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**Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Udaypur Wildlife Sanctuary, Valmiki Wildlife Sanctuary

**Zoological Parks-** Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park

**34. In which state Kalesar National Park is located?**

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

Answer- **4) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

**About Haryana:**

**Governor** – Bandaru Dattatreya

**Zoological Park** – Mini Zoo and Rohtak Zoo

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

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary

**35. Who is the present (as of Jan '24) Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?**

- 1) Chanramauli Chakraborty
- 2) Shobhit Shrivastava
- 3) Neelam Shami Rao
- 4) Rakesh Dabas
- 5) Meenu Mandola

Answer- **3) Neelam Shami Rao**

**Explanation:**

**About Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO):**

EPFO works under the administrative control of the Ministry of Labour and Employment(MoLE).

**Chief Executive Officer-** Neelam Shami Rao

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Establishment-** 1952

**36. In which state, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site 'Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park' is located?**

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

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

**About Gujarat:**

**Chief Minister** – Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

**Governor** – Acharya Devvrat

**Airports** – Shyamji Krishna Verma Bhuj Airport, Porbandar Airport

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site  
– Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, Rani-ki-Vav (the Queen’s Stepwell)**

**37. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) set up a second version of Gold ATM to dispense gold, silver coins at Ameerpet Metro Station, Hyderabad (Telangana)?**

- 1) Manappuram Finance Ltd
- 2) Goldsikka Ltd
- 3) Attica Gold Ltd
- 4) Hindustan Gold Ltd
- 5) Malabar Gold Ltd

**Answer- 2) Goldsikka Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**Goldsikka Ltd** has set up the **second version** of its **Gold ATM** which can dispense both gold and silver coins at **Ameerpet Metro Station in Hyderabad (Telangana)**.

- The CEO of Goldsikka Ltd, Sy Taruj, stated that Goldsikka customers can now buy gold coins ranging from 0.5 grams to 20 grams and silver coins ranging from 10 grams to 100 grams.
- The ATM also captures live rates from the London Bullion Market Association, (LBMA) ensuring customers have access to the most up-to-date prices.
- Hyderabad-based Goldsikka has plans to install 2000 to 3000 such machines across the country and overseas. They have already received orders from countries like Russia, Turkmenia, USA, and other parts of the globe.
- The first version of the Gold ATM, launched in Hyderabad, can only dispense gold coins.
- The company has also signed its first franchise agreement with SS Beauty World in Visakhapatnam, for the latest version of the ATM which will be opened soon.

**38. The veteran lyricist Santosh Anand and singer Sonu Nigam won the Mohammed Rafi Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 and Mohammed Rafi Award 2023 respectively in December 2023.**

**In which year Sonu Nigam was honoured by the Government of India with the Padma Shri in the field of Art?**

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2016
- 3) 2019
- 4) 2022
- 5) 2021

**Answer- 4) 2022**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Piyush Goyal Sunday proposed that musical concerts be held on the 24th of every month next year (2024) to mark the centenary year of singer Mohammed Rafi.

- Every year, Spandan Arts celebrates Mohammed Rafi’s birth anniversary by conferring the Mohammed Rafi Lifetime Achievement Award and the Mohammed Rafi Award to eminent personalities from the music industry.
- The **Mohammed Rafi Lifetime Achievement Award 2023** was conferred on veteran lyricist **Santosh Anand**. The **Mohammed Rafi Award 2023** was given to **Sonu Nigam**.

**i. Sonu Nigam** is an Indian playback singer, music director, dubbing artist and actor

- In **2022**, he was honoured by the Government of India with the Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian honour for his contribution in the field of arts.
- Sonu Nigam won the Best Male Playback Singer Award for the year 2004 at the 51st National Film Award function in New Delhi in February 2005.

**39. As of January 2024, the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector has been running in 24 states/ UTs of India to bolster the grain storage capacities.**

**Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Union Minister of Cooperation?**

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 3) Raj Nath Singh
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Amit Shah

Answer- **5) Amit Shah**

**Explanation:**

**Amit Shah** is the current Minister of Cooperation and Home Affairs

**i. The World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector has been running in 24 states/ UTs of India to bolster the grain storage capacities.**

- The marquee project aims to create various agri infrastructures at the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) level, which will include Warehouses, Custom Hiring Centers, PUs, and Fair Price Shops among others.
- Notably, the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are grassroots-level institutions and their membership includes individual farmers, artisans, and members of other weaker sections of the society as shareholders.
- The project is being implemented by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in collaboration with NABARD, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), and Food Corporation of India (FCI) in 24 PACS of 24 different States/ UTs.
- The construction has already been started at five PACS, one each in the States of Tripura, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- India runs the world's largest food programme under the National Food Security Act 2013, which covers around 81 crore people.

**40. Who has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Airtel Africa?**

- 1) Jayanth Kumar
- 2) Atish Mathur
- 3) Ajay Kumar
- 4) Praveen Gupta
- 5) Sunil Taldar

Answer- **5) Sunil Taldar**

**Explanation:**

**Airtel Africa** has appointed **Sunil Taldar** as Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) with effect from July 1 2024, and will be succeeding Olusegun "Segun" Ogunsanya who is retiring.

- Taldar, who joined Airtel Africa in October 2023 as Director–Transformation, will begin the transition to the CEO role, working alongside Ogunsanya.
- Following a transition period, Taldar will be appointed to the Board as an Executive Director and assume the role of CEO
- Ogunsanya joined Airtel in 2012, ran the Nigeria Operations of the Telecommunications and mobile money company for nine years before his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Group in 2021.

**41. In which country, the Shidaowan Nuclear Power Plant is located?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) Japan
- 5) Israel

Answer- **2) China**

**Explanation:**

**China's Shidaowan nuclear power plant**, the world's first fourth-generation reactor, has begun commercial operations, one of the companies behind its development.

- The plant is designed to use fuel more efficiently and improve its economics, safety and environmental footprint. China has a goal to produce 10% of electricity from nuclear power by 2035 and 18% by 2060.

**42. In which state Jayakwadi bird sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**Jayakwadi bird sanctuary** is located in **Maharashtra**. It is home to around 234 species of resident and migratory birds that have been recorded from the open water stretches of the dam along with other creatures.

**43. In which state, 'Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the Thane District of **Maharashtra**, 90 km northeast of Mumbai in the foothills of the Western Ghats.

- i. It is known to be a paradise for birdwatchers. It has two rivers, the Tansa and Vaitarna, and the sanctuary gets its name from the former, which divides the sanctuary into two parts.
- ii. The sanctuary forms the catchment area of Tansa lake, along with the surrounding forests of Khardi, Vaitarna, Wada, and Shahapur ranges.

**44. In which state, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located?**

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**About Tamil Nadu:**

**Chief Minister**- M.K. Stalin

**Governor**- R.N. Ravi

**Airport**- Coimbatore International Airport, Chennai International Airport

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

**45. What is the capital of the Republic of Chad?**

- 1) Ouagadougou
- 2) Libreville
- 3) Addis Ababa
- 4) N'Djamena
- 5) Djibouti

Answer- **4) N'Djamena**

**Explanation:**

**About Republic of Chad:**

**Prime Minister** - Succes Masra

**Capital** - N'Djamena

**Currency** - Central African CFA Franc

**46. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)?**

- 1) Arunachalam
- 2) Radhakrishnan Durairaj
- 3) Neeraj Sinha
- 4) Bhushan Pal Singh
- 5) Shiva Reddy Koti

Answer- **2) Radhakrishnan Durairaj**

**Explanation:**

**About NewSpace India Limited (NSIL):**

NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) is a wholly owned Government of India company, under the administrative control of the Department of Space (DOS).

**Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) - Radhakrishnan Durairaj**

**Headquarters** – Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Incorporated** – 2019

**47. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) announced the launch of ReStore, India's first and foremost refurbished battery brand?**

- 1) Tesla Power India
- 2) Reliance Power
- 3) Adani Transmission
- 4) TATA Power
- 5) Torrent Power

Answer- **1) Tesla Power India**

**Explanation:**

**Tesla Power India** announced the launch of **ReStore**, India's first and foremost refurbished battery brand. The company is planning to launch 5000 "ReStore Battery Refurbishing Centers" in India by 2025 (500 of which are already operational).

- Tesla Power India said approximately 10 crore lead acid batteries are scrapped and replaced every year in India, costing Rs.40,000 crore to the Indian economy.
- The refurbished batteries under the brand name of "ReStore" will be sold to the customer at almost half of the cost of a new inverter battery along with warranty.

**48. The Indian Navy's marine commandos (MARCOS) successfully rescued 21 crew members, including 15 Indians with the help of \_\_\_\_\_ (Indian Navy Ship -INS), from the Liberian-flagged vessel MV Lila Norfolk on January 5, 2024.**

- 1) INS Arihant
- 2) INS Talwar
- 3) INS Chennai
- 4) INS Kolkata
- 5) INS Rajput

Answer- **3) INS Chennai**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Navy's marine commandos (MARCOS) successfully rescued 21 crew members, including 15 Indians, from the Liberian-flagged vessel MV Lila Norfolk on January 5, 2024.

- MV Lila Norfolk, a cargo ship, which was hijacked near Somalia's coast in the Arabian Sea. **INS Chennai** of the Indian Navy closely followed the hijacked ship and rescued all 21 crew, including 15 Indians, onboard
- The Indian Navy diverted frontline warship INS Chennai — a Kolkata Class stealth guided-missile destroyer from her anti piracy patrol and it intercepted the hijacked vessel at 3:15 pm. The vessel was kept under continuous surveillance using maritime patrol aircraft P8I and Predator MQ9B drones.
- MV Lila Norfolk sent a message on the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) portal indicating that five to six unknown armed personnel boarded the vessel. The UKMTO is a British military organisation that tracks movements of various vessels in strategic waterways.
- The cargo vessel belonged to Lila Global and current CEO of Lila Global- Steve Kunzer said the crew of Lila Norfolk have been successfully rescued by the Indian Navy ship INS Chennai.

