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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Name the operation that was launched by the Indian Government (in Feb'22) to rescue Indian citizens from Ukraine due to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

- 1) Operation Samudra Setu
- 2) Operation Safe Homecoming
- 3) Operation Raahat
- 4) Operation Ganga
- 5) Operation Bharat

Answer- 4) Operation Ganga

Explanation:

The Government of India (**GoI**) has launched '**Operation Ganga**' to evacuate Indian citizens from Ukraine, due to Ukraine's war against Russia. The GoI has planned to help nearly 15,000 Indians to reach India with the help of Air India flights.

i. With the help of the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva, the GoI has guided the Indian citizens towards the border of Ukraine.

Assignment To The Ministries:

The Prime Minister of India has decided to send 4 Union Ministers to Poland and Romania to oversee the evacuation.

- Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas – Hardeep Singh Puri
- Minister for Law and Justice – Kiren Rijiju
- Civil Aviation Minister – Jyotiraditya Scindia
- Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation – General V K Singh

2. Which institute recently (in Feb'22) hosted the OCEANS 2022 conference along with the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for the first time in India?

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

Answer- 2) IIT-Madras

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT Madras**) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (**NIOT**), Chennai, TN jointly hosted, for the first time in India, the **OCEANS 2022 conference** & Exposition in IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai, TN. It is a bi-annual event of global marine researchers on February 21-24, 2022.

i. It was held in a hybrid format. 'Inspire-Innovate-Sustain' was the main theme of the conference.

ii. The conference highlighted how 'UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development' is attempting to reduce the impacts of climate change through renewable energies.

3. In February 2022, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched 'Meri Policy, Mere Hath' to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers.

Under which Ministry Meri Policy, Mere Hath' was launched?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PMKMY)
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

Answer- 3) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

Explanation:

Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the central government's '**Meri Policy, Mere Hath**', a doorstep crop insurance policies distribution drive under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (**PMFBY**) in Sanwer tehsil of Indore district, Madhya Pradesh, to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers.

- i.** The PMFBY enters the 7th year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif season.
- ii.** Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd (RGICL) and SBI General have participated in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana's nationwide doorstep crop insurance policy distribution mega drive -- 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign.

4. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Cabinet approval in February 2022?

A) CCEA has approved the offering of coal (dry fuel) by coal companies via a common e-auction window of Coal India Limited which will replace the sector-specific auctions.

B) CIL also has ambitious coal production plans for the future with an aim of producing 1 BT (Billion Tonne) coal by 2023-24.

C) CCEA approves the national roll-out of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with a budget of Rs 1,600 crore for 5 years.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

CCEA has approved the offering of coal (dry fuel) by coal companies via a common **e-auction window of Coal India Limited** which will replace the sector-specific auctions.

i. CIL also has ambitious coal production plans for the future with an aim of producing 1 BT (Billion Tonne) coal by 2023-24.

ii. CCEA approves the national roll-out of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with a budget of Rs **1,600 crore** for **5 years**.

5. In February 2022, PM Narendra Modi addressed a webinar on the vision of GatiShakti and its convergence with Union Budget 2022.

Which of the following departments organized the webinar on a vision of 'GatiShakti'?

- 1) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- 2) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion
- 3) Department of Science and Technology
- 4) Industrial R&D Promotion Programme
- 5) Technology Development and Innovation Programme

Answer- 1) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi addressed a webinar on the vision of **GatiShakti** and its convergence with Union Budget 2022.

- i.** It was **organized** by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MOCI**). It was a platform for dignitaries, academicians and industry stakeholders to discuss the plans for improving India's logistics sector.
- ii.** National logistics portal to be integrated with ULIP The Central Government announced that the National Logistics Portal (NLP) will be integrated with Unified Logistics Interface Platform-ULIP to formalize the methods and speed up the processes related to the overall trade.

6. In February 2022, _____ announced India is to launch the _____ phase of the Monsoon Mission to improve Prediction Skill of Monsoon Weather and Climate.

- 1) Ministry of Earth Sciences; 2nd Phase
- 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; 3rd Phase
- 3) Ministry of Earth Sciences; 3rd Phase
- 4) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; 4th Phase
- 5) Ministry of Earth Sciences; 4th Phase

Answer- 3) Ministry of Earth Sciences; 3rd Phase

Explanation:

According to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (**MoES**), India is set to launch the **third** phase of the Monsoon **Mission (III)**.

Objective-

- To Improve Prediction Skill of Monsoon Weather and Climate
- By improving Seasonal and Intraseasonal Monsoon Forecast and Medium Range Forecast.

- i.** Monsoon Mission was first launched in 2012 (2012-2017) and a flagship project was undertaken by the MoES. The second phase was launched in 2017 (2017-2020).
- ii.** The launch was announced in the International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO). It was jointly hosted by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

7. Which organization recently (in Feb'22) announced to launch a new star rating system, named "Health Star Rating System" for packaged foods?

- 1) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- 2) Council of Scientific And Industrial Research
- 3) National Health Authority

- 4) Food Corporation of India
- 5) National Food Safety and Quality Service

Answer- **1) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**

Explanation:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**) is set to introduce a new star rating system, the "Health Star Rating System", for packaged foods.

- i. Under this, the packaged foods will display the number of stars on the Front Of Pack Label (FOPL), which indicates how healthy or unhealthy they are depending upon the amount of salt, sugar, and fat they have.
- ii. The Health Star rating system is one of five types of labels that were considered, including Nutriscore, Warning Label, Multiple Traffic Lights (MTL) and Monochrome GDA.

8. As per Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, _____ became top performing state in India in terms of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices (as of March'22).

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

Answer- **1) Telangana**

Explanation:

Telangana became the **top** performing state in India with a population over one crore in terms of growth rate of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). It succeeded other states like Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

- i. The Gross State Domestic Price (GSDP) of Telangana increased from Rs 359434 crores in 2011-12 to Rs 1,154,860 crores in 2021-22.
 - It recorded GSDP growth by 31.12 per cent from 2011-12. It is one of the highest growth rates for any state in the country.

About Telangana:

Chief Minister- K Chandrashekar Rao

Rivers- Bhima River, Tungabhadra river

9. Which company recently (in March'22) partnered with MeitY Startup Hub to train 100 Indian startups under Appscale Academy programme?

- 1) Wipro
- 2) Google
- 3) Amazon
- 4) Meta
- 5) Microsoft

Answer- **2) Google**

Explanation:

Google and **MeitY Startup Hub**, an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) have announced to form a group of 100 Indian early to mid-stage startups to support these startups to build high-quality global apps and games as part of the **Google's Appscale Academy**.

i. The 35% of the cohort come from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities; 58% have a woman in a leadership role. The cohort's main sectors are- Education, Health, Finance, Social, Ecommerce, and Gaming.

About MeitY Startup Hub:

CEO- Jeet Vijay

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

10. Which state/UT celebrated the "2022 Herath festival" on 28th February, 2022?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Chandigarh

Answer- **2) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

Herath or the 'Night of Hara(Shiva)', generally known as Maha Shivratri, is the main festival celebrated by the Kashmiri Pandits across Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**). The festival marks the marriage anniversary of Lord Shiva and Goddess Uma (Parvathi). 2022 Herath Festival was celebrated on **28th February 2022**.

i. Herath Festival is celebrated on "**Trayodashi**" or the **13th day** of the dark half of the month of **Phalgun** (Hindu calendar), between February and March. The rest of the nation celebrates the Maha Shivratri on Chaturdashi or the 14th of Phalgun.

11. Which state/UT government recently (in Feb'22) announced to set up a "Science Innovation Hub" in city school to promote scientific culture among students?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Chandigarh

Answer- **1) Delhi**

Explanation:

The Delhi Government will come up with a 'Science Innovation Hub' at a school run by Delhi government at a cost of over Rs 5 crore in the next two-and-a-half years.

i. The Directorate of Education of the Delhi government has assigned the task of construction and development of the Hub to the DTTDC on a 30,000-square metre land in Kautilya Sarvodaya Co-education School at Chirag Enclave, Delhi.

ii. **Aim** - To promote a scientific culture and inculcate a scientific temper for nurturing talent in science and technology.

12. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 7th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2022 launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

A) The survey has been initiated with around 3,000 assessors of Ipsos Research Pvt. Ltd., an Assessment Agency headquartered in Paris France.

B) Swachh Survekshan 2022 is designed with the notion of 'People First' as its driving philosophy.

C) Another new indicator, "Swachh Technology Challenge," was added to SS 2022, which was launched by MoHUA on December 6, 2021.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

Explanation:

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i. Swachh Survekshan 2022 is designed with the notion of 'People First' as its driving philosophy.

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13. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the project that was released during the International Women's Day week events by the Ministry of Women and Child Development?

A) An Insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh for the workers of one-stop centres (OSC) which was established under the Nirbhaya fund to provide medical aid to distressed women.

B) MoWCD launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project' in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences with an aim to improve the mental health of women in India.

C) The inaugural event of the week was organised by the MoWCD in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A

3) Only B

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

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

Explanation:

An **insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh** for the workers of one-stop centres (**OSC**), was established under the **Nirbhaya fund** to provide medical aid to distressed women.

i. MoWCD launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project' in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences with an aim to improve the mental health of women in India.

ii. The inaugural event of the week was organised by the MoWCD in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

14. In March 2022, the Ministry of Defence approved _____ projects under Make-I (Government Funded) & _____ under Make-II (Industry Funded) categories of Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020.

- 1) Three & Seven
- 2) Five & Six
- 3) Four & Five
- 4) Six & Three
- 5) Three & Four

Answer- 3) Four & Five

Explanation:

Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) accords in-principle approval to **four** projects under **Make-I** (Government Funded) & **five** under **Make-II** (industry-funded) categories of Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020. The project is to boost 'Atma Nirbharta'.

i. The project aims to develop the design capabilities of Indian defence Industry and position India as a design leader in these technologies.

About Ministry of Defence:

Union Minister – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

Ministry of State – Ajay Bhatt (Constituency – Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar, Uttarakhand)

15. India recently (in March'22) signed a Host Country Agreement (HCA) with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the establishment of its Area Office & Innovation Centre at _____.

- 1) Muzaffarpur, Bihar
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer- 2) New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

A Host Country Agreement (HCA) inked between India and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. HCA was signed during a World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly-20 (WTSA-20) held in Geneva, Switzerland.

ii. It is for the 1st time opening in the South Asia region. The office will be funded by the Indian government.

iii. The Office and Centre are expected to be operational by mid 2022.

16. As per the Mercom India Research report named '2021 Q4 & Annual India Solar Market Update', India installed a record _____ of solar capacity in 2021.

- 1) 30 GW
- 2) 40 GW
- 3) 50 GW
- 4) 10 GW

5) 20 GW

Answer- **4) 10 GW**

Explanation:

In accordance with the Mercom India Research report titled '2021 Q4 & Annual India Solar Market Update' India installed a record **10 Gigawatt (GW)** of solar capacity during calendar year **2021** as compared to 3.2 GW of solar capacity installations during 2020 This addition is the highest ever in a year.

i. This growth represents a year-on-year (y-o-y) rise of 212%.

ii. Rajasthan, Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh were the top three states for cumulative large-scale solar capacity accounting for 50% of the installations in the country as of December 2021.

17. Which organization recently (in March'22) partnered with the Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) for the 1st time to preserve the intangible cultural heritage of India?

