 2024**.

i. The Bill to provide relief to victims of magical treatment in the name of treatment.

103. In February 2024, _____ (city) Civil Defence launched the world's first sustainable mobile floating fire station.

1) Canberra

2) Dubai

3) Rome

4) Riyadh

5) Cairo

Answer- **2) Dubai**

Explanation:

Dubai Civil Defence has launched the **world's first sustainable mobile floating fire station**. The initiative reflects Dubai's strategy to constantly enhance its fire and rescue services and raise environmental sustainability.

i. Engineered to provide high efficiency in safeguarding marine activities as well as enhanced coverage and swifter response times, the new mobile floating fire station is set to transform maritime emergency response mechanisms in Dubai.

104. Who has recently (in Feb '24) conferred with the 2024 K.P.P. Nambiar Award by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Kerala section?

- 1) S. Somanath
- 2) Rajeshwari Chatterjee
- 3) Iravati Karve
- 4) Bibha Chowdhary
- 5) Asima Chatterjee

Answer- **1) S. Somanath**

Explanation:

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (**IEEE**) **Kerala section** conferred the **2024 K.P.P. Nambiar Award** on Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman **S. Somanath**.

i. Mr. Somanath has been pivotal in steering ISRO's lunar exploration programme, Chandrayaan-3, and played significant roles in various Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and ISRO missions.

105. In February 2024, Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R. Hari Kumar inaugurated a Precision Approach Radar (PAR) at _____ (Air Station) in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

- 1) INS Garuda
- 2) INS Kohassa
- 3) INS Hansa
- 4) INS Kunjali
- 5) INS Utkrosh

Answer- **5) INS Utkrosh**

Explanation:

Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R. Hari Kumar inaugurated a Precision Approach Radar (PAR) at **INS Utkrosh** in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which will enable "highly accurate horizontal and vertical guidance to land an aircraft safely in low visibility conditions, such as heavy rain and fog".

i. He also inaugurated the **IUHDSS** (Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System) at Naval Jetty, Port Blair.

106. Which company has recently (in Feb '24) partnered with Indian AI startup Sarvam AI for voice-based tools?

- 1) Wipro Limited
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services
- 3) Microsoft Corporation
- 4) IBM
- 5) Infosys Limited

Answer- **3) Microsoft Corporation**

Explanation:

Microsoft Corporation announced that it will be supporting **Indian startup Sarvam AI** with developing voice-based generative AI and making its large language models available on Azure.

- The founders of the startup, Pratyush Kumar and Vivek Raghavan, were earlier involved in developing AI models at the IIT Madras-based research group AI4Bharat.

107. Under which of the following acts, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is registered ?

- 1) Companies Act, 1956
- 2) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- 3) Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949
- 4) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- 5) None of the above

Answer- **1) Companies Act, 1956**

Explanation:

A Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) is a company registered under the **Companies Act, 1956** engaged in the business of loans and advances, acquisition of shares/stocks/bonds/debentures/securities issued by Government or local authority or other marketable securities of a like nature, leasing, hire-purchase, insurance business, chit business but does not include any institution whose principal business is that of agriculture activity, industrial activity, purchase or sale of any goods (other than securities) or providing any services and sale/purchase/construction of immovable property

108. In which year, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) was established?

- 1) 1972
- 2) 1960
- 3) 1959
- 4) 1952
- 5) 1962

Answer- **4) 1952**

Explanation:

About Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO):

Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) – Neelam Shami Rao

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1952

109. Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- 1) Rishiksha Krishnan
- 2) Shailendra Trivedi
- 3) Biswamohan Mahapatra
- 4) Dilip Asbe
- 5) Amitha Sehgal

Answer- **4) Dilip Asbe**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

Managing Director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO)- Dilip Asbe

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated in- 2008

110. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) located?

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

Answer- 3) Paris, France

Explanation:

About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Establishment- 1945 (came into force in 1946)

111. In February 2024, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that eight Indian Navy veterans, released by the _____ (country) government, returned to India.