**49. In January 2024, India's oldest sloth bear in captivity, \_\_\_\_\_ passed away at the Van Vihar National Park-cum-animal rescue and rehabilitation centre in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

- 1) Ganesh
- 2) Bablu
- 3) Guru
- 4) Veera
- 5) Vineeth

**Answer- 2) Bablu**

**Explanation:**

A 36-year-old **male sloth bear** named **Bablu** has died due to multi-organ failure at the Van **Vihar National Park**-cum-animal rescue and rehabilitation centre in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- Bablu had been rescued from a 'madaari' (street performer) in Rajasthan and brought to Van Vihar on May 6, 2006, at the age of 19. The average lifespan of a bear in the wild is 25 to 30 years. After the death of another bear named Gulabo in January 2022, Bablu became the oldest bear in captivity in India.
- Wildlife SOS, a non-governmental organisation working for the rescue of elephants, bears, and leopards across India, expressed sadness over Bablu's passing.

**50. Which wildlife sanctuary was recently (in Jan '24) included in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme?**

- 1) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary
- 2) Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- 3) Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- 4) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- 5) Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

**Answer- 3) Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Explanation:**

The tourism ministry has included **Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary** (Odisha) in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme.

**i.** Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country.

**ii.** It is a 100% centrally funded scheme. Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State governments, Union Territory Administrations or Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

**51. \_\_\_\_\_ will become the first European country to issue digital Schengen visas to visitors for the upcoming Olympics game 2024.**

- 1) Switzerland
- 2) France
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Italy
- 5) Spain

**Answer- 2) France**



**Explanation:**

**France** will become the **first European country** to issue digital **Schengen visas** to visitors for the upcoming Paris Olympics 2024. France has announced plans to shift entirely to online procedures for 70,000 French Schengen Visas, in a move that aligns with the EU's digitalization plans.

- Athletes and officials holding a valid multiple-entry Schengen visa won't need to apply for a separate French Schengen visa. Instead, they can use their existing visa, emphasizing the necessity of obtaining accreditation for the games.
- France began operations of the "Olympic Consulate" system from January 1, 2024 - dedicated to processing visa applications for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The Schengen area includes 23 of the 27 EU member countries, along with associated neighbors Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.

**52. Name the first cyclone of 2024 that has hit Morombe in Madagascar on January 1, 2024.**

- 1) Rita
- 2) Candice
- 3) Belal
- 4) Noah
- 5) Alvaro

Answer- **5) Alvaro**

**Explanation:**

**Alvaro**, the **first cyclone** of **2024**, made landfall near Morombe in **Madagascar** on **January 1, 2024**. It is the first cyclone to hit Madagascar during the 2023-2024 season, which in the southwest Indian Ocean runs from around late October to May.

- **Mozambique** named the **cyclone Alvaro**. Resilience and Preparedness to tropical cyclones across Southern Africa (REPRESA) is an international initiative that aims to improve community preparedness for tropical cyclones in Southern Africa.

**53. Who has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PhonePe?**

- 1) Ashok Kumar
- 2) Ritesh Pai
- 3) Praveen Sharma
- 4) Ajay Kumar
- 5) Jayanth Kumar

Answer- **2) Ritesh Pai**

**Explanation:**

On 5th January 2024, Fintech unicorn **PhonePe** appointed former YES Bank executive **Ritesh Pai** as the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of its International Payments business.

- PhonePe made a series of role reorganisations within the firm, including naming chief executive officers for its lending, insurance, and broking businesses as it doubled down on financial services offerings.
- Hemant Gala, who was part of the core team at PhonePe building the Payments business was appointed as CEO of Lending business on November 7, 2023.

**54. In which state Lakh-Bahosi Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

**Answer- 1) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Uttar Pradesh (UP):**

**Chief Minister-** Yogi Adityanath

**Governor-** Anandiben Patel

**Bird Sanctuary-** Parwati Arga Bird Sanctuary; **Lakh-Bahosi Bird Sanctuary**

**Festival-** Janmashtami; Taj Mahotsava

**55. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?**

- 1) Atish Mathur
- 2) Chandrajit Banerjee
- 3) Sanjiv Bajaj
- 4) R Dinesh
- 5) Sanjiv Puri

**Answer- 2) Chandrajit Banerjee**

**Explanation:**

**About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):**

**Director General-** Chandrajit Banerjee

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Established in-** 1895

**56. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 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 the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):**

**Executive Director-** Catherine M. Russell

**Headquarters-** New York, United States of America

**Established in-** 1946

**57. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) commenced 'First Oil' production from flagship deep-water asset water project in the Krishna Godavari basin offshore India's eastern coast?**

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 2) Reliance Industries Limited

- 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 4) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 5) GAIL India Limited

Answer- **4) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**

**Explanation:**

India's state-controlled **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** kicked off **oil production** from its flagship deep-water project in the **Krishna Godavari basin offshore** India's eastern coast.

- Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri said that it was the "First Oil" production commenced from the complex and difficult deepwater KG-DWN-98/2 Block, situated off the coast of the Bay of Bengal.
- The union minister further announced that the energy production of the country is also set to rise from the deepest frontiers of Krishna Godavari.
- This project is expected to add 7 per cent to current national oil production and 7 per cent to national Natural Gas production.

**58. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)?**

- 1) Ramesh Rajasingham
- 2) Andrew Alspach
- 3) Joyce Msuya
- 4) Lisa Doughten
- 5) Martin Griffiths

Answer- **5) Martin Griffiths**

**Explanation:**

**Martin Griffiths** is the current **Under-Secretary-General** for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (**OCHA**).

**i.** The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) was established in December 1991 by the UN General Assembly to enhance the global response to complex emergencies and natural disasters.

- It is the successor to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO).
- Initially, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA) was formed shortly thereafter by the UN Secretary-General, but in 1998, it was merged into OCHA. This merger solidified OCHA's role as the UN's primary focal point for major disasters.
- OCHA's mandate expanded to encompass humanitarian response coordination, policy development, and advocacy.
- There are two types of pooled funds: Central Emergency Response Fund(CERF), which can fund an emergency anywhere in the world and Country-Based Pooled Funds(CBPFs), which are country-specific.
- The headquarters of OCHA is based in two locations i.e New York and Geneva.

**59. Which University/Institute, along with Researchers at Google DeepMind has recently (in Jan '24) announced Mobile ALOHA, a low-cost open-source hardware system for bimanual teleoperation?**

- 1) Delhi University
- 2) Stanford University
- 3) Harvard University
- 4) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 5) New York University

**Answer- 2) Stanford University**

**Explanation:**

Researchers at **Google DeepMind** and **Stanford University** announced **Mobile ALOHA**, a low-cost open-source hardware system for bimanual teleoperation.

- It is a humanoid robot that can be remote operated by a user and perform autonomously by imitation learning.
- Further, through user-controlled teleoperations, it can do laundry, self-charge, use a vacuum cleaner, water plants, load and unload a dishwasher, use a coffee machine and much more.
- ALOHA is a lightweight robot walking at a human speed of 1.42 metre a second and can carry up to 100-kilogramme weight. Both the hardware and machine-learning algorithms of ALOHA are open-sourced.
- Optimus, the robotics arm of Elon Musk's auto behemoth Tesla, released its first version of humanoid robot Bumblebee in September 2022, followed by Optimus Gen-1 and Optimus Gen-2 last year.
- Unlike ALOHA's low-cost arms-only structure, Optimus robots are nothing short of walking humans designed in black and white metal bodies.

**60. In a first, an Indian Air Force (IAF) C-130J Super Hercules tactical transport aircraft made a night landing at the Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) in Kargil close to the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan along with a team of Garud special forces in January 2024.**

**Which company has developed the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft?**

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

**Answer- 1) Lockheed Martin**

**Explanation:**

In a first, an Indian Air Force (IAF) **C-130J Super Hercules** tactical transport aircraft made a night landing at the Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) in Kargil close to the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan along with a team of Garud special forces.

- The ALG is located at an altitude of around 10,000 feet and is a restricted airstrip with a unidirectional approach surrounded by rough terrain. It also does not have night landing facilities. This demonstrates the capability to carry out specialised missions round the clock in this area

- In Jammu and Kashmir, the IAF has full-fledged airfields at Srinagar, Awantipora, Udhampur and Jammu. In Ladakh, the IAF has airfields at Leh and Thoise and ALGs at Nyoma, Fukche and Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO).
- **C-130J Super Hercules** is a four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft, developed by **Lockheed Martin**, a US security and aerospace company.
- It is the US Air Force's principal tactical cargo and personnel transport aircraft.

**61. As of January 2024, the tiger population in Uttarakhand has increased at a rate of \_\_\_\_\_ between 2006 and 2022.**

- 1) 298%
- 2) 429%
- 3) 219%
- 4) 198%
- 5) 314%

Answer- **5) 314%**

**Explanation:**

The **tiger population in Uttarakhand** has increased at a rate of **314%** between 2006 and 2022.

- Uttarakhand Chief Wildlife Warden Samir Sinha claimed the tiger population density in Uttarakhand is among the highest in the world.
- The tiger population which stood at 178 in 2006 rose to 560 in 2022, recording a rise of 314 per cent.