1) International Cultural Diversity Organization

2) UNDP

3) UNESCO

4) World Cultural Council

5) Archaeological Survey of India

Answer- **3) UNESCO**

Explanation:

Indian Hotels Company Limited (**IHCL**) has partnered with The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) to help preserve and promote the intangible cultural heritage of India, as part of an initiative which aims to transform the travel landscape in the post pandemic world.

i. IHCL & UNESCO Partnership is the Industry's first collaboration to work towards preserving India's intangible cultural heritage.

ii. IHCL and UNESCO will offer experiential tours for travellers at various IHCL hotels and enable them to better experience the living heritage of India.

iii. IHCL & UNESCO Partnership is the Industry's first collaboration to work towards preserving India's intangible cultural heritage.

18. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 3rd NIC Tech Conclave 2022 event released in March 2022?

1) The Ministry of Science and Technology inaugurated the 3rd NIC Tech Conclave 2022 and the event was organized by Digital India.

2) The Theme for NIC Tech Conclave 2022 is "Technologies for Next-Gen Governance".

3) The ebook titled "75 Digital Solutions from NIC" was released during the NIC Tech Conclave 2022 at New Delhi, Delhi.

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology (E&IT) inaugurated the 3rd Edition of 'NIC Tech Conclave 2022' a 2-day event organized by the National Informatics Centre(NIC) on 3rd and 4th March 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. The **Theme** for NIC Tech Conclave 2022 is "Technologies for Next-Gen Governance".
- ii. The ebook titled "75 Digital Solutions from NIC" was released during the NIC Tech Conclave 2022 at New Delhi, Delhi.

19. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Jharkhand state government budget presented in March 2022 by the Finance Minister of Jharkhand, Rameshwar Oraon?

- A) The Jharkhand government presented a Rs 1.01-lakh crore budget for FY 2022-23 with higher spending on health and infrastructure & presented a proposal to increase the capital expenditure by 59%.
- B) Under the agriculture sector so far, Rs 836 crore has been transferred to the accounts of over 2,11,530 farmers under the Jharkhand Agriculture Loan Waiver Scheme.
- C) The budget proposed creation of 12.5 crore man-days in the next fiscal under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The Jharkhand government presented a **Rs 1.01-lakh** crore budget for **FY 2022-23** with higher spending on **health** and **infrastructure** & presented a proposal to increase the **capital expenditure** by **59%**.

- i. Under the agriculture sector so far, **Rs 836 crore** has been transferred to the accounts of over 2,11,530 farmers under the Jharkhand Agriculture Loan Waiver Scheme.
- ii. The budget proposed creation of **12.5 crore** man-days in the next fiscal under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (**MGNREGA**).
- iii. The **Guruji Credit Card Scheme** will be launched to the Jharkhand students to provide students with education loan for Higher Education.

20. The government of India recently (in March'22) approved the 'Modernisation Plan-IV for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)' scheme with a financial outlay of _____.

- 1) Rs 2,256 crore
- 2) Rs 3,982 crore
- 3) Rs 1,523 crore
- 4) Rs 4, 976 crore
- 5) Rs 1,986 crore

Answer- 3) Rs 1,523 crore

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has approved 'Modernisation Plan-IV for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) scheme to improve the overall operational efficiency and preparedness of the CAPFs with a financial outlay of **Rs 1,523 crore**.

i. The Ministry of Home Affairs under guidance of Union Home Minister, Amit Shah will implement the scheme from 1st February 2022 to 31st March 2026. This approval was made as a continuation of 'Modernisation Plan-III for CAPFs'.

About Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA):

Union Minister – Amit Shah (Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat).

Minister of state – Nityanand Rai (Ujjiarpur, Bihar); Ajay Kumar Mishra (Kheri, Uttar Pradesh); Nisith Pramanik (Coochbehar, West Bengal).

21. Name India's first Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) that was recently (in March'22) tested by Indian Railways between Gullaguda-Chitgidda Railway stations?

- 1) Bachan
- 2) Kavach
- 3) Panah
- 4) Bachav
- 5) Sharan

Answer- **2) Kavach**

Explanation:

The indigenously-developed **India's first** Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), "**Kavach**" was successfully tested by Indian Railways. The test was conducted between Gullaguda-Chitgidda Railway stations on Lingampalli-Vikarabad section in Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway.

i. This system will help the Railways achieve the goal of 'zero accidents' as it enables the trains to stop on their own if the digital system notices any manual error like jumping of the red signal or any other malfunction.

About KAVACH:

Announced in the 2022 Union Budget as a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, it is an indigenously developed ATP (Automatic Train Protection) system by Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) in collaboration with Indian industry. Its trials are facilitated by South Central Railway.

22. In which city Reliance Industries Ltd. opened (in March'22) India's first global destination named 'Jio World Centre'?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- **4) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) opened the **Jio World Centre**, 'first of its kind' India's largest and most prestigious multi-faceted destination in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

- i. The Jio World Centre also features India's largest Convention Centre "Jio World Convention Centre" enabled by the 5G network.
- ii. The centre was envisioned by Nita Ambani, Director of Reliance Industries and Founder-Chairperson of Reliance Foundation.

23. Which company recently (in March'22) announced to set up a JV for Electronics Manufacturing Hub in India along with Sanmina Corporation?

- 1) Reliance Industrial Manufacture Ltd
- 2) Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd
- 3) Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Ltd
- 4) Reliance Industrial Infrastructure Ltd
- 5) Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd

Answer- **2) Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd**

Explanation:

Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (**RSBVL**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) and Sanmina Corporation (**Sanmina Corp**), an Integrated manufacturing solutions provider have entered into a joint venture(JV) to create an electronic manufacturing hub in India.

- i. The joint venture has been created through an investment in Sanmina's existing Indian entity Sanmina SCI India Private Ltd (SIPL) and the day-to-day business will continue to be managed by Sanmina's existing management team in Chennai.
- ii. RSBVL will achieve this ownership primarily through an investment of upto Rs 1,670 crore in new shares in SIPL, Sanmina's existing Indian entity.

24. Which organization recently (in March'22) announced to construct "India's 1st Green Charging Hub" along with the Jaipur-Delhi-Agra E-highway pipeline?

- 1) National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd
- 2) National Highway for Electric Vehicle
- 3) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 4) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd
- 5) National Highways Authority of India

Answer- **2) National Highway for Electric Vehicle**

Explanation:

National Highway for Electric Vehicle (**NHforEV**), an organisation for promoting electrification of India's transportation systems is constructing first of its kind 'green charging hub' along the Jaipur-Delhi-Agra E-highway.

- i. The new initiative is unique in a way of using green construction techniques for such Electric Vehicle (EV) stations with net zero carbon infrastructure.
- ii. Aim – To reduce carbon footprint to zero or move towards net-positive and also replace petrol pumps in the future.

About National Highways for Electric Vehicle (NHforEV):

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Program director – Abhijeet Sinha

25. Which state government recently (in March'22) partnered with the National Stock Exchange of India to support MSME for listing?

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

Answer- 4) Telangana

Explanation:

National Stock Exchange (**NSE**) of India Limited, a leading stock exchange collaborated with the **Telangana government** to encourage and support the **MSMEs** of the state for listing.

i. NSE with the support of the Telangana government will conduct awareness drives through seminars, camps, knowledge sessions, road shows and workshops to guide corporates in fundraising on NSE Emerge platform.

ii. It has signed an MoU with the NSE to enable SMEs to list on the NSE Emerge platform to raise capital and scale up their business globally.

26. In which place the Blue Cross of India recently (in March'22) launched India's 1st mobile ambulance for street animals along with Four Paw?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The **Blue Cross of India**, a Chennai-based animal welfare charity, has launched a "**first-of-its-kind**" **mobile ambulance** for street animals in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**, in collaboration with the international animal welfare organisation Four Paw.

i. The Stray Animal Care programme, the 'hospital on wheels' with a veterinarian, for the street animals was launched by Justice Dr Anitha Sumanth of the Madras High Court(HC).

About Blue Cross of India:

Chairman Emeritus- Dr S. Chinny Krishna

Chairman- Shantilal Pandya

Established in 1959

Headquarters- Chennai, Tamil Nadu

27. Which place will become the first village to be completely solarized by Goldi Solar, EPC services provider & Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundation (SRKKF)?

- 1) Dudhala, Gujarat
- 2) Gandikota, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Barwani, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Amritsar, Punjab
- 5) Ajmer, Rajasthan

Answer- **1) Dudhala, Gujarat**

Explanation:

Goldi Solar, EPC services provider & Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundation (SRKKF) jointly laid the foundation stone for the solarization of the village of Dudhala in Gujarat.

- i. Once the project gets complete, it will become the **first village** to be completely powered with solar panels by a foundation.
- ii. The collaboration will set up a 450 KW solar rooftop project that will be used to supply power around 350 houses and public areas such as anganwadis, gram panchayat and other areas.
- iii. The project is undertaken under Shri Govindbhai Dholakia's Mentorship.

28. In March 2022, Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister inaugurated the Delhi Teachers University at Outram Lane in Mukherjee Nagar, New Delhi.

Who was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the newly formed Delhi Teachers University?

- 1) Dhananjay Joshi
- 2) Yogesh Singh
- 3) V.R. Mehta
- 4) Deepak Nayyar
- 5) Upendra Baxi

Answer- **1) Dhananjay Joshi**

Explanation:

Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister of Delhi inaugurated the Delhi Teachers University at Outram Lane in Mukherjee Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi. It is Delhi's first of its kind university.

- i. Prof. Dhananjay Joshi has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the newly formed Delhi Teachers University.
- ii. The Delhi Teachers' University, spread over 12 acres of land in Bakkarwala village, Delhi, will have lecture halls, digital labs and a library with world-class facilities for 5000 students.

29. Which of the following points are correct with respect to PM Narendra Modi's visits to Pune, Maharashtra in March 2022?

- A) PM unveiled the 9.5 feet tall statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Pune Municipal Corporation which is made of gunmetal with 1850 kg weight.
 - B) The 12km stretch of the Pune Metro Rail Project has inaugurated with an outlay of Rs 11,400 crore.
 - C) The PM also laid the foundation stone of Rejuvenation And Pollution Abatement of Mula-Mutha River projects under the ambitious National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).
- 1) All A, B & C

- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only B
- 5) Only A

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

Explanation:

PM unveiled the **9.5 feet tall** statue of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** at Pune Municipal Corporation which is made of gun metal with 1850 kg weight.

i. The 12km stretch of **Pune Metro Rail Project** was inaugurated with an outlay of Rs 11,400 crore.

ii. The PM also laid the **foundation stone** of **Rejuvenation And Pollution Abatement of Mula-Mutha River projects** under the ambitious National River Conservation Plan (**NRCP**) which was set up by the Central Government. It is being funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

30. In March 2022, _____ amended the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Rules 2009 to address the concerns of entities facing bankruptcy proceedings.

- 1) Ministry of MSME
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 4) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Finance

Answer- **4) Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (**MoCA**) amended the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Rules 2009 effective 4th March 2022 to address the concerns of entities facing bankruptcy proceedings.

i. Hereon LLP Rules 2009 will be called as Limited Liability Partnership (Second Amendment) Rules 2022

ii. It primarily deals with solvency statements and certificates of truthfulness, which are part of the annual returns.

iii. The new rules also cover the requirement of filing a certificate endorsing the truthfulness and correctness of annual returns of LLPs with sales of up to Rs.5 crore, or partner contribution of up to Rs.50 lakh.

31. In March 2022, the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) launched a 'Donate-a-Pension' programme to contribute to the pension fund to their support staff.

The 'Donate-a-Pension' programme was launched under which of the following schemes?