- 1) Qatar
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Oman
- 4) Iran
- 5) Israel

Answer- 1) Qatar

Explanation:

In February 2024, The Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that the **eight Indian Navy veterans**, released by the **Qatar government** more than three months after they were convicted with death sentences on charges of espionage, returned to India.

i. Notable among them are Captains Navtej Gill and Saurabh Vasisht, Commanders Purnendu Tiwari, Amit Nagpal, SK Gupta, BK Verma, Sugunakar Pakala, and sailor Ragesh.

112. In February 2024, _____ from Scotland became the youngest person to reach Mount Everest base camp.

- 1) Dicky Dolma
- 2) Prisha Lokesh
- 3) Carter Dallas
- 4) Zara
- 5) Arishka Laddha

Answer- 3) Carter Dallas

Explanation:

A two-year-old from **Scotland, Carter Dallas** has become the youngest person to **reach Mount Everest base camp**.

i. According to UK-based Metro, Carter Dallas climbed to the south side of Nepal, at an altitude of 17,598 feet above the sea level, on his father Ross' back.

113. In which city, Union Culture Minister, G Kishan Reddy has recently (in Feb '24) laid the foundation stone for India's first digital National Museum of Epigraphy?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 5) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer- **5) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

Union Culture Minister, G Kishan Reddy laid the foundation stone for **India's first digital National Museum of Epigraphy** at the Salar Jung Museum in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

- The Archaeological Survey of India is establishing the museum and about one lakh ancient inscriptions of various languages and periods of time will be placed in it.

114. Which state government has recently (in Feb '24) enhanced the 'EV Upyog' portal to promote Electric Vehicles (EVs)?

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

Answer- **2) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The **Uttar Pradesh** government is enhancing the '**EV Upyog**' portal to promote Electric Vehicles (**EVs**). They are engaging a software development agency to add attractive features to the portal. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath intends to host the EV Upyog portal on a cloud server and integrate it with the Invest UP website.

i. Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Limited (UPDSCL) is hiring a software development agency for one year to carry out the upgrade.

115. In February 2024, Baramunda Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) in _____ (city) will be named after BR Ambedkar, a social reformer.

- 1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

Explanation:

Baramunda Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha** will be named after BR Ambedkar, a social reformer and one of the architects of the Indian Constitution.

i. Spanning over 15.5 acres of land, the ISBT Baramunda project, spearheaded by the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA), aims to offer a range of passenger amenities, office spaces, parking facilities, food courts, restaurants, and commercial areas.

116. In February 2024, Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla launched 'Hindi Ka Gadya-Sahitya' and the third edition of 'Yoga Ke Vividh Aayam' books, authored by _____.

- 1) Usha Priyamwada
- 2) Chitra Mudgal
- 3) Ramchandra Tiwari
- 4) Mridula Garg
- 5) Indira Dangi

Answer- **3) Ramchandra Tiwari**

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla Launches Dr. **Ramchandra Tiwari's** Books on Hindi Prose and Yoga.

i. He inaugurated the 15th edition of Dr. Ramchandra Tiwari's two books 'Hindi Ka Gadya-Sahitya' and the third edition of 'Yoga Ke Vividh Aayam'.

117. In February 2024, Pramod Kumar Meherda, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Co-Chaired the 1st INDO-_____ (country) Joint Agricultural Working Group Meeting organised in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) Israel
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Vietnam
- 4) Iran
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **4) Iran**

Explanation:

Pramod Kumar Meherda, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), **Co-Chaired the 1st INDO-IRAN Joint Agricultural Working Group Meeting** organised at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi, Delhi on 6th February 2024 in his opening remarks welcomed the Iranian delegates.

i. He emphasized the key points of cooperation between India and Iran by advancing agricultural and allied activities and strengthening ties.

118. In February 2024, _____ became the first ever India-born member of the Australian Parliament to take oath on Bhagavad Gita.

- 1) Neel Kolhatkar
- 2) Varun Ghosh
- 3) Chandran Kukathas
- 4) Nalini Krishan
- 5) Zinnia Kumar