**62. Name the Indian who has recently (in Jan '24) named in the Guinness Book of World Records for singing in the most languages during a single concert at the Indian Consulate Auditorium in Dubai.**

- 1) Dhvani Bhanushali
- 2) Tulsi Kumar
- 3) Suchetha Satish
- 4) Shirley Setia
- 5) Neha Kakkar

Answer- **3) Suchetha Satish**

**Explanation:**

**Suchetha Satish**, from Kerala, has set a **new world record** for singing in the **most languages** during a single concert at the Indian Consulate Auditorium in Dubai.

- The achievement is officially recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records.
- Suchetha's performance was part of the Concert for Climate, an initiative focused on raising awareness about climate change. She sang in an unprecedented 140 languages during the concert.

**63. As of January 2024, How Many Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are in India?**

- 1) 10
- 2) 13
- 3) 18
- 4) 20

5) 15

Answer- 2) 13

**Explanation:**

The 'Maharatna' scheme was introduced for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), with effect from May 19, 2010.

- It should be listed on an Indian stock exchange, with a minimum prescribed public shareholding under Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regulations.
- The company should Hold Navratna status. The CPSEs should have an average annual net profit of over Rs. 2500 crores.
- Those companies with an annual net worth of Rs. 10,000/- Crore for 3 years Or an Average annual Turnover of Rs. 20,000 crore for 3 years are also eligible to get this status.

**i. Currently, there are 13 Maharatna CPSEs:**

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- Coal India Limited
- GAIL India Limited
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- NTPC Limited
- Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- Power Finance Corporation
- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- Steel Authority of India Limited
- Oil India Limited

**64. Name the Committee that was appointed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 2021 to undertake a comprehensive review of the working of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs).**

- 1) The Damodaran Committee
- 2) Gopalakrishnan Committee
- 3) M.V.Nair Committee
- 4) Khusro Committee
- 5) Sudarshan Sen Committee

Answer: 5) **Sudarshan Sen Committee**

**Explanation:**

The **Sudarshan Sen committee's** objective was to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and regulatory framework governing Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) and provide recommendations for improvements.

**65. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)?**

- 1) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi
- 2) Vishal Kapoor
- 3) K. Sreekant
- 4) Mahua Acharya

5) Ajay Tewari

Answer- **1) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi**

**Explanation:**

**About Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID):**

POWERGRID was incorporated on 23rd Oct 1989 under the **Company Act, 1956.**

**Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)– Ravindra Kumar Tyagi**

**Headquarters– Gurugram, Haryana**

**66. In which state 'Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

1) Uttar Pradesh

2) West Bengal

3) Odisha

4) Jharkhand

5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:**

**About Jharkhand:**

**Chief Minister (CM) – Hemant Soren**

**Governor – C.P. Radhakrishnan**

**Wildlife Sanctuaries – Palamu Wildlife Sanctuary; Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Zoological Park – Tata Steel Zoological Park; Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park**

**67. In which of the following states/UT, Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to raise four more National Cadet Corps (NCC) Units in January 2024?**

1) Ladakh

2) Jammu & Kashmir

3) Assam

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to raise **four more** National Cadet Corps **(NCC) Units** in the **Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.**

- The approval includes one Mixed (Boys & Girls) Army Battalion each at Udhampur (J&K), Kupwara (J&K) and Kargil (Ladakh) and one Air Squadron at Udhampur (J&K).
- With this approval, in addition to the existing 27,870 cadets, the strength in J&K and Ladakh will increase by 12,860, which is a 46.1% rise.
- At present, the Directorate has two Group Headquarters, with a total of 10 NCC Units, covering all the three geographical regions.

**68. Name the company that has recently (in Jan '24) announced an initiative to skill 100,000 developers in India on the latest artificial intelligence (AI) technology and tools.**

1) Accenture

2) Google

3) IBM

4) Oracle Corporation

5) Microsoft

Answer- **5) Microsoft**

**Explanation:**

Global software giant **Microsoft** announced an initiative to skill 100,000 developers in India on the latest artificial intelligence **(AI) technology** and tools.

i. The month-long programme, called AI Odyssey, will impart developers comprehensive learning on AI technologies aligned with business goals and outcomes to enable them to execute critical projects.

- With AI revolutionising the way we work and live, India needs a skilled workforce that can use AI to solve complex problems and create value.

**69. In January 2024, \_\_\_\_\_ announced as the official 'Radio Partner' for the prestigious 'Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024'.**

1) BIG FM

2) Radio Aashiqanaa

3) Radio Mirchi

4) Amrutavarshini

5) Red FM

Answer- **1) BIG FM**

**Explanation:**

**BIG FM** announced as the official **'Radio Partner'** for the prestigious **'Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024'**.

- BIG FM, one of India's largest radio networks with 58 stations, spanning 1.9K towns, 1.2 Lacs villages, and reaching over 34 Crore Indians nationwide, has transcended traditional entertainment to become a purpose-driven brand, serving as a 'thought inspirer' and a force for positive change.
- Its tagline, 'Dhun Badal Ke Toh Dekho,' reflects a commitment to changing the world by altering thoughts.
- The annual award ceremony, slated to honour the Entertainment and Film Industry, will take place on 20th February, 2024, in Mumbai.
- The Ceremony will witness the gathering of celebrities, government delegates, media personnel and heavyweights from the film industry. The partnership between DPIFF and BIG FM underscores a mutual dedication to showcasing India's cinematic brilliance globally.

**70. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)?**

1) Manoj Jain

2) Damodar Bhattad

3) K V Suresh Kumar

4) Bhanu Prakash Srivastava

5) Vikraman N

Answer- **4) Bhanu Prakash Srivastava**

**Explanation:**

**Bhanu Prakash Srivastava** is the current Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Electronics Limited **(BEL)**.



- BEL is a Navratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

**i.** Recently, the DRDO has developed a comprehensive integrated anti-drone system which comprises detection, identification and neutralisation of a drone .

- Three Services have already placed 23 orders on BEL for DRDO-developed technology. The above technology is suitable for detection, identification and neutralisation of an intruding drone on our land borders also. The solutions can be customised for different challenges
- The Transfer of Technology (ToT) for above technologies has been handed over to private industries, including Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Adani, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Icom.
- The technology is capable of countering attacks, soft kill and hard kill of all types of drones, including micro drones, which is being developed in the DRDO.

**71. Who has recently (in Jan '24) won the award of Poland's Sportsperson of the Year for 2023?**

- 1) Rafał Kubacki (Judo)
- 2) Kamil Stoch (Ski jumping)
- 3) Bartosz Kurek (Volleyball)
- 4) Robert Lewandowski (Football)
- 5) Iga Swiatek (Tennis)

**Answer- 5) Iga Swiatek (Tennis)**

**Explanation:**

Tennis world No.1 **Iga Swiatek** won the award of Poland's Sportsperson of the Year for 2023.

- The Sportsperson of the Year is considered to be one of the most prestigious sport prizes in Poland.
- Swiatek's victory was widely expected as the 22-year-old won six titles in 2023. The Pole defended her crown at Roland Garros and she also took the highest podium in Warsaw (WTA 250), Stuttgart and Doha (WTA 500) and WTA 1000 China Open in Beijing. Then she ended her season in a perfect way by winning the WTA Finals in Cancun, Mexico.

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

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

**Answer- 4) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

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

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

**73. In which state 'Gomati Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Assam

- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Bihar
- 5) West Bengal

**Answer- 1) Tripura**

Explanation:

**About Tripura:**

**Governor-** N. Indrasena Reddy

**Chief Minister-** Manik Saha

**Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)-** Sepahijala WLS, Trishna WLS, Gomati WLS

**74. Where is the Headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO)?**

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

**Answer- 3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

**About World Trade Organization (WTO):**

**Director-General-** Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland

**Established -** 1995

**75. In which state, 'Okhla Bird Sanctuary' is located?**

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

**Answer- 2) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

**About Uttar Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister (CM)-** Yogi Adityanath

**Governor-** Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

**Bird Sanctuary-** Samaspur Bird Sanctuary; **Okhla Bird Sanctuary**

**Festival-** Ayudha Pooja; Lath Mar Holi

**76. In which state Simlipal Tiger Reserve (STR) is located?**

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

**Answer- 3) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**Simlipal Tiger Reserve (STR)** is located within the Mayurbhanj District, in the Northernmost part of **Odisha**.

- It is surrounded by high plateaus and hills, the highest peak being the twin peaks of Khairiburu and Meghashini (1515m above mean sea level).
- It was declared a 'Tiger Reserve' in the year 1956 and included under the national conservation programme 'Project Tiger' in 1973 and included as a part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves by UNESCO in the year 2009.

**77. Who is the current (as of Jan '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:**

**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):**

**Chairman- Debasish Panda**

**Headquarters** – Hyderabad, Telangana

**Established in** – 1999

**Established under** – Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act(IRDAI), 1999

**78. Which company has been chosen by the Ayodhya Development Authority as the official map for Ayodhya city in January 2024?**

- 1) Genesys International
- 2) Cadeosys India
- 3) CompuSense Automation
- 4) Corengg Technologies
- 5) Trikaal Tech Enterprise

Answer- **1) Genesys International**

**Explanation:**

**Genesys International**, India's leading mapping company, has been chosen by the Ayodhya Development Authority as the **official map for Ayodhya city**. Their new India map platform integrates cutting-edge 2D navigation and a 3D-digital twin of the entire city, providing an immersive experience.

**i.** The map will include special features for electric vehicles and contribute to Ayodhya's commitment to environmental sustainability. Genesys's advanced 3D mapping features will transform Ayodhya's navigational landscape, making it a smart and sustainable city for pilgrims, citizens, and civic authorities.