- 1) National Pension Scheme
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana
- 4) Aam Admi Beema Yojana
- 5) Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana

Answer- **3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana**

Explanation:

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Labour & Employment (**MoL&E**), has launched 'Donate-a-Pension' programme under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana (**PM-SYM**) for people to contribute to the pension fund to their support staff.

i. This initiative is one of the events planned by MoL&E, for the 'Iconic Week' celebration observed from 7th to 13th March 2022.

About Donate-a-Pension initiative:

An initiative under the PM-SYM pension scheme that encourages people to donate the premium contribution of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers, care givers, nurses, in their household or establishment or any other eligible unorganized workers.

32. In March 2022, the Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying inaugurated the 'Sagar Parikrama', an initiative to solve the concerns of the fishermen community.

_____ is the first state as part of the Sagar Parikrama initiative.

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

The Union Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the 'Sagar Parikrama', an initiative to solve the concerns of the fishermen community in **Gujarat**, marked as the first state as part of Parikrama initiative.

i. Sagar Parikrama was flagged from the freedom fighter Shyamiji Krishna Varma Memorial at Mandvi, Gujarat, on the first day it reached Okha in Devbhumi Dwarka district, Gujarat and the first leg of Sagar Parikrama will end at Porbandar, Gujarat & Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Hovercraft is on board for the Parikrama.

ii. It covers 9 maritime States/4UTs and provides livelihood support to millions of coastal fisher folk as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava'.

33. Which Ministry recently (in March'22) signed an MoU with National Institute of Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development (NIESBUD) to Implement the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme?

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Rural Development
- 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 4) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 5) Ministry of MSME

Answer- **2) Ministry of Rural Development**

Explanation:

National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (**NIESBUD**), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (**MSDE**) have signed an **MoU** with the Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**) to develop a sustainable

model for promoting entrepreneurship at the grassroots by initiating the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (**SVEP**).

i. SVEP is a sub-component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) of the MoRD.

ii. Under this partnership, rural entrepreneurs will get access to banking systems for receiving financial support for starting their enterprises, including support from MUDRA bank.

34. Which state's MSME -Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB) recently (in March'22) partnered with the Bombay Stock Exchange to promote the listing of MSME?

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

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**) has collaborated with Tamil Nadu's (**TNs**) Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) -Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (**M-TIPB**) government to promote awareness among MSME of the TN about the benefits of listing.

i. Through the collaboration, TN small and medium enterprises (SMEs) will get an opportunity to raise funds through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) by listing in the BSE SME platform.

About Tamil Nadu (TN):

Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

Bird Sanctuary – Vellode Birds Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Birds Sanctuary, Udayamarhandapuram Bird Sanctuary

Festivals – Puthandu (Tamil New Year), Chithirai Thiruvizha, Karthigai Deepam

35. Which of the following points are correct with respect to Himachal Pradesh's budget presented in March 2022?

- 1) CM of Himachal Pradesh (HP), Jai Ram Thakur represented the state's finance portfolio of Rs 51,365 crore State Budget FY 2022-23 in the state Assembly
- 2) He also announced to increase the Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development Scheme (MLALAD) fund from the existing Rs 1.80 crore to Rs 2 crore.
- 3) He announced to increase the old-age pension from Rs 1,001 to Rs 1,500 per month and reduce the age limit from 70 years to 60 years for the old-age pension.
- 4) Only 1 & 3
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

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36. Which of the following points are correct with respect to Telangana's budget presented in March 2022?

A) The Finance Minister of Telangana Harish Rao presented the budget of Rs 2.56 lakh crore for the financial year 2022-23.

B) The budget proposed an outlay of Rs 17,700 crore for the state government's flagship Dalit welfare scheme 'Dalit Bandhu'.

C) Age limit for social security (Aasara) pensions was reduced from 65 years to 57 years.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

Explanation:

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ii. Age limit for social security (Aasara) pensions was reduced from 65 years to 57 years.

37. Name the state government that announced to launch 'Camel Protection and Development Policy' to promote cattle rearing.

1) Rajasthan

2) Chhattisgarh

3) West Bengal

4) Punjab

5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **1) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot has announced the launch of 'Camel Protection and Development Policy' in the Budget 2022-23.

In 2014 Rajasthan government had declared Camel (*Camelus dromedarius*) as its State Animal in 2014 due to steady decline in its population, to address this issue, a new policy for rearing, protection, and overall development of the state animal is proposed with a budget of Rs 10 crore in the next financial year by the CM of Rajasthan.

About Rajasthan:

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

Tourism Tagline – The 'Incredible State of India'

UNESCO World Heritage Site: Jaipur City, Rajasthan (2019) Hill Forts of Rajasthan – six majestic forts – Chittorgarh; Kumbhalgarh; Sawai Madhopur; Jhalawar; Jaipur & Jaisalmer (2013)

38. In which place in India the Microsoft Corporation announced to establish its 4th datacenter region?

- 1) Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Kochi, Kerala
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Bangalore, Karnataka

Answer- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

Microsoft Corporation (**Microsoft**) announced its intent to establish its latest datacenter region in **Hyderabad, Telangana**. This will be Microsoft's largest datacenter investment in India.

i. The Hyderabad datacenter region, the **4th datacentre** in India, will be an addition to the existing network of three regions in India across Pune, Mumbai, and Chennai.

About Microsoft Corporation(Microsoft):

Chairman& CEO- Satya Nadella

Headquarters- Redmond, Washington, United States of America

39. In March 2022, Tamil Nadu CM M. K. Stalin inaugurated India's largest floating solar power plant in _____.

- 1) Thoothukudi
- 2) Neyveli
- 3) Erode
- 4) Tirunelveli
- 5) Koodankulam

Answer- 1) Thoothukudi

Explanation:

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M. K. Stalin inaugurated India's largest floating solar power plant constructed at a cost of Rs 150.4 crore. The floating plant is established in Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation Limited (SPIC) factory at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu to provide clean energy.

i. It aims to provide environmentally sustainable power generation and to reduce carbon footprint.

ii. The floating power plant can produce 42 million units of electricity per annum.

40. Which organization recently (in March'22) partnered with Snap Inc. to drive Augmented Reality (AR) skills amongst Indian youth?

- 1) Digital India
- 2) AIM-NITI Aayog
- 3) National Development Council
- 4) Skill India Mission
- 5) National Integration Council

Answer- 2) AIM-NITI Aayog

Explanation:

During International Women's Day (8th March) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), partnered with Snap Inc. to drive Augmented Reality (AR) skilling among the Indian youth along with the launch of a nationwide Lensathon (AR making hackathon), throughout March.

- i. The hackathon will be focused on increasing participation of girls and young women over 13 interested in AR.
- ii. Snap Inc also announced its partnership with the Atal Incubation Centers (AICs) to support the Indian start-up ecosystem with AR advertising bootcamps, Ad credits and other opportunities.

41. In March 2022, the Centre Government constituted the National Dam Safety Authority & 22-member National Committee on Dam Safety to prevent dam-related disasters & resolve inter-state issues.

The National Committee on Dam Safety will be headed by _____.

- 1) Rajendra Singh
- 2) R.K. Sinha
- 3) Uday Chaudhari
- 4) Pankaj Kumar
- 5) S. R. Meena

Answer- **2) R.K. Sinha**

Explanation:

National Dam Safety Authority, has been **constituted** that seeks to maintain standards related to dam safety, prevent dam-related disasters and resolve inter-state issues related to dams.

- i. The Centre also constituted a **22-member National Committee on Dam Safety** which is **headed by** the Chairman of the Central Water Commission (CWC)(Present Chairman – **R.K. Sinha**) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ii. Under the Dam Safety Act, the National Dam Safety Authority has been constituted on 18th February, 2022 which will be headed by a chairman and assisted by 5 members to lead its 5 wings – policy and research, technical, regulation, disaster & resilience and administration & finance.
- iii. The Authority will be headquartered in the National Capital Region (NCR), Delhi and will be supported by 4 regional offices.

42. India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being constructed in which of the following pilgrimage sites?

- 1) Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Nalanda, Bihar
- 3) Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh,
- 4) Kapilvastu, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bodh Gaya, Bihar

Answer- **5) Bodh Gaya, Bihar**

Explanation:

India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being constructed in **Bodh Gaya, Bihar**. The **100 feet long** and 30 feet high statue depicts Lord Buddha in a sleeping posture.

- i. The statue is being built by Buddha International Welfare Mission. The sculptors from Kolkata are building the statue with fiberglass.
- ii. The construction of the statue was started in 2019 and it will be open for devotees from February 2023.

43. Which state government recently (in March'22) launched the Women@Work (W@W) Programme to Integrate Women into the Workforce?

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

Answer- **2) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The Government of **Karnataka** launched **Women@Work (W@W) Programme**, as an attempt to create an equitable, inclusive and equal world for women in workplaces at an event organized jointly by the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), KTECH and the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation.

- i. W@W Programme aims at bridging the skill development gap for women by facilitating them to actively participate and join the workforce through industry upskilling & reskilling programmes, mentorship, institutional and organizational networking.
- ii. The W@W programme intends to provide 5 lakh job opportunities to women with necessary employable skills within 2026.

44. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Haryana Budget presented in March 2022?

A) The CM of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar presented the budget of Rs 1,77,255.99 crore for the Financial Year (FY) 2022-23.

B) Haryana Government also announced 'Sushma Swaraj Award' for women, named after the late Late Sushma Swaraj, Former Minister of External Affairs of India.

C) Matrushakti Udyamita Scheme, Sahbhagita scheme and Guru-Shishya Yojana were implemented in the Budget.

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

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

Explanation:

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45. Which of the following points is "Incorrect" with respect to the Cabinet Approvals in March 2022?

- 1) The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU signed between the ICMR and DFG, Germany to enable cooperation in scientific research and technological development.
- 2) The Union Cabinet approved the MoU signed between ICMR and the Oxford University, UK which aims towards capacity building for Indian scientists and researchers
- 3) GOI and World Bank signed an agreement to set up the World's 1st & Only Global Outposted Centre for Traditional Medicine in New Delhi, Delhi.
- 4) Cabinet also approved the setting up National Land Monetization Corporation as a Special Purpose Vehicle to undertake monetization of surplus land Monetization.
- 5) The Cabinet approved the amendment of the Second Schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for specifying the rate of royalty in certain minerals.

Answer- **3) GOI and World Bank signed an agreement to set up the World's 1st & Only Global Outposted Centre for Traditional Medicine in New Delhi, Delhi.**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU signed between the ICMR and DFG, Germany to enable cooperation in scientific research and technological development.

- The Union Cabinet approved the MoU signed between ICMR and the Oxford University, UK which aims towards capacity building for Indian scientists and researchers
- **GOI and WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** signed an **agreement** to set up **World's 1st & Only Global Outposted Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar, Gujarat.**
- Cabinet also approved to set up National Land Monetization Corporation as a Special Purpose Vehicle to undertake monetization of surplus land Monetization.
- The Cabinet approved the amendment of the Second Schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for specifying the rate of royalty in certain minerals.
- The Union Cabinet also approved the MoU signed between ICMR, and US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) & National Institute of Health (NIH) of Department of Health and Human Services, Maryland in September 2021.

46. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Madhya Pradesh's Budget presented in March 2022?

A) Jagdish Devda, Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh presented the budget of Rs 2.79 lakh crore for the financial year 2022-23.

B) The state government presented a "child budget" for the 1st time as part of the annual financial plan with 17,792 crore allocation.

C) A total of Rs 1,157 crore has been allocated for the CM RISE scheme, under which 360 schools have been selected in the first phase.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B

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

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

Explanation:

Jagdish Devda, Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh presented the budget of **Rs 2.79 Lakh crore** for the financial year (FY) **2022-23**.