**79. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) signed a four-year (2023-2027) media rights agreement with the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?**

- 1) Viacom 18 Media Private Limited
- 2) Eros International Media Limited
- 3) Sony Pictures Networks India
- 4) Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited
- 5) Reliance Industries Limited

**Answer- 1) Viacom 18 Media Private Limited**

**Explanation:**

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has signed a **four-year (2023-2027) media rights agreement with Viacom 18 Media Private Limited.**

- This agreement includes all FIH events, except the FIH Nations Cup, and Indian fans can watch the upcoming Olympic Qualifiers, the first-ever Hockey5s World Cup, Hockey Pro League, World Cup. Matches will be available on JioCinema and Network Sports18.

**80. Name the company that has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the official Fantasy Sports Partner for the Betway SA20 Season 2.**

- 1) Byju's
- 2) Mobile Premier League
- 3) Dream11
- 4) Nike
- 5) Adidas

**Answer- 3) Dream11**

**Explanation:**

**Dream11** has been **appointed** the **official Fantasy Sports Partner** for the **Betway SA20 Season 2.**

- The partnership with Dream11 marks a milestone in bringing together South Africa's T20 tournament with the passion of cricket fans in India.
- Dream11 is currently the lead sponsor of the Indian Men's and Women's National cricket teams.
- India being a strategic market, with six Indian Premier League (IPL) teams owning teams in the SA20, the partnership with Dream11 unlocks an opportunity to connect with millions of cricket fans across the subcontinent.

**81. Who has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the new high performance director of Hockey India (HI)?**

- 1) Carlo Ancelotti
- 2) Alex Ferguson
- 3) Antonio Conte
- 4) José Mourinho
- 5) Herman Kruis

**Answer- 5) Herman Kruis**

**Explanation:**

**Hockey India (HI)** announced the appointment of **Herman Kruis** as the new high performance director with the Dutchman serving in the position till September, 2024.

- i. He will oversee the national junior and senior programmes of HI, including the coaches education pathway among other tasks.
- ii. Kruis, who is from the Netherlands, has over two decades of coaching experience, and was earlier appointed as coach of Indian men and junior women's teams to oversee their preparations for the FIH Men's Junior World Cup and FIH Women's Junior World Cup respectively

**82. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) received a notice from the telecom department for an alleged violation of subscriber verification norms, entailing a penalty of Rs. 3.57 lakh?**

- 1) Bharat Sanchar Nigam
- 2) Reliance Jio Infocomm
- 3) Bharti Airtel
- 4) Vodafone Idea
- 5) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam

Answer- **3) Bharti Airtel**

**Explanation:**

**Bharti Airtel** has received a notice from the telecom department for an alleged violation of subscriber verification norms, entailing a penalty of **Rs. 3.57 lakh**.

- In a Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) filing, the telecom operator informed that the notice pertains to Bihar LSA and was received on January 8, 2024.
- Citing details, the company said it pertained to an alleged violation of terms and conditions concerning subscriber verification norms under the Licence Agreement, according to a sample customer application form (CAF) audit conducted by the Department of Telecom for September 2023.

**83. In January 2024, Bajaj Markets partnered with \_\_\_\_\_ (Small Finance Bank-SFB) to offer the bank's fixed deposits up to 8.25% interest rate.**

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

Answer- **1) Ujjivan SFB**

**Explanation:**

**Bajaj Markets**, a subsidiary of Bajaj Finserv, has partnered with **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** to offer bank's fixed deposits. On the same, investors can get up to **8.25% interest rate**.

- An individual can invest an amount as low as ₹1,000. Moreover, it offers flexibility, allowing individuals to choose between payouts at maturity or on a quarterly basis and even enabling investment in FDs without the need to open a savings account.
- The availability of various tenor options ensures that customers can align their investments with specific financial goals.
- Senior citizens can avail higher interest rates, while the tax-savvy investors can take advantage of Tax Saver Fixed Deposits.
- It will streamline the process by offering an application with minimal documentation, facilitating instant online bookings, and providing a fixed deposit calculator for easy planning, and comparison of various FD schemes.

**84. Name the Indian cricketer who has recently (in Jan '24) recorded the second-fastest century in Ranji Trophy history at the Shaheed Vir Narayan Singh Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.**

- 1) Yash Dhull
- 2) Prithvi Shaw
- 3) Riyan Parag
- 4) Devdutt Padikkal
- 5) Sanju Samson

**Answer- 3) Riyan Parag**

**Explanation:**

**Riyan Parag** hit the **second-fastest century** in **Ranji Trophy history** as he smashed 155 off 86 balls, reaching his hundred in just 56 balls against Chhattisgarh at the Shaheed Vir Narayan Singh Stadium in Raipur

- Rishabh Pant, who plays for Delhi in the Ranji Trophy, scored the fastest century in the tournament's history after he smashed 135 off just 67 balls against Jharkhand in a 2015-16 Ranji Trophy match.
- It was in the second innings of the match when Delhi were following on that Pant scored the century in 48 balls. In that same match, Pant had also scored a century in 82 balls.

**85. Who has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the Board of Director of Tanla Platforms Limited?**

- 1) Praveen Kumar
- 2) Ajay Sharma
- 3) Jayanth Kumar
- 4) Amrita Gangotra
- 5) RS Sharma

**Answer- 5) RS Sharma**

**Explanation:**

**Tanla Platforms Limited** announced the appointment of former TRAI Chairman Dr. **RS Sharma** to its board of directors, bringing the total number of directors on Tanlas Board to **7**.

- He was Chairman of the TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) between 2015 to 2020 and his tenure was marked by initiatives promoting net neutrality and consumer rights.
- Over the years, he has spearheaded multiple Government initiatives. As Chairman of the Empowered Group of COVID vaccine Administration (EGVAC), Dr. Sharma steered the design and roll out of Co-Win - the digital backbone of vaccination drive in India, which won international acclaim.

**86. Name the personality who has recently (in Jan '24) received the M.S. Swaminathan World Prize 2023.**

- 1) Praveen Rao
- 2) Krishnan Suthanthiran
- 3) Surinder Sehgal
- 4) Shenggen Fan
- 5) Ashis K. Mukherjee

**Answer- 2) Krishnan Suthanthiran**

**Explanation:**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, and G.S.A. Global Eye Magazine, U.S.A, presented the M.S. Swaminathan World Prize 2023 to Indian-Canadian businessman **Krishnan Suthanthiran**, founder of Team Best Global Companies, for his contributions towards cancer research.

- The award was presented by Selvi Apoorva, Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to the Tamil Nadu Government.
- He deserves this award not only for his contributions to the field of cancer research but also for his simplicity and contributions to society.

**87. Which of the following Indian shooters have recently (in Jan '24) secured a gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol team event at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers?**

- 1) Ujjawal Malik
- 2) Arjun Singh Cheema
- 3) Varun Tomar
- 4) Both 1 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

**Indian shooters** secured a **gold medal** in the **men's 10m air pistol team** event to make a bright start to their campaign at the **Asian Olympic Qualifiers**.

- The Indian team of **Varun Tomar** (586), **Arjun Singh Cheema** (579) and **Ujjawal Malik** (575) produced a total of 1740 to finish at the top, while Iran and Korea claimed the silver and bronze medals respectively.
- Varun and Arjun have also made it to the individual finals. A total of 16 quota places for the Paris Olympics are available at the continental showpiece. The 10m air pistol events for men and women have four quotas on offer with a maximum of three for the Indian shooters.
- India has already won 13 Olympic quota places in shooting across rifle, pistol and shotgun disciplines.

**88. In December 2023, the \_\_\_\_\_, an expedition vessel chartered by India, embarked on a journey from Cape Town, South Africa to Antarctica for the 43rd Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (43-ISEA) Voyage.**

- 1) MV Raffles
- 2) MV Hannington
- 3) MV Holmbury
- 4) MV Vasilij Golovnin
- 5) MV Arsterturm

Answer- **4) MV Vasilij Golovnin**

**Explanation:**

The **MV Vasilij Golovnin**, an expedition vessel chartered by India, embarked on its journey from Cape Town, South Africa to Antarctica for the **43rd** Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (**43-ISEA**) Voyage in the early morning hours of December 23, 2023.

**Note-** Vasilij Golovnin is a General Cargo Ship built in 1988 and currently sailing under the flag of Russia.

- The expedition is composed of 21 members from India, one from Bangladesh, and two from Mauritius. Air support is facilitated by two helicopters: an Aerospatiale 350 B3 and a KAMOV 32, with a total crew of nine members – led by Dr Yogesh Ray a senior scientist from Antarctic Operations Group of NCPOR. The voyage is overseen by a team of 42 crew members from M/S FESCO in Vladivostok.
- The First Oceanographers and Hydrographers Conference with the theme 'Our Future is with Our Oceans' was conducted under the multilateral forum Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) from 15 - 18 Nov 2022.
- For this season, fueling was done by Indian Public Sector Undertaking Companies, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), respectively at Goa and Cape Town ports.

**89. In which state, 'Singalila National Park' is located?**

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

Answer- **4) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About West Bengal:**

**Chief Minister**– Mamata Banerjee

**Governor**– Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

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

**Tiger Reserve**– Buxa Tiger Reserve; Sundarban Tiger Reserve

**90. In which state 'Chail Wildlife Sanctuary' is situated?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister (CM)**– Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

**Governor**– Shiv Pratap Shukla

**National Parks**– Great Himalayan National Park; Pin Valley National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries**– Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary; **Chail Wildlife Sanctuary**

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

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) New York City, United States of America
- 3) Rome, Italy



4) Geneva, Switzerland

5) Paris, France

Answer- **5) Paris, France**

**Explanation:**

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

UNESCO's Constitution was adopted in London (United Kingdom) in 1945, it entered into force in 1946.

**Director-General-** Audrey Azoulay

**Headquarters-** Paris, France

**92. In which state Satkosia Gorge sanctuary is located?**

1) Jharkhand

2) Odisha

3) West Bengal

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**About Odisha:**

**Chief Minister-** Naveen Patnaik

**Governor-** Raghubar Das

**Tiger Reserve-** Similipal Tiger Reserve and Satkosia Tiger Reserve

**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Satkosia Gorge sanctuary (Angul) and Nandankanan sanctuary (Bhubaneswar)

**93. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Chairman of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)?**

1) Nihal Chand Sharma

2) Varsha Joshi

3) Dilip Rath

4) Meenesh C Shah

5) NH Kelawala

Answer- **4) Meenesh C Shah**

**Explanation:**

**About National Dairy Development Board (NDDB):**

**Chairman-** Dr. Meenesh C Shah

**Headquarters-** Anand, Gujarat

**Established in-** 1965

**94. Singalila National Park is located in \_\_\_\_\_ (state).**

1) West Bengal

2) Odisha

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Bihar

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About West Bengal (WB):**

**Chief Minister**– Mamata Banerjee

**Governor**– C. V. Ananda Bose

**National Parks**– Singalila National Park, Neora Valley National Park

**Wild Life Sanctuary**– Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary

**95. In January 2024, Ministry of Tourism (MoT) collaborated with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to conduct training in Bhitarkanika National Park, \_\_\_\_\_ (state) under Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme.**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Tourism (**MoT**) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (**MoEF&CC**) launched the fourth training programme in **Bhitarkanika National Park** in **Odisha** under the **Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme** on 5th January 2024.

- i.** Under this initiative, two training programmes of 15 days each namely Alternative Livelihood program (ALP) and Paryatan Navik Certificate (PNC) will be conducted.
- ii.** In the first phase of this programme, five priority Ramsar sites were identified namely Sultanpur National Park, Sirpur wetland, Yashwant Sagar, Bhitarkanika National Park, and Chilika Lake.
  - The first three training programmes for Sultanpur National Park, Sirpur wetland, and Yashwant Sagar were successfully completed in December 2023.

**96. In January 2024, Coal India Limited extended the tenure of Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) for Non-Regulated Sector to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 3 years
- 2) 8 years
- 3) 10 years
- 4) 6 years
- 5) 4 years

Answer- **3) 10 years**

**Explanation:**

State-run **Coal India Limited** has begun the latest tranche of the linkage auction to the non-regulated sector (NRS), extending the **tenure** of fuel supply agreement (**FSA**) to **10 years** from the earlier five years.

- CIL is a Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Coal and P M Prasad, who currently serves as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Coal India Limited (CIL).

**97. In January 2024, the United Nation (UN) Security Council adopted a resolution condemning Yemen's Houthi rebels on merchant and commercial vessels in the Red Sea area.**

**Which of the following countries have sponsored the resolution?**

- 1) Japan
- 2) United States
- 3) France
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

The United Nation **(UN) Security Council** has adopted a resolution condemning **Yemen's Houthi rebels** on merchant and commercial vessels in the **Red Sea area**.

- The **resolution**, sponsored by the **United States** and **Japan**, demands an immediate halt to the attacks, citing their impact on global commerce and regional peace.
- The Iranian-backed Houthis, involved in a civil war in Yemen, have launched attacks targeting ships.
- The resolution calls for the release of the Galaxy Leader, a ship seized by Houthis, and condemns arms dealings violating Security Council sanctions.

**98. In which state, ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) has recently (in Jan '24) established a wholly-owned subsidiary named OVL Overseas IFSC Ltd?**

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

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

ONGC Videsh Ltd **(OVL)**, the overseas investment arm of India's Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, has **established** a wholly-owned subsidiary named **OVL Overseas IFSC Ltd** in GIFT City, **Gujarat**.

- This entity in GIFT City will serve as the global treasury centre for OVL and its 25 subsidiaries, covering 15 countries.

**99. In January 2024, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced the Artemis III mission to land four astronauts near the lunar south pole will be postponed to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) November 2026
- 2) July 2025
- 3) August 2026
- 4) September 2026
- 5) October 2025

Answer- **4) September 2026**

**Explanation:**

US space Agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration **(NASA)** has postponed its plans to send humans to the moon after delays hit its hugely ambitious Artemis programme.

- i. The agency has announced the **Artemis III mission** to land four astronauts near the lunar south pole will be delayed a year until **September 2026**.
- ii. Artemis II, a 10-day expedition to send a crew around the moon and back to test life support systems, will also be pushed back to September 2025.

**100. In January 2024, Rhinos returned to Laokhowa and Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries of \_\_\_\_\_ (state) after 40 years.**

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

Answer- **2) Assam**

**Explanation:**

Rhinos have returned to **Laokhowa and Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries** of Assam, 40 years after the population of pachyderms in the area was wiped out due to poaching.

- The Laokhowa and Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuaries are two highly significant ecosystems of the Nagaon district of Assam, India.

**101. Name the company that has recently (in Jan '24) received authorisation for a Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for medium-class drones.**

- 1) Garuda Aerospace Private Limited
- 2) Paras Defence and Space Technologies Limited
- 3) Dhaksha Unmanned Systems Private Limited
- 4) Thanos Technologies Private Limited
- 5) TechEagle Private Limited

Answer- **1) Garuda Aerospace Private Limited**

**Explanation:**

Drone company **Garuda Aerospace Private Limited** had received authorisation for a Remote Pilot Training Organisation (**RPTO**) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (**DGCA**) for **medium-class drones**.

- Agnishwar Jayaprakash- Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Garuda Aerospace.

**102. In which state Kuno National Park is located?**

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

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Asha, the cheetah named by PM Modi, has given birth to three furry little cubs at **Kuno National Park** in **Madhya Pradesh**, delivering the hope of reviving the cheetah population in India.

- These Indian-born cheetahs were spotted for the first time on December 26, 2023.

**103. In January 2024, the Union Ministry of Coal announced the target of \_\_\_\_\_ (MT) of production from captive and commercial coal mines during FY25.**

- 1) 112.65 million tonnes
- 2) 120.34 million tonnes
- 3) 186.63 million tonnes
- 4) 239.78 million tonnes
- 5) 152.89 million tonnes

**Answer- 3) 186.63 million tonnes**

**Explanation:**

The union ministry of coal has announced the target of **186.63 million tonnes (MT)** of production from captive and commercial coal mines during **FY25**.

- The ministry announced plans were in place for production to be increased to 225.69 MT during FY26, with an eventual target of 383.56 MT by FY30.
- The government has a target of 162 million tonnes (MT) coal from the captive and commercial mines for FY24.
- The ministry added that in December 2023, total coal production from captive and commercial mines stood at 14.04 MT, up by 38% from 10.14 MT in December 2022.

**104. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Director General (DG) of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?**

- 1) Shivshankar Menon
- 2) Kirti Chakra
- 3) Vivek Doval
- 4) Pramod Kumar Misra
- 5) Vikram Dev Dutt

**Answer- 5) Vikram Dev Dutt**

**Explanation:**

**About Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):**

DGCA is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

**Director General- Vikram Dev Dutt**

**Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi**

**105. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?**

- 1) Amarendu Prakash
- 2) Thachath Viswanath Narendran
- 3) Vishambhar Saran
- 4) Sajjan Jindal
- 5) Atul Bhatt

**Answer- 1) Amarendu Prakash**

**Explanation:**

**About Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL):**

SAIL is a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) functioning under the Ministry of Steel(MoS)

**Chairman - Amarendu Prakash**

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Established in** – 1973

**106. As of January 2024, How many member states are presented in the World Bank (WB)?**

- 1) 196
- 2) 192
- 3) 176
- 4) 180
- 5) 189

Answer- **5) 189**

**Explanation:**

**About World Bank (WB):**

**President (WB Group)**– Ajay Banga

**Establishment**– 1944

**Headquarters**– Washington D.C, United States (US)

**Members**– 189 member states

**107. In which state Bir Bhunerheri Wildlife Sanctuary is located?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer-**3) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

**About Punjab:**

**Chief Minister** – Bhagwant Singh Mann

**Governor** – Banwarilal Purohit

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Bir Moti Bagh Wildlife Sanctuary, **Bir Bhunerheri Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Zoological Park** – Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park; Tiger safari zoo

**108. In January 2024, the Ministry of Finance sanctioned an additional Rs \_\_\_\_\_ for the second phase of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) programme.**

- 1) 1,900 crore
- 2) 1,500 crore
- 3) 2,000 crore
- 4) 2,500 crore
- 5) 1,000 crore

Answer- **2) 1,500 crore**

**Explanation:**

The **Union Finance Ministry** has sanctioned an **additional Rs 1,500 crore** for the second phase of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (**FAME-II**) programme, addressing fears that funds could run out before the scheme ends in March 2024 due to robust electric vehicle (EV) sales.

- A proposal to increase the outlay for FAME-II from Rs 10,000 crore to Rs 11,500 crore was approved by the department of expenditure (DoE) on 2nd January 2024.

**109. Which state government has recently (in Jan '24) signed an agreement with the Tehri Hydropower Development Corporation India Ltd (THDCIL) for developing the 1,200 MegaWatts (MW) Kalai-II hydroelectric project in the Lohit river basin?**

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

**Answer- 4) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The **Arunachal Pradesh** government signed an agreement with the Tehri Hydropower Development Corporation India Ltd (**THDCIL**) for developing the **1,200-mw Kalai-II hydroelectric project** in the **Lohit river basin** at a cost of Rs 13,000 crore.

- State Hydropower Commissioner Ankur Garg and THDCIL's director (technical) Bhupender Gupta signed the agreement on behalf of the two sides.

**110. In December 2023, a 73 feet high-mast national flag was hosted in Tawang district of \_\_\_\_\_ (state).**

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

**Answer- 1) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

In December 2023, Indian Politician, Tsering Tashi hoisted a 73 feet high-mast **Indian national flag** in Tawang district of **Arunachal Pradesh** at a height of 15,200 feet above sea level.