- i. The state government presented a "**child budget**" for the **1st time** as part of the annual financial plan with 17,792 crore allocation.
- ii. A total of **Rs 1,157 crore** has been **allocated** for the **CM RISE scheme**, under which 360 schools have been selected in the first phase.

47. Which state/UT recently (in March'22) launched a Digital School Health Platform that was jointly collaborated by the health department and Axis Bank to maintain health records of students??

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Puducherry
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Delhi

Answer- **3) Puducherry**

Explanation:

Lieutenant Governor of **Puducherry** Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan has launched a **Digital School Health Platform** for the **students** of the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry. This platform is a joint collaboration of the **Department of Health**, Puducherry and **Axis Bank**.

- i. The UT has started its digitization of the health records of students starting from Classes I to XII, counting to 2.4 lakh children.
- ii. Under this project, the Health Department will feed the personal details of all government school students into a portal to maintain their health records and the health details could be accessed by doctors, teachers and parents of students.

48. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the MSME Innovative Scheme & MSME Idea Hackathon 2022 that was launched by the Ministry of MSME?

- A) MSME Innovative Scheme is a combination of three existing sub-schemes viz. incubation, design intervention, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for MSMEs.
- B) MSME Idea Hackathon to invite ideas from MSMEs, innovators and students through host institutes from March 10 to March 24, 2022.
- C) Under the MSME Idea Hackathon financial assistance up-to maximum of Rs. 15 lakh per approved idea will be provided to the Host Institute.

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

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

Explanation:

MSME Innovative Scheme is a combination of three existing sub-schemes viz. incubation, design intervention, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for MSMEs.

- Financial Assistance: Rs 5 lakh for Foreign Patent, Rs. 1.00 lakh Domestic Patent, Rs. 2.00 lakh for GI Registration, Rs. 15,000/- for Design Registration, Rs.10,000/- for Trademark in the form of reimbursement.

i. MSME Idea Hackathon to invite ideas from MSMEs, innovators and students through host institutes from March 10 to March 24, 2022.

ii. Under the MSME Idea Hackathon financial assistance up-to maximum of Rs. 15 lakh per approved idea will be provided to Host Institute.

49. In March 2022, Indian Government set up a society named Power Foundation under the Ministry of Power which will act as the top policy advocacy arm for the power and allied sectors.

The society will be chaired by whom?

- 1) Nand Lal Sharma
- 2) Gurdeep Singh
- 3) Sanjiv Nandan Sahai
- 4) Abhay Kumar Singh
- 5) RK Singh

Answer- **5) RK Singh**

Explanation:

The government has set up a society, Power Foundation under the Ministry of Power which will act as the top policy advocacy arm for the power and allied sectors under the chairmanship of **RK Singh**.

i. India is estimated to have an aggregate potential of more than 1,636 gigawatts (GW) renewable energy.

ii. India acquires one of the world's largest RE programmes, with a target of 175 gigawatts (GW) of installed RE capacity by 2022.

iii. The society is set up by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) such as NTPC Powergrid, REC limited, PFC, NHPC limited, THDC, NEEPCO limited and SJVN Limited.

50. As per the SKOCH Governance Report Card for 2021, _____ retained its top position for the 2nd consecutive year under star state category.

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

Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

The SKOCH Group, a delhi-based think tank released the SKOCH Governance Report Card for 2021, in New Delhi ranking the states according to their performance in various projects at state, district and municipal level.

Andhra Pradesh has retained its top position for the 2nd consecutive year and secured 1st in star state category whereas Telangana has shown good improvement by securing 6th position and entered into performer state category.

51. In which place India's Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center (Virtual SGKC) and Innovation Park was launched by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and Ministry of Power?

- 1) Manesar, Haryana
- 2) Amritsar, Punjab
- 3) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 4) Belagavi, Karnataka
- 5) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Answer- **1) Manesar, Haryana**

Explanation:

As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Programme, Union Minister Raj Kumar Singh, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), and Minister of State (MoS) Krishan Pal Gurjar, Ministry of Power (MOP) virtually launched the India's Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center (Virtual SGKC) and Innovation Park within the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)/POWERGRID centre in **Manesar (Haryana)**.

Developers:

- It has been conceptualized and developed by the POWERGRID with support from the MOP, and National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) for demonstration and advancement of frontier smart grid technologies.
- The technical assistance is provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

52. Which institute recently (in March'22) signed an MoU with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to establish the first 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor'?

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

Answer- **4) IIT-Roorkee**

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (**IIT-R**) signs an **MoU** with the Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**). The agreement establishes the BIS Chair Professor in the field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

i. This is the first Standardization Chair of BIS in an educational institution and will also provide financial support to IIT-R.

About Bureau of Indian Standards:

It is a statutory body established under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016. **Director General**-Pramod Kumar Tiwari

Founded- 1986

Headquarter- New Delhi

53. Name the Division of Eastern Railway that commissioned the 1st 'Gati Shakti Multimodal Cargo Terminal' (GCT) in March 2022.

- 1) Howrah
- 2) Asansol
- 3) Sealdah
- 4) Hubballi
- 5) Malda

Answer- **2) Asansol**

Explanation:

Under the Prime Minister's GatiShakti initiative, and the Ministry of Railways policy on 'Gati Shakti Multimodal Cargo Terminal' (GCT), the **Asansol** Division of Eastern Railway commissioned private siding of Maithan Power at Thaparnagar, Jharkhand.

i. This is the first such GCT commissioned by Indian Railways since publication of GCT policy in December 2021.

54. Which organization recently (in March'22) partnered with KidEx to leverage the "IKIGAI" platform to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among school students?

- 1) Digital India
- 2) AIM-NITI Aayog
- 3) National Development Council
- 4) Skill India Mission
- 5) National Integration Council

Answer- **2) AIM-NITI Aayog**

Explanation:

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), an initiative under NITI Aayog, has partnered with KidEx Venture Private Limited (KidEx) to leverage KidEx's IKIGAI, a technology platform to host AIM's flagship programs like "Tinkerpreneur", "ATL Marathon" and other similar Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) related challenges.

i. The programs will be available to more than 1 Crore school students on the AIM network across India.

55. Which organization recently (in March'22) selected 150 school students for the "YUva Vigyani Karyakram" (YUVIKA) programme?

- 1) DRDO
- 2) NITI Aayog
- 3) AICTE
- 4) ISRO
- 5) NCERT

Answer- **4) ISRO**

Explanation:

A special programme for school students “YUva Vigyani KAryakram” (**YUVIKA**) or “Young **Scientist Programme**” is organized by the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**). It will provide basic knowledge related to space technology, space science and space applications to young students, especially rural areas students.

i. Under the YUVIKA-2022 residential programme, 150 students who are studying in Class IX as on March 1, 2022 will get selected across India from different schools. ISRO outlined the programme to “catch them young”.

56. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the MV Lal Bahadur Shastri Ship (as of March'22)?

A) MV Lal Bahadur Shastri reached Pandu, Assam by carrying a total of 200 MT of foodgrains for the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

B) The ship set sail from Patna on National Waterway-1 (river Yamuna) passing through Indo Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route and NW-2 (river Indus).

C) The Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) signed between India & Bangladesh enables the transportation of cargo service.

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

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

Explanation:

MV Lal Bahadur Shastri reached **Pandu, Assam** by carrying a total of 200 MT of foodgrains for the Food Corporation of India (**FCI**).

i. The ship set sail from Patna on National Waterway-1 (**river Ganga**) passing through Indo Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route and NW-2 (**river Brahmaputra**).

ii. The Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (**PIWTT**) signed between India & Bangladesh enables the transportation of cargo service.

57. In March 2022, _____ became World's first linear alkylbenzene (LAB) manufacturing company to receive the BIS certification from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

- 1) Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd
- 2) Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd
- 3) Solar Industries India
- 4) Pidilite Industries Ltd
- 5) Tata chemicals Ltd

Answer- **2) Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd**

Explanation:

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd. (**TPL**) became **World's first** linear alkylbenzene (**LAB**) manufacturing company to receive the Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**) certification from the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

i. The certificate is in line with the requirements of the Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2021.

ii. With the BIS certification (BIS 12795:2020), TPL became the only authorized seller of LAB in the Indian market.

58. Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah addressed the _____ Foundation Day celebrations of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) on _____.

1) 35th; 12th March 2022

2) 37th; 11th March 2022

3) 38th; 13th March 2022

4) 37th; 9th March 2022

5) 38th; 12th March 2022

Answer- **2) 37th; 11th March 2022**

Explanation:

On **11th March 2022**, **Amit Shah**, Union Minister of Home Affairs addressed the **37th Foundation Day** (Raising Day) celebrations of the National Crime Records Bureau (**NCRB**) as the chief guest in New Delhi, Delhi. He is the first Union Home Minister to attend a Foundation Day function of the NCRB.

i. NCRB was set up in 1986 based on the recommendations of the Tandon Committee, National Police Commission (1977-1981) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)'s Taskforce (1985) it was established through MHA Resolution dated 11th March 1986.

ii. He also stated that the target of the second phase of the Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) has been set by the Government of India, with an expenditure of about Rs. 3,500 crore by the year 2026.

59. How many major platforms were introduced by the Government of India for design and development in the defence sector?

1) 20

2) 12

3) 18

4) 10

5) 26

Answer- **3) 18**

Explanation:

The Government of India (**GoI**) has introduced **18** major platforms led by the industry for design and development in the defence sector. The project focuses on 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.

These **18 platforms** have been classified into the following categories:

- Make-I category
- Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Model category
- Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)
- Make-II category

60. As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, _____ became the top state in the list of full immunization with 90.5 per cent coverage under Mission Indradhanush.

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

Answer- 5) Odisha

Explanation:

According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, **Odisha** became the top state in the list of **full immunization** in India with 90.5 per cent coverage under **Mission Indradhanush**.

i. Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 (IMI) was rolled out on 7 March 2022, in Odisha to provide preventive health care for mothers and children and for boosting full immunization coverage.

61. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Andhra Pradesh's Budget for 2022-23 presented in March 2022?

- A) The Finance Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Buggana Rajendranath presented the Budget for 2022-23 with a proposed expenditure of Rs 2.56 lakh crore**
- B) Kurasala Kannababu, AP's Agriculture Minister presented the State's Agriculture Budget for 2022-23 with an outlay of Rs 43,052.78 crore.**
- C) The government also proposed to create a Rs 350 crore Special Development Package Fund, placing Rs 2 crore at the disposal of each MLA.**

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

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

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62. In March 2022, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri 'India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Challenge' under which of the following schemes?

- 1) Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin
- 2) Swajal Scheme
- 3) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0
- 4) Jal Jeevan Mission
- 5) National Mission for Clean Ganga

Answer- 3) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0

Explanation:

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri, has launched the ‘**India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Challenge**’ on the MyGov platform, to address challenges in the urban water sector, **under** Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (**AMRUT**) **2.0** at the India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Conclave, held in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The Cabinet has approved a Technology Sub-Mission under AMRUT 2.0 to involve startups as ‘Technology Partner’. This promising initiative will help resolve urban water problems in India.

63. In March 2022, _____ became the first city in South Asia to set a target of "zero out carbon emissions by 2050".

- 1) Mumbai, India
- 2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 3) Bangkok, Thailand
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) Hanoi, Vietnam

Answer- 1) Mumbai, India

Explanation:

Mumbai, Maharashtra (India) announced its detailed framework to ‘zero out carbon emissions by 2050’ and became the first city in South Asia to set such a target.

i. Mumbai’s target is 20 years ahead of India’s target to reach net zero emissions by 2070.

ii. Targets also include a 30 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and 44 per cent reduction by 2040.