- The event was witnessed by Flag Foundation of India CEO Maj Gen (Retd) Ashim Kohli, Tawang Brigade commander Brigadier Vipul Singh Rajput, officials of the district administration, troops of the Indian Army, ITBP, SSB, NCC cadets and others.

**111. In January 2024, Actor Lee Sun-kyun of the Oscar-winning movie "Parasite" passed away. In which year did the Parasite movie won the Oscar award?**

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2021

**Answer- 2) 2020**

**Explanation:**

Actor Lee Sun-kyun of the Oscar-winning movie "**Parasite**" has passed away in South Korea.

- Lee appeared in “Parasite,” which won **Oscars** for best picture and three other categories in **2020**. The class satire was the first non-English-language film to win best picture in the then-92-year history of the Academy Awards, and was the first South Korean movie ever to win an Oscar.

**112. Who is the current (as of 12th January 2024) Chairman of the BSE Limited (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange)?**

- 1) Subhash Sheoratan Mundra
- 2) Sundararaman Ramamurthy
- 3) Pramod Agrawal
- 4) Sushri Jayshree Vyas
- 5) Subhasis Chaudhuri

Answer- **1) Subhash Sheoratan Mundra**

**Explanation:**

**Subhash Sheoratan Mundra** (SS Mundra), the current **Chairman of BSE**, whose tenure is set to expire on 16th January 2024. Pramod Agrawal will replace SS Mundra as the Chairman with effect from 17th January 2024.

- Investors in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are set to get their first regional exchange-traded fund (ETF) tracking Indian equities.
- The fund will track the performance of Shariah Compliant Indian equities listed on the BSE Limited.
- Lunate Capital LLC is launching the Chimera S&P India Shariah ETF, replicating the performance of the S&P India Shariah Liquid 35/20 Capped Index.

**113. Who has recently (in Jan '24) became the 16th Indian shooter to win a Paris Olympic quota place with a bronze medal in the 25m sports pistol event at the Asia Qualifiers?**

- 1) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 2) Rituraj Singh
- 3) Rahi Sarnobat
- 4) Rhythm Sangwan
- 5) Gagan Narang

Answer- **4) Rhythm Sangwan**

**Explanation:**

**Rhythm Sangwan** became the **16th Indian shooter** to win a **Paris Olympic quota place** with a bronze medal in the 25m sports pistol event at the Asia Qualifiers.

- With Rhythm's qualification, India secured its highest-ever number of quota places for the July-August Games, with the previous best being the 2020 Tokyo Olympics where the country had sent 15 shooters.
- This is the third Olympic quota place for India after Esha Singh and Varun Tomar bagged the 10m air pistol women's and men's spots



**114. In January 2024, India joined the world's largest radio telescope project called the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO).**

**SKAO is an intergovernmental organisation, global headquarters is located in the Jodrell Bank Observatory, \_\_\_\_\_(country).**

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

**Answer- 4) United Kingdom**

**Explanation:**

**India** will also be part of the **world's largest radio telescope** project called the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (**SKAO**).

- Some of the countries taking part in building the SKA include the United Kingdom (UK), Australia, South Africa, Canada, China, France, India, Italy and Germany.
- The Government of India's approval for joining the project, with a financial sanction of Rs 1,250 crore, is the first step towards the ratification.
- SKAO is an intergovernmental organisation that aims to build and operate cutting-edge radio telescopes. Its global headquarters is located in the Jodrell Bank Observatory, **United Kingdom**.

**115. According to the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List(On 11th January 2024), \_\_\_\_\_ is ranked 11th with an estimated total net worth of USD 105.1 billion.**

- 1) Cyrus S. Poonawalla
- 2) Mukesh Ambani
- 3) Gautam Adani
- 4) Ratan Tata
- 5) Shiv Nadar

**Answer- 2) Mukesh Ambani**

**Explanation:**

Asia's richest billionaire **Mukesh Ambani** joined the exclusive club of tycoons having net worth of at least \$100 billion after shares of Reliance Industries (RIL) ended at fresh all-time high levels.

- The total net worth of the Chairman and Managing Director of RIL was estimated at \$105.1 billion, shows data from the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List.
- In the global rich list, Ambani is now at the No.11 spot. With this Mukesh Ambani becomes one of the 12 billionaires on the list with a total net worth of more than 100 billion

**116. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)?**

- 1) Vijay Murthy
- 2) Arun Misra
- 3) Munish Vasudeva
- 4) Priya Agarwal Hebbbar
- 5) Sandeep Modi

Answer- 2) Arun Misra

**Explanation:**

**About Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL):**

**Chief Executive Officer(CEO)- Arun Misra**

**Headquarters-** Udaipur, Rajasthan

**Established in** 1966

**117. Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has recently (in Jan '24) partnered with the Deakin University to launch a Research Academy.**

- 1) IIT Madras
- 2) IIT Kanpur
- 3) IIT Roorkee
- 4) IIT Guwahati
- 5) IIT Delhi

Answer- 1) IIT Madras

**Explanation:**

**Deakin University** and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT Madras**) announce the launch of the '**IIT Madras Deakin University Research Academy**'.

Through collaborative global research projects, joint supervision and meritorious scholarships, this visionary academy will nurture nearly 200 highly talented graduate research scholars, representing South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and ASEAN countries, ready to address and solve pressing global challenges.

**118. Who is the current (as of Jan' 24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Adani Defence and Aerospace?**

- 1) Praveen Gupta
- 2) Ajay Sharma
- 3) Jayanth Kumar
- 4) Ameya Gore
- 5) Ashish Rajvanshi

Answer- 5) Ashish Rajvanshi

**Explanation:**

**About Adani Defence and Aerospace:**

Adani Defence and Aerospace is a part of Adani Group.

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Ashish Rajvanshi**

**Headquarters-** Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**119. In January 2024, \_\_\_\_\_ (company) secured the coveted first position in the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment 2023 in the metals and mining sector.**

- 1) National Aluminium Company Limited
- 2) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited
- 3) Hindustan Zinc Limited
- 4) Coal India Limited
- 5) Hindustan Copper Limited

Answer- 3) Hindustan Zinc Limited

**Explanation:**

Vedanta's **Hindustan Zinc Limited** (HZL), the world's largest zinc, lead, and silver producer, has secured the coveted first position in the **S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment 2023** in the metals and mining sector.

- i. With an impressive score of 85, Hindustan Zinc stands out as the top-ranked company among the 238 global peers in the sector.
- ii. HZL is India's largest and the world's second-largest integrated zinc producer. At present, Government of India owns 29.5% stake in HZL while Vedanta owns 64.9% stake.

**120. Which ministry, along with the Government of Goa has recently (in Jan '24) organised the International Purple Fest Goa - 2024?**

- 1) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- 2) Ministry of Tourism
- 3) Ministry of Culture
- 4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

**Explanation:**

The first-of-its-kind '**International Purple Fest Goa - 2024**' was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Bandu Athawale. Chief minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant, ministers of Goa government and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

- This fest is organised by the **Government of Goa** and **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**. The 5 days fest will continue till 13th January, 2024.

**121. Who has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the Whole-Time Member (Finance and Investment) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?**

- 1) Amarjeet Singh
- 2) Rajay Kumar Sinha
- 3) Ajay Seth
- 4) M. Rajeshwar Rao
- 5) Ravi Anshuman

Answer- **2) Rajay Kumar Sinha**

**Explanation:**

The government has appointed **Rajay Kumar Sinha** as the **Whole-Time Member** (Finance and Investment) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) for a period of three years.

- Sinha is currently serving as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SBI Capital Markets, the investment banking arm of the State Bank of India. He also holds the position of Deputy Managing Director at SBI, Corporate Centre, Mumbai.

**122. Which company/organisation has been recently (in Jan '24) honoured with the Indian of the Year 2023 award for outstanding achievements?**

- 1) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 3) GAIL (India) Ltd

4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

5) NTPC Limited

Answer- **1) Indian Space Research Organisation**

**Explanation:**

The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has been honoured with the **Indian of the Year 2023 award** for outstanding achievements.

- The award, presented by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh, recognised the remarkable contributions made by ISRO in pushing the boundaries of space exploration.

**123. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) signed an MoU with the Indian Navy for the supply of technically advanced uniform fabric?**

1) Lux Industries Limited

2) Alok Industries Limited

3) Arvind Limited

4) Vardhman Textiles

5) Raymond Group

Answer- **3) Arvind Limited**

**Explanation:**

A memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) was signed between the **Indian Navy** and textile and apparel company **Arvind Limited** for the supply of technically advanced uniform fabric for the Navy.

- Meanwhile, the Royal Saudi Naval Forces Chief of Staff, Admiral Fahad Abdullah S Al-Ghofaily, called on Admiral R Hari Kumar, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy, on Thursday in New Delhi and held discussions on collaborative mechanisms and measures to further strengthen naval cooperation.

**124. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) team has recently (in Jan '24) made the first high-resolution landslide risk map for India?**

1) IIT Kharagpur

2) IIT Delhi

3) IIT Kanpur

4) IIT Madras

5) IIT Bombay

Answer- **2) IIT Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The team of Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Delhi** has made the **first high-resolution landslide susceptibility map** for India and the map data is available for free.

- High Resolution: The map could plot the susceptibility at a resolution of 100 m.
- Identified Region: The map acknowledged some high landslide susceptibility, like parts of the foothills of the Himalayas, the Assam-Meghalaya region, and the Western Ghats.

**125. In which state Hirakud reservoir is located?**

1) Assam

2) Kerala

3) Karnataka

- 4) Odisha
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

Over 3.42 lakh migratory birds visited **Hirakud reservoir** in **Odisha's** Sambalpur district in January 2024 compared to 3.16 lakh avian guests in 2023.

- After conducting a bird census covering an area of 500 sqkm, a senior forest official said 342,345 birds from 113 species, including 20 new ones, were spotted in the reservoir.

**126. Which country has recently (in Jan '24) announced a plan to construct a mind-bending 'upside down skyscraper'?**

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Kuwait
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Japan

Answer- **1) Saudi Arabia**

**Explanation:**

**Saudi Arabia** has announced plans to construct a mind-bending '**upside down skyscraper**' as part of its rapid development of NEOM - a burgeoning construction site that the Kingdom aims to turn into a next-generation megacity on the Red Sea.

- The new site, dubbed 'Aquellum' and billed as a 'luxury and experiential space offering guests a taste of futuristic living', looks like something out of a sci-fi video game and sparks both interest and scepticism upon first viewing.

**127. Which of the following personalities have co-founded Artifact, the Artificial intelligence (AI)-driven news app?**

- 1) Steve Chen
- 2) Kevin Systrom
- 3) Mike Krieger
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **5) Both 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

**Artifact**, the AI-driven news app cofounded by Instagram's **Kevin Systrom** and **Mike Krieger**, is shutting down after failing to find a large enough market.

- Artifact launched in January 2023 and quickly gained a following for its personalised news feed and ability to create and share posts.

**128. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the Powered by Sponsor for Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2?**

- 1) Coal India Limited
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 3) Hindustan Petroleum Limited
- 4) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

5) Oil India Limited

Answer- **4) Indian Oil Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Ultimate Kho Kho**, India's first-ever professional Kho Kho league, has onboarded **Indian Oil Corporation Limited** integrated energy major as the Powered By Sponsor for its ongoing Season 2.

- Their partnership with IndianOil is set to unfold through an extensive marketing campaign, encompassing digital and on-ground activations.

**129. In January 2024, \_\_\_\_\_ (company) overtook Apple as the world's most valuable company.**

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

Answer- **3) Microsoft Corporation**

**Explanation:**

**Microsoft Corporation** overtook **Apple** as the **world's most valuable company** after the iPhone maker's shares made a weak start to 2024 due to growing concerns over demand.

- Shares of Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft were last up 1.6%, giving it a market valuation of USD 2.875 trillion as its early lead in the race to make money from generative artificial intelligence helped draw investors.
- Apple was 0.9% lower with a market capitalization of USD 2.871 trillion - the first time since 2021 that its valuation has fallen below that of Microsoft.

**130. In which state Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **3) Assam**

**Explanation:**

**About Assam:**

**Governor-** Gulab Chand Kataria

**National Parks-** Kaziranga National Park, Dibru – Saikhowa National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary, Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary

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

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

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About International Labour Organisation (ILO):**

**Director-General** – Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo

**Headquarters** – Geneva, Switzerland

**Established** – 1919

**Member nations** – 187

**132. In which state Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary is located?**

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Arunachal Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister** – Pema Khandu

**Governor**- Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

**Wild Life Sanctuary** – Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary, Yordi-Rabe Supse

**Zoological Park** – Itanagar Zoological Park, Roing Zoo

**133. The Ntangki National Park is located in \_\_\_\_\_ (state).**

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- **4) Nagaland**

**Explanation:**

**Ntangki National Park** is located in **Nagaland**.

**i.** Located 40 km from the town of Peren and about 37 km from Dimapur is the Ntangki National Park also known as the Intanki.

**134. In which state Achanakmar Tiger Reserve is located?**

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Tripura

Answer- **1) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

**Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary** was established in 1975 and was declared as a tiger reserve in 2009 located in **Chhattisgarh**. The legend has it that a British man was killed by a sudden ('achanak') attack ('maar') of a tiger at this forest.

**135. In which state Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

**Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary** is located in **Karnataka**. The main breeding ground for a variety of local and migratory birds.

i. It comprises 6 (six) Islands and 6 (six) Islets in the river Cauvery.

**136. India is not a member of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) World Trade Organization
- 2) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 3) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
- 4) New Development Bank
- 5) International Finance Corporation

Answer- **3) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes**

**Explanation:**

India is a **member** of four of the five constituents of the World Bank Group viz., International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

**137. In January 2024, Tim Southee from \_\_\_\_\_ (country) became the first bowler to reach 150 wickets in Twenty20 International (T20I) cricket.**

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

Answer- **3) New Zealand**

**Explanation:**

**New Zealand's Tim Southee** has become the **first bowler** to reach **150 wickets** in T20I cricket. Tim Southee reached the milestone during the first Twenty20 International (T20I) against Pakistan on January 12, 2024 in Auckland.

i. Tim Southee had 147 wickets in 117 matches ahead of the game and he finished with 4/25 to create history. The bowler's historic performance also helped the Kiwis win the first ODI by 46 runs and take 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

**138. In which state Barda Wildlife Sanctuary is located?**

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



5) Gujarat

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

**About Gujarat:**

**Chief Minister**- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

**Governor** - Acharya Devvrat

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** - Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary**

**139. In which state 'Kudremukh National Park' is located?**

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Karnataka

3) Jharkhand

4) West Bengal

5) Odisha

Answer- **2) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

The **Kudremukh National Park** is located in Chikkamagaluru and Dakshina Kannada districts, **Karnataka**.

i. It houses a variety of wildlife such as the leopard, Malabar giant squirrel, sloth bear, gaur, sambar, jackal, mongoose, tiger, wild dog, common langur, porcupine, spotted deer, barking deer and giant flying squirrel.

**140. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) located?**

1) Rome, Italy

2) New York, United States of America

3) Geneva, Switzerland

4) London, United Kingdom

5) Paris, France

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

**Explanation:**

**About United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):**

United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) was formerly known as United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

**Executive Director**- Catherine M. Russell

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

**141. What is the Tagline of IDFC First Bank?**

1) We Understand Your World

2) Support All the Way

3) Together We Can

4) Your Perfect Banking Partner

5) Always You First

Answer- **5) Always You First**

**Explanation:**

**About the IDFC First Bank:**

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

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Tagline-** Always You First

**142. Which of the following institutions doesn't come under the ministry of Finance?**

- 1) Export and Import (EXIM) Bank
- 2) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD)
- 3) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
- 4) Small Industries Development Bank of India( SIDBI)
- 5) Power Finance Corporation(PFC)

**Answer- 5) Power Finance Corporation(PFC)**

**Explanation:**

**Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC)** is a Schedule-A Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) and India's largest Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) by assets.

It comes under the **Ministry of Power**, while the rest above come under the Ministry of Finance.

**143. In which state 'Lemru Elephant Reserve' is located?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Chhattisgarh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Kerala

**Answer- 3) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

**i.** The **Lemru Elephant reserve** is located in the Korba district of **Chhattisgarh**. It seeks to give elephants a permanent habitat while also minimising property damage and human-animal conflict.

**ii.** Project Elephant was launched by the Government of India in 1992 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with following objectives: To protect elephants, their habitat & corridors To address issues of man-animal conflict Welfare of captive elephants.

**144. In which year, the Indian Army formed?**

- 1) 1870
- 2) 1992
- 3) 1895
- 4) 1990
- 5) 1890

**Answer- 3) 1895**

**Explanation:**

**About Indian Army:**

**Chief of Army Staff (CoAS)- General Manoj Pande**

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Formed on-** 1 April 1895

**145. Danish \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Denmark.**

- 1) Krone
- 2) Dinar
- 3) Franc
- 4) Pound
- 5) Rufiyaa

**Answer- 1) Krone**

**Explanation:**

**About Denmark:**

**Prime Minister-** Mette Frederiksen

**Capital-** Copenhagen

**Currency-** Danish Krone

**146. India Meteorological Department (IMD) celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ Year of its establishment and service to India on 15th January 2024.**

- 1) 125th
- 2) 150th
- 3) 140th
- 4) 145th
- 5) 160th

**Answer- 2) 150th**

**Explanation:**

India Meteorological Department (IMD) celebrated **150th Year** of its establishment and service to the nation on 15th January 2024.

i. The Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar graced the occasion as Chief Guest in the inaugural ceremony celebration of 150th years of its establishment. Shri Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Earth Sciences graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Dr. M Ravichandran, Secretary MoES presided over the function.

**147. In Which state ' Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

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

**Answer- 1) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister-** Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

**Governor-** Shiv Pratap Shukla

**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary, **Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary**

**148. The Karikili Birds Sanctuary is located in \_\_\_\_\_(State).**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Tamil Nadu

- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**About Tamil Nadu:**

**Chief Minister-** M. K. Stalin

**Governor-** R. N. Ravi

**Airports-** Tuticorin or Thoothukudi Airport; Salem airport

**Bird sanctuary-** **Karikili Birds Sanctuary**, Kancheepuram; Kanjirankulam Birds Sanctuary, Ramanathapuram

**149. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?**

- 1) Ajay Kumar
- 2) Jayanth Kumar
- 3) Anita Kapur
- 4) Nitin Gupta
- 5) Atish Mathur

Answer- **4) Nitin Gupta**

**Explanation:**

**About Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):**

**Chairman-** Nitin Gupta

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Established-** 1963

**150. The Food Corporation of India celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary on 14th January 2024.**

- 1) 70th
- 2) 55th
- 3) 60th
- 4) 65th
- 5) 50th

Answer- **3) 60th**

**Explanation:**

**On 14th January 2024**, The **Food Corporation of India** celebrated its **60th anniversary**, with Union Minister Piyush Goyal hailing India's food self-sufficiency as a great achievement in human history.

- The Food Corporation of India was set up under the Food Corporations Act 1964 , in order to fulfill following objectives of the Food Policy. Since its inception, FCI has played a significant role in India's success in transforming the crisis management oriented food security into a stable security system.