64. In which city the Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti (AVB) organization will establish “India’s first World Peace Center”?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Gurugram, Haryana

Answer- 5) Gurugram, Haryana

Explanation:

Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti (**AVB**) organization will establish **India’s first World Peace Center** in **Gurugram, Haryana**. The Center will work for the establishment of peace and harmony in the world.

i. The land for the construction of the World Peace Center (WPC) was allocated by the Haryana Government to the organization. The Construction work of about 25000 square feet will be completed in two years.

65. Which of the following points are correct with respect to Kerala's budget presented in March'22?

- 1) The Finance Minister of Kerala, KN Balagopal, presented the Kerala state budget 2022-23 & it is Kerala's first paperless budget.
- 2) Rs 1,000 crore was proposed for acquiring land for the development of various IT parks.
- 3) A total of Rs 200 crore has been earmarked through the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) to provide Rs 20 crore each to 10 universities.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

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- i.** Rs 1,000 crore was proposed for acquiring land for the development of various IT parks and Rs 1,000 crore has been earmarked for setting up four science parks in the state.
- ii.** A total of Rs 200 crore has been earmarked through the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) to provide Rs 20 crore each to 10 universities.
- iii.** Agriculture: With a total outlay of Rs 881.96 crore, the agriculture sector has also received major support in the budget. Rs 500 crore will be set apart for rubber subsidy.

66. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the West Bengal budget presented in March'22?

A) Finance Minister of West Bengal, Chandrima Bhattacharya presented a budget of Rs 3.21-lakh crore for the Financial Year (FY) 2022-23.

B) The budget also proposes an exemption from the registration fees and road taxes for two years for battery-operated and CNG vehicles, both two and four-wheelers.

C) Exempting rural employment cess under the West Bengal Rural Employment and Production Act 1976 and waiving agricultural income tax for the year 2022-23 for Tea Industry.

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

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

Explanation:

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67. In March 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Jal Shakti released Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the Rejuvenation of 13 Major Rivers through Forestry Interventions.

Which of the following river is not in the Detailed Project Report (DPR)?

- 1) Brahmaputra River
- 2) Yamuna River
- 3) Krishna River
- 4) Ganga River
- 5) Jhelum River

Answer- 4) Ganga River

Explanation:

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Jal Shakti under the Government of India (GoI) aimed to create a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the Rejuvenation of 13 Major Rivers through Forestry Interventions to contribute towards the livelihood of terrestrial and aquatic biota.

i. The following **13 rivers** are Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Yamuna, Brahmaputra, Luni, Narmada, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna, and Cauvery.

ii. The DPRs were funded by National Afforestation & Eco-development Board, MoEF&CC and it is prepared by Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education(ICFRE), Dehradun.

68. Which state government's IT ministry recently (in March '22) launched India's 1st ever digital water databank, "AQVERIUM"?

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

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

The Information Technology (IT) Minister of **Karnataka**, Chikkakalya Narayanappa Ashwath Narayan (C N Ashwath Narayan) launched **India's 1st ever digital water databank 'AQVERIUM'** in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

i. AQVERIUM is an initiative of the Bengaluru-headquartered Digital Startup – AquaKraft Digital Ventures Pvt Ltd, a newly formed subsidiary of AquaKraft Projects Private Limited, the flagship company of AquaKraft Group Ventures.

ii. AquaKraft Group Ventures is offering a unique social franchising model to create 'water entrepreneurs' with an objective to make India 'Water Positive' by 2030.

69. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Maharashtra budget presented by the Deputy CM of Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar in March 2022?

A) Maharashtra state presented the budget for 2022-23 reflecting the state's aspirations to become the first Indian state to have a \$1-trillion economy.

B) The state budget also proposed an outlay of Rs 1,15,215 crore for Panchasutri (Five-Point Programme).

C) The state government will set up a high-tech 'Indrayani Medicity' on 300 acres in the Pune district to provide all kinds of specialised treatment under one roof.

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only B

5) Only A

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

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iii. The Maharashtra government also reduces VAT (Value Added Tax) on CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) from 13.5% to 3%.

iv. Maharashtra also has become the 1st state in the country to formulate an agricultural export policy.

70. In March 2022, MV Ram Prasad Bismil, the longest vessel to set sail on the _____ river, completed its pilot run of heavy cargo movement from Haldia Dock, West Bengal, and reached Pandu Port, Assam.

1) Barak

2) Kosi

3) Jamuna

4) Brahmaputra

5) Ganga

Answer- 4) Brahmaputra

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** has attained a landmark achievement by sailing the Motor Vessel (MV) **Ram Prasad Bismil**, the longest vessel ever to sail on the **river Brahmaputra**.

i. The pilot run of this 90-meter-long heavy cargo movement, which started off from Haldia Dock, Kolkata, West Bengal, has reached Pandu Port, Guwahati, Assam, upon successful completion.

ii. The vessel was flagged off by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (PSW), Sarbananda Sonowal, along with two barges – DB Kalpana Chawla and DB APJ Abdul Kalam -from the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Haldia on February 16, 2022.

iii. This pilot run embarks on the commencement of barging operations from Kolkata to Guwahati via the Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR).

71. In which institute India's 1st Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) was launched?

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

Answer- 3) IISc-Bengaluru

Explanation:

India's first Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (**ARTPARK**) for creating a better world through an inclusive Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Robotics revolution has been **inaugurated** at Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**) **Bengaluru, Karnataka.**

i. It was launched by the Government of Karnataka's Minister for Information, Biotechnology, and Science and Technology, Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan.

ii. It is a joint initiative of IISc Bengaluru and AI Foundry, Bengaluru in a public-private collaborative model to promote technology innovations in the field of AI & Robotics.

iii. ARTPARK is a one-of-its kind, a not-for-profit foundation with a total seed capital of 230 crores, which is funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and the Government of Karnataka.

72. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Jammu and Kashmir Budget presented in March 2022?

A) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented a Rs 1.42 lakh crore budget for the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the year 2022-23 in the Lok Sabha

B) She also presented supplementary Demands for Grants, and Demands for Excess Grants totaling Rs 18,860.32 crore for J&K.

C) Under the Integrated Sheep Development Scheme (ISDS) around 1200 sheep/goat units are to be established to create employment opportunities.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

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73. Name the state government that recently (in March'22) signed an MoU with Welspun One Logistics Parks (WOLP) to invest Rs.1500 crores and set up a warehousing facility.

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

Answer- **4) Haryana**

Explanation:

Welspun One Logistics Parks (**WOLP**) and Government of **Haryana** signed an **MoU** for the development of large scale **warehousing facilities** in Haryana, WOLP will invest Rs.1500 Crores. **i.** Welspun Group will invest under the integrated fund Rs 1,500 crores in Haryana for the warehousing infrastructure and development.

About Haryana:

Governor- Bandaru Dattatreya

Dance- Khorisa Dance, Holi Dance

Ramsar site- Sultanpur National Park and Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary

74. In March 2022, Indian Railways prepared the National Rail Plan (NRP) for India for the development of a futuristic railway system by ____.

- 1) 2025
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2024
- 4) 2028
- 5) 2026

Answer- **2) 2030**

Explanation:

For the development of a futuristic railway system by 2030, the Indian Railways has come up with the '**National Rail Plan (NRP) for India-2030**'. The information for the same was provided by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

Objectives behind NRP:

- i.** To formulate strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase the modal share of the Railways in freight to 45%.
- ii.** To create capacity ahead of demand, which in turn would also cater to future growth in demand right up to 2050.

75. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways recently (in March'22) launched India's 1st Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) named "Toyota Mirai" in New Delhi?

The FCEV was powered by ____.

- 1) Hydrogen
- 2) Sodium
- 3) Sulfur
- 4) Carbon Monoxide

5) Nitrogen

Answer- **1) Hydrogen**

Explanation:

Union Minister for **Road Transport and Highways**, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the world's most advanced technology-developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) Toyota Mirai at New Delhi, India. Toyota Mirai is India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), which is completely powered by **Hydrogen**.

i. This launch is a pilot project taking place in Delhi by Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt Ltd (TKM) and International Center for Automotive Technology (ICAT).

ii. In Japanese, the word 'Mirai' means 'future'. Toyota Mirai was launched in 2014 and was one of the world's first hydrogen fuel EV.

iii. The Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) will be supplying Hydrogen for this vehicle.

76. Which railway station became the 1st station in the East Coast to implement "One Nation, One Product"?

1) Kharagpur Railway Station

2) Cuttack Railway Station

3) Rayagada Railway Station

4) Howrah Railway Station

5) Visakhapatnam Railway Station

Answer- **5) Visakhapatnam Railway Station**

Explanation:

Visakhapatnam Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh (AP) is set to implement the '**One Nation, One Product**' concept of the Government of India on a pilot basis for 15 days. This will become the **first** railway station in the **East Coast railway** to implement 'One Nation, One Product'.

i. 'One station One product' concept, based on the successful 'One District, One Product' scheme, was announced by the government of India while presenting the budget for 2022-23.

ii. The Etikoppaka toys and handicraft products (Lacquer ware Toys) traditionally known as Etikoppaka Bommalu, from the Etikoppaka village will be sold at the Visakhapatnam Railway Station.

77. As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in March 2022, India's urban unemployment rate is projected to ___ in the April-June quarter of 2021.

1) 11.5%

2) 14.3%

3) 12.6%

4) 10.2%

5) 9.3%

Answer- **3) 12.6%**

Explanation:

As per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (**PLFS**) released by the National Statistical Office (**NSO**), India's **urban unemployment rate** (persons of age 15 years and above) has jumped to **12.6%** in **April-June** quarter of **2021**, when compared to 9.3% in the January-March 2021.

- i. The present quarterly bulletin is the eleventh in the series for the quarter April- June 2021.
- ii. At the all-India level, in the urban areas, a total number of 5,619 First-Stage Sampling Units (FSUs) have been surveyed during the quarter April – June 2021.
- iii. UR percentage of male and female for April-June 2021 was 12.2% and 14.3% respectively.

78. Name the festival of spring which was celebrated in West Bengal in March 2022.

- 1) Vasant Navratri
- 2) Kawant Gher
- 3) Dol Utsav
- 4) Sarhul
- 5) Shigmo

Answer- **3) Dol Utsav**

Explanation:

West Bengal celebrated the ‘**Dol Utsav**’ or ‘Dol Jatra’, the festival of colors, marking the onset of spring season.

- i. The festival is dedicated to Lord Krishna and Radha and celebrated on the full moon day. It also marks the last festival of the year as per the Bengali calendar.
- ii. In Eastern region of India, the festival of spring is celebrated as Dol Jatra, Dol Purnima, Dol Utsav and Basanta Utsav.

79. Which company recently (in March’22) has become India’s largest coal-producing company by producing more than 157 million tonnes of coal in 2021-22?

- 1) Eastern Coalfields Ltd
- 2) Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd
- 3) Bharat Coking Coal Ltd
- 4) Northern Coalfield Ltd
- 5) Central Coalfields Ltd

Answer- **2) Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd**

Explanation:

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (**MCL**), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), has become **India’s largest coal-producing company** by producing more than **157 million tonnes** of coal in the financial year 2021-22.

- i. MCL has produced 7.62 lakh tonnes of dry fuel, the highest production in a day during the current financial year (2021-22).

80. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Assam Budget that was presented in March 2022?