**151. In which state Kuno National Park is located?**

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

5) Haryana

Answer- **1) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Shaurya, a Namibian cheetah at the **Kuno National Park** in **Madhya Pradesh**, passed away.

**i. Kuno National Park** lies in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh in Central India near the Vindhyan Hills.

- Named after the Kuno River (One of the main tributaries of the Chambal River) that cuts across it, Kuno is primarily a grassland region.
- Kuno National Park was selected under 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'.

**152. In January 2024, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Air India Express flight services connecting \_\_\_\_\_ (city) and Kolkata to Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.**

- 1) Indore
- 2) Bengaluru
- 3) Chennai
- 4) Pune
- 5) Gandhinagar

Answer- **2) Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Air India Express flight services connecting **Bengaluru, Karnataka and Kolkata**, West Bengal to Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

**153. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) entered into a strategic partnership with Truecaller to cater to the ever-evolving landscape of mobile commerce?**

- 1) Dunzo
- 2) FedEx
- 3) Delhivery
- 4) Gati
- 5) Shiprocket

Answer- **5) Shiprocket**

**Explanation:**

**Shiprocket**, an e-commerce enablement platform, has entered into a strategic partnership with **Truecaller** to cater to the ever-evolving landscape of mobile commerce. The partnership will enable 3 lakh Shiprocket merchants to streamline their consumers' mobile onboarding to shopping journeys and deliver a consumer experience.

- According to a report by Statista, Mobile commerce in India is projected to reach \$46.4 billion in 2023.

**154. Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, has recently (in Jan '24) flagged off the Indian Navy Chadar Trek (Frozen Zaskar River, Ladakh) expedition in \_\_\_\_\_ (Indian Navy's training institute).**

- 1) INS Shivaji
- 2) INS Gomantak

- 3) INS Hansa
- 4) INS Agnibahu
- 5) INS Shikra

Answer- **1) INS Shivaji**

**Explanation:**

Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, flagged off the Indian Navy Chadar Trek (Frozen Zaskar River, Ladakh) expedition at **INS Shivaji**.

- The CNS handed over the ceremonial Ice Axe to the team leader Cdr Navneet Malik and wished them a successful expedition. The team of 14 members would scale the summit at a height of 11,000 ft and unfurl the National flag and Naval Ensign.

**155. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) partnered with Foxconn to form chip packaging and testing joint venture in India?**

- 1) Adani Group
- 2) HCL Group
- 3) Tata Group
- 4) ITC Limited
- 5) Gitanjali Group

Answer- **2) HCL Group**

**Explanation:**

Taiwanese contract manufacturer **Foxconn** has partnered with **HCL Group** to start a chip packaging and testing venture in India.

- According to a regulatory filing to Taiwan's stock exchange, Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development, a division of the Taiwanese giant, will invest USD 37.2 million for a 40% ownership in the joint venture.
- The chip packaging and testing venture, called OSAT in industry parlance, comes after Foxconn abandoned a joint venture with Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta in July 2023.
- HCL Group had earlier announced that it was in active talks to establish an OSAT facility with the state government of Karnataka.

**156. In which year, the European Investment Bank (EIB) was established?**

- 1) 1973
- 2) 1950
- 3) 1944
- 4) 1963
- 5) 1958

Answer- **5) 1958**

**Explanation:**

**About European Investment Bank (EIB):**

**President** – Werner Hoyer

**Headquarters** – Kirchberg, Luxembourg

**Established in 1958**

**157. Which of the following articles of the Indian Constitution deal with the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions?**

- 1) Article 40
- 2) Article 21
- 3) Article 30
- 4) Article 25
- 5) Article 28

Answer- **3) Article 30**

**Explanation:**

**Article 30** of the Indian Constitution states the **right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions**. It was adopted on December 8, 1948.

- Article 30 is one of the many provisions that ensure the preservation of minority rights.
- Article 30(1) says that all minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.
- Article 30(1A) deals with the fixation of the amount for the acquisition of property of any educational institution established by minority groups.
- Article 30(2) states that the government should not discriminate against any educational institution on the ground that it is under the management of a minority, whether based on religion or language, while giving aid.

**158. In which state, Van Vihar National Park Zoo is located?**

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

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Madhya Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister-** Mohan Yadav

**Governor-** Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**Zoological Park-** Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Kamla Nehru Prani Sangrahalaya Zoo (Indore Zoo)

**159. In which state Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **3) Assam**

**Explanation:**

**Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the flood plains of the Brahmaputra River in **Assam**, and is known for having the highest density of one-horned rhinos (EN) in the world. It is often referred to as 'Mini Kaziranga' due to its similar landscape and vegetation.

**160. In which state Pakke Tiger Reserve is located?**

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

Answer- **5) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Pakke Tiger Reserve** is located in the East Kameng district of **Arunachal Pradesh**.

- It is surrounded by the Tenga Reserve Forest to the North, Doimara Reserve Forest on the West, Nameri National Park and Tiger Reserve (Assam) on the South.

**161. Which of the following funds belong to the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?**

- 1) ASEAN Infrastructure Fund
- 2) Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust
- 3) Asian Development Fund
- 4) Cities Development Initiative for Asia
- 5) Global Infrastructure Facility

Answer- **2) Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust**

**Explanation:**

The **Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust** is the **International Monetary Fund's** main vehicle for providing concessional financing (currently at zero interest rates) to low-income countries.

- The PRGT's interest-free loans support well-designed economic programs that help catalyze additional financing from donors, development institutions, and the private sector. PRGT supported programs also play a central role in creating the environment for successful debt resolution in distressed countries.

**162. In which state Navegaon National Park is located?**

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

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Maharashtra:**

**Chief Minister(CM)**- Eknath Shinde

**Governor**- Ramesh Bias

**National Park**- **Navegaon National Park**; Chandoli National Park

**Wildlife sanctuaries**- Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary; Bhamragarh Wildlife Sanctuary



**163. Who is the current (as of Jan '24) Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shriram General Insurance Company Limited (SGIC)?**

- 1) Bhama Krishnamurthy
- 2) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- 3) Anil Kumar Aggarwal
- 4) Rupa Devi Singh
- 5) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

Answer- **3) Anil Kumar Aggarwal**

**Explanation:**

**About Shriram General Insurance Company Limited (SGIC):**

SGIC is a joint venture(JV) between Shriram Capital Limited and Sanlam Limited (South Africa).

**Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Anil Kumar Aggarwal**

**Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan**

**Established in – 2006**

**164. Name the Indian Navy Ship (INS) that has saved the Marshall Island-flagged MV Genco Picardy following a drone attack in the Gulf Aden in January 2024.**

- 1) INS Visakhapatnam
- 2) INS Kolkata
- 3) INS Imphal
- 4) INS Vikrant
- 5) INS Mormugao

Answer- **1) INS Visakhapatnam**

**Explanation:**

**INS Visakhapatnam** saved the Marshall Island-flagged MV Genco Picardy following a drone attack in the **Gulf Aden** on 17th January 2024.

i. INS Visakhapatnam, undertaking anti piracy patrol in Gulf of Aden, acknowledged the distress call and intercepted the vessels on 18th January 2024 to provide assistance. MV Genco Picardy with 22 crew (9 Indian) reported nil casualties and fire under control.

**165. Who was recently (in Jan '24) appointed as the Executive Director of Bandhan Bank for three years?**

- 1) Sujoy Roy
- 2) Ratan Kumar Kesh
- 3) Amitava Goswami
- 4) Santanu Banerjee
- 5) Rajinder Kumar Babbar

Answer- **5) Rajinder Kumar Babbar**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India approved the appointment of **Rajinder Kumar Babbar** as the **Executive Director of Bandhan Bank** for three years with effect from the date of taking charge, which should be within three months from the date (January 17, 2023).

- Babbar is currently the Group Head - Transportation, Infrastructure and Tractor Finance Group at HDFC Bank.

**168. Which state government has recently (in Jan '24) announced a plan to unveil the world's tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?**

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

**Answer- 2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The **Andhra Pradesh** government is set to unveil the **world's tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, the esteemed architect of the Indian Constitution, in a grand ceremony in Vijayawada.

- The colossal structure, named the 'Statue of Social Justice,' stands at an impressive height of 206 feet, making it one of the top 50 tallest statues globally, with Sardar Vallabhai Patel's 'Statue of Unity' claiming the top spot.

**167. Which company has recently (in Jan '24) entered into an MoU with Japan's SkyDrive to develop a 'futuristic air transportation' & opportunities in the emerging field of electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft?**

- 1) Paras Defence and Space Technologies
- 2) Drone Destination
- 3) Info Edge (India)
- 4) Marut Drones
- 5) Zen Technologies

**Answer- 4) Marut Drones**

**Explanation:**

Hyderabad (Telangana)-based **Marut Drones** and **Japan's SkyDrive** decided to collaborate for developing a 'futuristic air transportation' and explore opportunities in the emerging field of electric vertical take-off and landing (**eVTOL**) aircraft.

- eVTOL aircraft, commonly referred to as air taxis or flying taxis, represent a revolutionary shift in air transportation. These battery-powered vehicles combine the hovering capabilities of a helicopter with the efficiency of fixed-wing aircraft.

**168. Which of the following Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Assam?**

- 1) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- 2) Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary,
- 3) Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary,
- 4) Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary
- 5) Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary

**Answer- 1) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Explanation:**

**Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Assam** has recorded a decline in the number of individual birds, but two new species were spotted during the waterbird census.

- The number of species identified in 2024 was 72, an increase from 70 in the last count.
- i. The census, which was conducted, recorded 7,225 birds compared to 8,441 in the previous count in 2022-23.