- A) The 1st Women Finance Minister of Assam “Ajanta Neog” presented Assam’s Rs 600.36 crore deficit budget for 202-23.**
 - B) The budget has proposed to build 500 km of all-weather roads over river embankments with an approximate outlay of Rs 1107.78 crore.**
 - C) The budget relaxed tax on green leaves of tea for a period of 3 years from 1st January 2022 & also reduced the 1% VAT on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for aircraft.**
- 1) All A, B & C

- 2) Only A & B
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) Only A

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

Explanation:

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- ii.** The budget **relaxed tax** on **green leaves of tea** for a period of **3 years** from 1st January 2022 & also reduced the **1% VAT** on aviation turbine fuel (**ATF**) for aircraft.
- iii. 4 new schemes** for construction of the road have been announced that include Path Nobikaran Achani, Unnoti Pakipath Nirman Achani, Pakipath Nirman Achani, and Mothauri Pokikaran Achani.

81. Which ministry recently (in March’22) released India's Arctic policy named ‘India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development’ in New Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 2) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 3) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Science & Technology
- 5) Ministry of Earth Sciences

Answer- **5) Ministry of Earth Sciences**

Explanation:

Union Minister of State (**MoS**) for **Earth Sciences**, Dr Jitendra Singh released India’s Arctic policy titled ‘India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development’ in New Delhi. India is one of 13 nations holding Observer status in the Arctic Council.

Thirteen Non-arctic States have been approved as Observers to the Arctic Council. They are France, Germany, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, China, Poland, India, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Singapore.

82. In March 2022, Lok Sabha Speaker “Om Birla” addressed the valedictory function of the 3rd edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) –2022 in New Delhi, Delhi.

What is the theme of 3rd NYPF 2022?

- 1) It's all in the mind
- 2) Saksham Yuva - Shashakt Yuva
- 3) YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka
- 4) Be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to Policy
- 5) Sabse Pehle Bharat

Answer- **4) Be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to Policy**

Explanation:

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the valedictory function of the 3rd edition of National Youth Parliament Festival(NYPF) –2022, held from 10th March to 11th March 2022, at the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi, Delhi.

The **theme** of the 3rd NYPF is “be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to Policy’.

83. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Tamil Nadu (TN) budget presented in March 2022?

A) The Finance Minister of TN, Palanivel Thiaga Rajan presented the budget for FY 2022-23 which highlights the state’s revenue deficit was to decrease by over Rs. 7,000 crore in 2022-2023.

B) The state government provides a monthly incentive of Rs 500 for college education of boys & girl students who studied classes from 9th to 12th in government schools.

C) The Government has also allocated Rs 5,157.56 crore to provide free electricity to all farmers across the state.

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

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

Explanation:

The Finance Minister of TN, Palanivel Thiaga Rajan presented the budget for FY 2022-23 which highlights the state’s revenue deficit was to decrease by over **Rs. 7,000 crore** in 2022-2023.

i. The state government provides a monthly incentive of **Rs 1000** for college education of **girl students** who studied classes from **6 to 12** in government schools.

ii. The Government has also allocated Rs 5,157.56 crore to provide free electricity to all farmers across the state.

84. In March 2022, the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) launched India’s 1st Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train for Delhi to _____ corridor.

- 1) Ahmedabad
- 2) Varanasi
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Amritsar
- 5) Meerut

Answer- **5) Meerut**

Explanation:

The National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has recently brought to light India’s first rapid rail along the Delhi to Meerut corridor.

This Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train covers the entire 82 km (approx.) Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS route, will have 25 stations in total, including two depots at Duhai and Modipuram of Uttar Pradesh and one stabling yard at Jangpura, New Delhi.

85. In March 2022, the Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the continuation of the National AIDS & STDs Control Programme (NACP) from 1st April, 2021 to _____ with an outlay of Rs. 15,471.94 crore.

- 1) 31st March, 2024
- 2) 30th June, 2023
- 3) 31st March, 2026
- 4) 30th August, 2025
- 5) 30th April, 2026

Answer- 3) 31st March, 2026

Explanation:

Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the continuation of **National AIDS** (Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (**STDs**) Control Programme (**NACP**) for **5 years** from **1 April, 2021** to **31 March, 2026** with an outlay of **Rs. 15,471.94** crore by approving phase-V of the programme.

i. The Phase-IV (Extension) of National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACP) was concluded on 31 March, 2021.

86. The Narasingapettai Nagaswaram, a classical wind music instrument, recently (in March'22) got the GI Tag under the category of musical instruments.

"Narasingapettai Nagaswaram" belongs to which state?

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

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The **Narasingapettai Nagaswaram**, a classical wind music instrument, handcrafted in Narasingapettai Village in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (**TN**) got the Geographical Indication (**GI**) Tag under the category of musical instruments of class 15 from Geographical Indications Registry.

Narasingapettai Nagaswaram instrument:

- Narasingapettai Nagaswaram is a classical wind instrument. It has a length of 2.5 feet.
- A major portion of the 'Narasingapettai Nagaswaram' is made from the Water Resistance Tree aacha (*Hardwickia binata*). Wood used to craft the Nagaswaram is at least 100 year old.
- Reeds are made from the leaves of the locally grown plant called 'Naanal'.
- The instrument has a cylindrical body that flares out into a bell shape at the bottom, that provides the Nagaswaram with its characteristic volume and captivating tone. It is a double-reed wind instrument with a large flaring bell.

87. _____ has become the 1st state in India to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods for better soil health.

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 5) Kerala

Explanation:

Kerala became the first state in India to introduce carbon-neutral agricultural practices in select locations for better soil health.

About Carbon-Neutral Farming:

Carbon-neutral farming is the technique of decreasing carbon emissions and aid carbon storage in the soil, through techniques such as Integrated farming methods, Crop rotation, Fertigation, Precision Farming methods, Shifting how the soil is irrigated, and restricting the haphazard use of Fertiliser application.

88. In which power plant of NTPC the India government is set to launch its 1st 50 KW Green Hydrogen Microgrid Project using electrolyser?

- 1) Simhadri Power Plant (Andhra Pradesh)
- 2) Vindhyachal Power Plant (Madhya Pradesh)
- 3) Kahalgaon Power Plant (Bihar)
- 4) Singrauli Power Plant (Uttar Pradesh)
- 5) Tanda Power Plant (Uttar Pradesh)

Answer- 1) Simhadri Power Plant (Andhra Pradesh)

Explanation:

India to launch its first 50 Kilowatt (KW) green hydrogen microgrid- based energy storage project using electrolyser at National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Simhadri plant near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The Standalone Fuel-Cell based project produces hydrogen using electrolyser to Bloom Energy India Private Limited-Bengaluru at NTPC Simhadri.

National Thermal Power Corporation – Simhadri (NTPC) Rail Neer Plant project:

The NTPC's Rail Neer bottling Plant project is the first of its kind between Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and NTPC Simhadri, it aims at producing 120 tons of demineralised water from seawater per-day.

89. In which place the Indian Army's Military Engineering Services (MES) recently (in March'22) constructed its 1st of its kind 3D Printed House?

- 1) Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 3) Golaghat, Assam
- 4) West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Gangtok, Sikkim

Answer- 2) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Explanation:

Indian Army's Military Engineering Services (MES) has constructed 2 houses within 3 weeks using 3D Rapid Construction Technology, the 1st of its kind structures in India, in South-Western Air Command in Gandhinagar, Gujarat for Jawans.

- i. These efforts aim to provide the growing accommodation requirements of the Indian armed forces.
- ii. The structures were constructed in collaboration with the Chennai based startup Tvasta.

90. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 2nd India-Australia Virtual Summit was held between the PM of Narendra Modi and Australian PM Scott John Morrison?

- A) Khanij Bidesh India Ltd, India and Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO), Australia was signed an MoU to establish a framework for joint investments in Australian projects.
- B) MoU between Prasar Bharati, India & Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), Australia signed for cooperation, co-production and joint broadcasting of programmes.
- C) Matching funds as Australia of the amount of AUD 10 million for Pacific Island Countries under Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS) and International Solar Alliance (ISA).

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

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

Explanation:

Khanij Bidesh India Ltd, India and Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO), Australia was signed an MoU to establish a framework for joint investments in Australian projects.

- i. MoU between Prasar Bharati, India & Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), Australia signed for cooperation, co-production and joint broadcasting of programmes.
- ii. Matching funds as Australia of the amount of AUD 10 million for Pacific Island Countries under Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS) and International Solar Alliance (ISA).

91. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the recent (in March'22) military acquisitions by the ministry of defence?

- 1) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals of armed forces worth INR 8,357 crore.
- 2) The approved proposals include procurement of night sight (image intensifier), light vehicles GS 4X4, air defence fire control radar (light) and GSAT-7B satellite.
- 3) The simplified iDEX Procurement has been introduced and AoN to procurement timelines have been reduced from 5 years to 2 months.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

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92. In March 2022, _____ became the First State to go Paperless assembly proceeding under National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).

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

Answer- **2) Nagaland**

Explanation:

The North Eastern state of **Nagaland** became the **first legislative state assembly** in India to implement paperless proceedings under National e-Vidhan Application (**NeVA**).

- i. The NeVA initiative encourages paperless operations and reflects the government's commitment towards Ashta Lakshmi.

About National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA):

- i. National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) Is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs with the funding ratio of 90 : 10 by Centre and State respectively
- ii. NeVA is a neutral, member-centric application deployed on NIC Cloud, MeghRaj which is also called as "GI Cloud".

93. As per the 12th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Unemployment Rate for persons of age 15 years & above in urban areas declined to _____ in July-September (Q2) 2021 from 13.2% in Q2-2020.

- 1) 7.9%
- 2) 9.8%
- 3) 8.2%
- 4) 11.5%
- 5) 10.6%

Answer- **2) 9.8%**

Explanation:

In accordance with the **12th** Periodic Labour Force Survey (**PLFS**) by the National Statistical Office (**NSO**), Unemployment Rate (**UR**) for persons of age 15 years and above in urban areas dipped to **9.8%** in July-September (**Q2**) **2021** from 13.2% in Q2-2020. It was 12.6% in April-June 2021.

UR is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.

i. UR among females also declined to 11.6% in July-September 2021 from 15.8% a year ago. It was 14.3% in April-June 2021 and among males, the UR also declined to 9.3% in July-September 2021 compared to 12.6% a year ago. It was 12.2% in April-June 2021.

94. Which ministry recently (in March'22) launched the BRICS Vaccine Research & Development (R&D) Center and Workshop on Vaccine Cooperation?

- 1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 3) Ministry of External Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

Explanation:

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, launched the BRICS Vaccine Research & Development (R&D) Center and Workshop on Vaccine Cooperation through a video-conference in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. India plans to offer its robust vaccine manufacturing industry for developing vaccines for BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) countries and also the world.

ii. India supplies vaccines to more than 150 countries and is home to one of the world's largest vaccine manufacturing industries. It also fulfils 65-70% vaccine requirements of the World Health Organization (WHO).

95. In March 2022, the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government finally started a Geographical Indication (GI) registry for the hand-knotted Kashmiri carpet with a quick response (QR) code.

In which year the GI Registry granted the GI tag to Kashmiri carpets?

- 1) 2016
- 2) 2017
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2021

Answer- **1) 2016**

Explanation:

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government has finally started a Geographical Indication (GI) registry for the **hand-knotted Kashmiri carpet** with a quick response (QR) code which will certify the genuineness of hand-knotted carpets with info on the manufacturer, weaver, raw material.

i. The GI Registry of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), granted the GI tag to Kashmiri carpets in June **2016**.

96. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Chhattisgarh budget presented in March 2022?

A) The CM of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel presented the budget of Rs 1,12,603 crore for the Financial Year (FY) 2022-23.

B) Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana the government will provide an assistance of Rs 7000 per year to the landless agricultural labourers.

C) The state government replaced the National Pension System (NPS) with the old pension scheme.

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A

3) Only B

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

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

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel presented the budget of **Rs 1,12,603 crore** for the Financial Year (FY) 2022-23.

i. Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana the government will provide an assistance of **Rs 7000 per year** to the landless agricultural labourers which is more than the Centre's Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, tribals such as Manjhi, Baiga, Gunia and Pujari benefitted from the scheme.

ii. The state government replaced the National Pension System (NPS) with the old pension scheme.

97. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the cabinet approval in March 2022?

A) The Cabinet approved the extension of applicability of the New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012 for three upcoming units of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Ltd (HURL) at Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni.

B) The CCEA also approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw jute by Rs 450 to Rs 7,949 per quintal for the 2022-23 season.

C) The Cabinet gave its nod to the Bill for 'Delhi Municipal Corporation Amendment Act 2022' to merge 3 municipal corporations in Delhi into a single unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only A & C

Answer- **5) Only A & C**

Explanation:

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i. The CCEA also approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (**MSP**) of raw jute by **Rs 250** to **Rs 4,750** per quintal for the **2022-23** season to ensure a return of 60.53% over all India weighted average cost of production.

ii. The Cabinet gave its nod to the Bill for '**Delhi Municipal Corporation Amendment Act 2022**' to merge **3** municipal corporations in Delhi into a **single** unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

98. In March 2022, _____ became the 1st state to implement a dynamic map for villages to track land ownership.

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

Answer- **4) Bihar**

Explanation:

Bihar as a part of its land reforms initiative, has introduced the concept of **dynamic map for villages**, which will get updated every time land ownership changes hands. The move is mainly aimed to curb the legal disputes regarding land.

i. According to the Bihar government, the state has seen almost 37,000 cases of some land dispute since February 2021.

ii. The initiative is also in line with the mandate of Bihar Land Mutation Amendment Bill, 2021 which makes mutation of maps mandatory.

About Bihar

Governor: Phagu Chauhan

Capital: Patna

Chief minister: Nitish Kumar

99. Which state's tourism department recently (in March'22) launched 'Maya', a 24x7 working WhatsApp chatbot to provide information & updates related to the tourism ecosystem?

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

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

The Tourism Minister of **Kerala**, P A Mohamed Riyas launched '**Maya**', a 24x7 working WhatsApp chatbot to provide information and updates related to the tourism ecosystem in Kerala.

i. It will assist tourists to also know about experience-oriented locations, important spots, historical places, eco-tourism, arts and culture hubs, festivals, local food, visa information, Covid-19 protocol, weather update, etc.

ii. To enable the chatbot, tourists have to send a 'Hi' to the WhatsApp no: 7510512345 or by scanning the QR code to access the service.

100. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Nagaland budget presented in March 2022?

A) The CM of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, who also holds the Finance portfolio of Nagaland has presented the deficit budget of Rs 2212.74 crore for the FY 2022-23.

B) Nagaland government will provide health coverage upto Rs 5 lakh per annum per family of the state irrespective of their income under Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme.

C) A proposal for a 21 MW hydro power project at Hakchang village in Tuensang district and a 27 MW thermal power project at Tuli.

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

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

Explanation:

The CM of Nagaland, **Neiphiu Rio**, who also holds the Finance portfolio of Nagaland has presented the deficit budget of **Rs 2212.74 crore** for the FY 2022-23.

i. Nagaland government will provide health coverage upto **Rs 5 lakh** per annum per family of the state irrespective of their income under **Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme**.

ii. A proposal for a **21-megawatt (MW)** hydro power project at Hakchang village in Tuensang district and a **27-megawatt (MW)** thermal power project at Tuli.

101. Which ministry recently (in March'22) launched "Dare2eraD TB," Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB?

- 1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Science & Technology
- 3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **2) Ministry of Science & Technology**

Explanation:

On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day (24th March 2022), Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, launched the Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB- "**Dare2eraD TB**" by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), **Ministry of Science & Technology (MoS&T)**.

i. The program was launched during the "STEP Up to End TB 2022" Summit organised on the occasion of World TB Day 2022.

About Dare2eraD TB:

The Dare2eraD TB programme will be based on Indian data, and the formation of a Genome Sequencing Consortium for Whole-Genome Sequencing (WGS) TB surveillance.

102. In March 2022, the central government extended the timeline to _____ from 5 years for startups to convert debt investment into equity.

- 1) 7 years
- 2) 9 years
- 3) 6 years
- 4) 10 years
- 5) 8 years

Answer- 4) 10 years

Explanation:

The Central Government has extended the timeline for startups to **10 years** from **5 years** to convert debt investment in a company into equity shares, from the day when initial convertible note was issued.

i. This amendment was made during the review of the extent of FDI policy in India by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) where the entity announced various amendments.

103. In which place the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recently (in March'22) set up India's 1st ever Sports Authority of India (SAI) National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) to train athletes in mountain terrain biking & bicycle motocross?

- 1) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Aizawl, Mizoram
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer- 1) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with Department of Youth Services and Sports of Government of Himachal Pradesh, sets up India's first-ever Sports Authority of India (SAI) National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) to train athletes in Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) in **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**.

i. NCOE is set up with an aim to provide world-class training facilities to Indian cyclists to compete for the 18 Olympic medals in the disciplines of MTB and BMX.

About Sports Authority of India:

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Agency executive – Sandip Pradhan, Indian Revenue Service (IRS).

104. Which organisation recently (in March'22) collaborated with Indo-German Development Cooperation Project's Her & Now to end gender based barriers for women Entrepreneurs?

- 1) Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- 2) AIM, NITI Aayog
- 3) National Commission for Women
- 4) Equality Now
- 5) UN Women

Answer- 2) **AIM, NITI Aayog**

Explanation:

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog has announced a collaboration with the Indo-German Development Cooperation Project “Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women (Her & Now),” which is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

i. It is jointly carried out by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH of Germany & the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE), Government of India.

About Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

Mission Director – Dr. Chintan Vaishnav

Establishment – 2016

105. Name the ministry that recently (in March’22) signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship to enhance the impact of the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP).

- 1) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Answer- 4) **Ministry of Rural Development**

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, Assam under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

i. **Objective-** The MoU was signed to promote entrepreneurship at a local level amongst the rural youth.

ii. IIE will act as a National Resource Organisation (NRO) for the SVEP and will provide support to the State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) for the implementation.

106. How many strategically important Line Replacement Units (LRUs)/ sub-systems imports were recently (in March’22) banned by the Ministry of Defence to promote self-reliance in defence manufacturing?

- 1) 107
- 2) 98
- 3) 50
- 4) 88
- 5) 90

Answer- 1) **107**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) bans imports of 107 strategically important Line Replacement Units (LRUs)/sub-systems with the aim to promote self-reliance in defence manufacturing and to minimise imports by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) under ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat’.

Reason For The Import Ban:

- The idea of self-reliance in defence emerged due to the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia, as most of India's weapons and spares are Russian origin weapons.
- The list includes sub-systems that India imports from Russia for weapons and platforms, including T-90 and T-72 tanks, BMP-II infantry combat vehicles, warships and submarines, and anti-tank missiles.

107. In March 2022, NTPC made commercially operational an additional 42.5 MW of power generation capacity at the Ramagundam floating solar project.

Where is Ramagundam floating solar project located?

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

Answer- 2) Telangana

Explanation:

NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, has made commercially operational an additional 42.5 MW of power generation capacity at Ramagundam floating solar project (largest floating solar plant in the country in a single location) in **Telangana**.

i. Previously NTPC had commissioned 17.5 MW (Part-I) and 20 MW (Part-II) of the project.

ii. With the successful commissioning of the 3rd part capacity of the Ramagundam project (100 MW capacity), the total capacity of the project has reached 80 MW.

108. In March 2022, _____ became India's first city to get "Steel Slag" road.

- 1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- 3) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Pune, Maharashtra
- 5) Surat, Gujarat

Answer- 5) Surat, Gujarat

Explanation:

The Diamond City of India, **Surat in Gujarat** became India's first city to get a road that is made out of steel waste (1st ever 'steel slag' road) at Hazira, Surat .

i. The road was constructed by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India with CSIR India (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) & CRRI (Central Road Research Institute) New Delhi along with the support of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog.

ii. The project will be constructed under the initiative of the Waste to Wealth and Clean India Campaign and Laid in the Hazira Industrial Area, the road consists of 100% processed steel slag.

109. Which Indian Navy Ship(INS) was recently (in March'22) recognised as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in the field of Marine Engineering by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)?

- 1) INS Vikrant
- 2) INS Vikramaditya
- 3) INS Chilka
- 4) INS Shivaji
- 5) INS Valsura

Answer- 4) INS Shivaji

Explanation:

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (**MSDE**) has recognised the Indian Navy Ship(**INS**) **Shivaji** as a **Centre of Excellence(CoE)** in the field of Marine Engineering(**ME**). INS Shivaji is an Indian naval station in Lonavla, Maharashtra.

i. Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary MSDE handed over the recognition certificate to Commodore Arvind Rawal, Commanding Officer, INS Shivaji at MSDE headquarters Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi.

ii. INS Shivaji has three premier institutions viz. Centre of Marine Engineering and Technology (CMET), Centre of Excellence (CoE) and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence (NBCD) School.

110. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Delhi budget presented in March 2022?

- A) Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia presented a "Rozgar Budget" (employment) with an outlay of Rs 75,800 crore for the financial year 2022-23.**
- B) The size of the 2022-23 budget is 9.86 percent higher than the budget of previous year 2021-22 of Rs 69,000 crore and that was called the 'Deshbhakti' (patriotism) budget.**
- C) Rs 4,500 crore has been allocated by the government to generate 20 lakh jobs in the next 5 years and Introduce mobile app "Rozgar Bazaar 2.0" which aims to provide one lakh jobs.**

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

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

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ii. Rs 4,500 crore has been allocated by the government to generate 20 lakh jobs in the next 5 years and Introduce mobile app "Rozgar Bazaar 2.0" which aims to provide one lakh jobs.

111. Which department recently (in March'22) released 2 reports named Rollout of Small Cells for 5G Networks by leveraging Street Furniture & Internet of Things (IoT)/ Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Standards for Smart Cities?

- 1) Technology Development and Innovation Programme
- 2) Industrial R&D Promotion Programme
- 3) Department of Telecommunications
- 4) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion
- 5) Department of Science and technology

Answer- 3) Department of Telecommunications

Explanation:

K.Rajaraman, Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**), Ministry of Communications, has released **two reports** namely:

- Rollout of Small Cells for 5G Networks by leveraging Street Furniture
- Internet of Things (IoT)/ Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Standards for Smart Cities.

i. The objective of the report is to achieve a timely, hassle-free rollout of 5G services and the development of a standardized ecosystem for Smart Cities in India.

ii. These reports have been prepared by the respective divisions of the Telecommunication Engineering Centre (**TEC**), DoT, Government of India, with multi-stakeholders' consultation.

112. UNESCO recently (in March'22) included the Living Root Bridges or Jingkieng Jri to the tentative list of World heritage sites.

In which state is Jingkieng Jri located?

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

Answer- 4) Meghalaya

Explanation:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (**UNESCO**) includes Meghalaya's "**Living Root Bridges or Jingkieng Jri**" on a tentative list of World heritage sites. At present there are about 100 living root bridges around 70 villages of Meghalaya's subtropical terrain region.

i. Villagers, (especially Khasi and Jaintia tribal communities) build and maintain these bridges from the past for more than 600 years.

ii. 2022 Tentative list of UNESCO: The Geoglyphs of Konkan region of Maharashtra, Sri Veerabhadra Temple and Monolithic Bull (Nandi) at Lepakshi of Andhra Pradesh have made it to the Tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites in 2022.

113. As of March 2022, India plans to build _____ Nuclear Power Plant in 'fleet mode' from 2023.

- 1) 15
- 2) 10

3) 6

4) 8

5) 5

Answer- 2) 10

Explanation:

India is set to put in motion construction of **10 'fleet mode'** nuclear reactors over the next three years. The First Pour of Concrete (FPC) for a 700 MegaWatts (MW) Kaiga Atomic Power Plant, Karnataka units 5 & 6 are scheduled by 2023.

i. The centre had approved the construction of 10 indigenously developed Pressurized Heavy-Water Reactors (PHWRs) of 700 MegaWatts (MW) each in June 2017 with a total cost of Rs 1.05 Lakh crore.

About Indian Pressurised Heavy-Water Reactor – 700:

i. The Indian Pressurized Heavy-Water Reactor is designed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC).

ii. It is a Generation III reactor developed from the earlier CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium-Pressurized Heavy-Water Reactor) based 220 MW and 540 MW designs.

iii. The Indian Pressurized Heavy-Water Reactor has been upgraded to generate electricity capacity of 700 MW.

114. Name the company that recently (in March'22) collaborated with Indian Air Force (IAF) to launch an Initiative 'Fleet Card – Fuel on Move' to Speed Up IAF Convoy Movements.

1) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

2) Oil India Ltd

3) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

4) Hindustan Petroleum Ltd

5) Bharat Petroleum Ltd

Answer- 1) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

Explanation:

Indian Air Force (**IAF**) in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOCL**) started an initiative called '**Fleet Card – Fuel on Move**' for the management of fuel supply chain and energy security for IAF.

i. It was launched by the Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of Air Staff at Headquarters Western Air Command, Subroto Park in New Delhi.

What is 'Fleet Card – Fuel on Move':

- The initiative of IAF will provide a paradigm shift to the logistics management of fuel.
- HQ Western Air Command was earmarked as lead agency in the implementation and execution of this innovative concept of "Fuel on Move".

115. The minister of Jal Shakti recently (in March'22) launched "Sujalam 2.0 campaign" for _____ management in New Delhi.

1) Distilled Water

2) Mineral Water

3) Tap Water

4) Black Water

5) Grey Water

Answer- **5) Grey Water**

Explanation:

On the Occasion World Water Day 2022, The **Union Minister of Jal Shakti**, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launches **Sujalam 2.0 campaign** for **greywater management** in a virtual summit hosted by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) in **New Delhi**.

i. The objective of the campaign is to manage greywater through people's participation by mobilising communities, institutions like panchayats, schools, anganwadi to undertake greywater management.

ii. Greywater refers to domestic wastewater generated in households or office buildings from streams without fecal contamination

116. The Ministry of Civil Aviation recently (in March'22) announced that the Indian Government planned to develop 220 new airports by _____.

1) 2028

2) 2025

3) 2023

4) 2026

5) 2024

Answer- **2) 2025**

Explanation:

Jyotiraditya Scindia, the Union Civil Aviation Minister, announced that the Government of India (**GoI**) planned to develop as many as **220 new airports** by **2025**, citing the aviation industry as a major component of India's economy.

i. In the following years, cargo flights for perishable food items will be boosted by 30%, with 133 new flights.

ii. The government also intends to build 33 new domestic cargo terminals, 15 new pilot training schools, more jobs, and a greater focus on the drone sector.

iii. AAI plans to create three new greenfield airports in the country: Hollongi, Hirasar, and Dholera, as well as 42 brownfield airports.

117. In which place the union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah attended the 83rd Raising Day parade of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in March 2022?

1) Sikkim

2) Assam

3) Jammu and Kashmir

4) Uttarakhand

5) New Delhi

Answer- **3) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

Amit Shah, Union Minister for Home Affairs attended the 83rd Raising Day parade of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) held at Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu, **Jammu and Kashmir**(J&K) as Chief Guest.

- i. The 83rd CRPF Raising Day was observed on 27th July 2021.
- ii. This is the first time that CRPF Raising Day celebrations are conducted outside Delhi.

118. Which state recently (in March'22) signed a pact with Assam to resolve the border dispute in six places?

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- **5) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister of **Assam** Himanta Biswa Sarma and the Chief Minister of **Meghalaya** Conrad Sangma in the presence of Union Home Minister, Amit Shah had signed a pact to resolve the protracted border dispute in six out of twelve places along the 884.9 Kilometre border between the two states.

- i. The day is called as 'Historic day' as it resolves five-decade old border dispute between Assam and Meghalaya, since the demarcation of Meghalaya from Assam in 1972 also Meghalaya has issues with the Assam Reorganisation Act, 1971.
- ii. The First Phase of settlement covers 36 villages situated in six places (Hahim, Gizang, Tarabari, Boklapara, Khanapara-Pilingkata, Ratacherra) out of twelve covering an area of 36.79 square kilometres.

119. Who recently (in March'22) launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Campaign 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Prahlad Singh Patel
- 3) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 4) Ram Nath Kovind
- 5) Amit Shah

Answer- **4) Ram Nath Kovind**

Explanation:

Ram Nath Kovind, President of India, launched the **Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign – 2022** during the event organised by the National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- i. President Ram Nath Kovind also felicitated the 1st Prize winners of the 3rd National Water Awards(NWA) 2020.

120. Which of the following companies were recently (in March'22) partnered with Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP) for Eco-friendly Aviation Fuel?

- 1) Boeing
- 2) SpiceJet

- 3) HAL
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

SpiceJet, Boeing and Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (**CSIR**)-Indian Institute of Petroleum (**IIP**) are working together to explore opportunities for the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (**SAF**) in the Indian aviation industry.

- i.** The coordination is part of their commitment to support reducing carbon emissions to achieve environmental goals.
- ii.** They will work to leverage SAF supply from CSIR-IIP and its production partners and licensees to help SpiceJet decarbonise its fleet.

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1. As per the "Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability " by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), there will be a rise in water level of The Indus, Ganga and Brahmaputra river basins by ____ and ____.

- 1) 2050 & 2090
- 2) 2040 & 2100
- 3) 2025 & 2090
- 4) 2050 & 2100
- 5) 2040 & 2110

Answer- **4) 2050 & 2100**

Explanation:

As per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s second part of the Sixth Assessment Report titled, "Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability ", there will be a rise in the water level of The Indus, Ganga and Brahmaputra river basins by **2050** and **2100**.

- i.** The rise in water 'runoff' is due to the rise in global warming.
- ii.** According to the report the run-off could increase 3-27 per cent by mid-century in the following rivers, 7-12 per cent in the Indus. 10-27 per cent in the Ganga. 3-8 per cent in the Brahmaputra.
- ii.** The first Assessment report was introduced in 1990, later it was followed by four subsequent reports that came out in 1995, 2001, 2007, and 2015 for climate change.

2. In February 2022, _____ became the first country to approve the use of the plant-based COVID-19 vaccine named "Covifenz".

- 1) UAE
- 2) Canada
- 3) Spain
- 4) Russia
- 5) Germany

Answer- **2) Canada**

Explanation:

Covifenz, the world's first plant-based COVID-19 vaccine, has been licenced for adults aged 18 to 64 by Health Canada, the Canadian government's agency responsible for national health policy.

- i. Canada** has become the **first country** to approve the use of the plant-based COVID-19 vaccine.
- ii.** Covifenz was jointly developed by Medicigo Inc., a biopharma company owned by Mitsubishi Chemical and Philip Morris, situated in Quebec City, and GlaxoSmithKline Plc.

3. Which country recently (in March'22) signed an MoU with India for the supply of Urea and Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizers under a Government to Government (G2G) arrangement?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **3) Nepal**

Explanation:

An **MoU** has been signed between **India** and **Nepal** during a virtual ceremony for long-term supply of **Urea** and **DAP** (Di-ammonium Phosphate) fertilizers from India to Nepal under a Government to Government (**G2G**) arrangement.

Signatories:

India- Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Nepal- Dr. Govinda Prasad Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

4. In March 2022, _____ become World's First Airlines to Use Solar Aviation fuel.

- 1) Singapore International Air Lines
- 2) American Airlines Inc
- 3) Swiss International Air Lines
- 4) Emirates Air Lines
- 5) Austrian Airlines AG

Answer- **3) Swiss International Air Lines**

Explanation:

Swiss International Air Lines AG (SWISS or Swiss Air Lines), a part of the Lufthansa Group, has signed a new strategic collaboration with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA (Synhelion) to use their solar aviation fuel.

- i.** SWISS is set to become the world's first airline to use Solar Aviation fuel ("sun-to-liquid" fuel).
- ii.** Synhelion is set to build the world's first facility to industrially produce solar fuel in Jülich, Germany. The plant will become operational from 2022 onwards. SWISS will become the first customer of solar kerosene in 2023.

5. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) released a special logo (in March '22) to mark 75 years of diplomatic relations with which country?

- 1) Poland
- 2) France
- 3) Russia
- 4) Germany
- 5) Netherlands

Answer- 5) Netherlands

Explanation:

Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Marten van den Berg, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India released a joint "Special logo" to mark 75 years of **Indo-Netherlands** Diplomatic Relations.

- 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and the Netherlands.
- The Netherlands was one of the first European countries to have bilateral relations with India. The official relations between India and the Netherlands were established in 1947.

About the logo:

- i. The logo features a lotus and a tulip, the national flowers of India and the Netherlands respectively and has a Chakra in the middle which depicts the bond of friendship between both countries.
- ii. The flag colours of both the countries in the logo enhance the existing connections between the people of India and the people of the Netherlands.

6. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) held on 28th February – 2nd March 2022?

A) The UNEA-5.2 was held with the theme of 'Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals'.

B) 175 nations signed a mandate to end the use of plastic by developing a legally binding agreement by 2024.

C) Special Session of the UNEA- UNEP@50, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme in 1972.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The UNEA-5.2 was held with the theme of 'Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals'.

- i. 175 nations sign a mandate to end the use of plastic by developing a legally binding agreement by 2024.
- ii. Special Session of the UNEA- UNEP@50, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme in 1972.

7. In which country the 2022 Mobile World Congress (MWC) was organized by the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA)?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Barcelona, Spain
- 3) New York, USA
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- 2) Barcelona, Spain

Explanation:

The Global System for Mobile Communications Association (**GSMA**) has organized the 2022 Mobile World Congress (MWC), which took place in **Barcelona, Spain** from 28 February to 3 March. The MWC-22 focused on increasing the global connectivity of the 5G network and economic recovery.

i. Global Mobile Economy Report expects 5G connections globally to reach 1 billion in 2022 by 5G adoption.

8. Which country recently (in March'22) retained in the grey list of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for failing to check money laundering & terror financing since June 2018?

- 1) Iraq
- 2) Iran
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) UAE

Answer- 4) Pakistan

Explanation:

The global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog, Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**), retained **Pakistan** in the **grey list** and asked the country to work on money laundering investigations and prosecutions.

i. The decision has been taken after the conclusion of the four-day FATF Plenary from March 1-4, 2022.

ii. The event took place in hybrid mode from Paris, France. FATF also added the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to its grey watchlist.

iii. Pakistan has been on the grey list of FATF since June 2018 for failing to check money laundering, and terror financing. It was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019 but it fails to comply with the FATF mandates.

9. In March 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in a virtual summit of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) leaders meeting.

Which country is not a member of the Quad group of nations?

- 1) France
- 2) USA
- 3) Australia
- 4) India
- 5) Japan