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5) IIT- Roorkee

Answer- **5) IIT- Roorkee**

Explanation:

A Made in India Petascale Supercomputer '**PARAM Ganga**' with a supercomputing capacity of **1.66 Petaflops** (Peta Floating-Point Operations Per Second) has been installed at **IIT Roorkee**, Uttarakhand.

i. This national Supercomputing Facility was inaugurated by B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Roorkee and designed and commissioned by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under Phase 2 of the build approach of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

Features of PARAM Ganga:

- Its components, and software stack are manufactured and assembled within India only.
- It is a new High-Performance Computational (HPC) facility that will accelerate R&D activities in multidisciplinary domains of science and engineering, to solve complex problems of national importance and global significance.

12. Name the country that recently (in March'22) launched Noor 2, the second military satellite into orbit.

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

Answer- **2) Iran**

Explanation:

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (**IRGC**) of **Iran** successfully put a **Noor 2** satellite or "light" in Persian into orbit at an altitude of 500 kilometres (311 miles).

i. Noor 2 has a three-stage Qased, or "Messenger", carrier, launched from the Shahroud spaceport of Iran.

ii. The first military satellite was launched by the Islamic Republic in April 2020. It is placed at an orbit of 425km (265 miles) above the earth's surface.

About Iran:

Capital- Tehran

President- Ebrahim Raisi

Currency- Iranian rial

13. Name the organisation that introduced a new one-of-a-kind mission named "Vigil" to protect the Earth from its nearest star (Sun).

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

Answer- **1) European Space Agency**

Explanation:

The European Space Agency (**ESA**) introduced its new one-of-a-kind mission named “Vigil”, which is meant to protect the Earth from its nearest star (Sun). ‘Vigil’ is derived from the Latin word ‘vigilia’ meaning wakefulness, while ‘vigilis exceptus’ means sentry, or guard.

- i. The mission was previously named “Lagrange” after the location the mission spacecraft will be sent but later the name has been changed to ‘Vigil’.
- ii. The Vigil spacecraft will be launched to the fifth Lagrange(L5) point which is 150 million kilometres from both Earth and the sun.

14. Which organisation successfully tested the newly developed solid booster stage (SS1) for its new launch vehicle Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh in March 2022?

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

Answer- **1) ISRO**

Explanation:

Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) has **successfully** carried out the ground testing of the newly developed solid booster stage (**SS1**) for its new launch vehicle Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (**SSLV**) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (**SDSC**), at **Sriharikota**, Andhra Pradesh (**AP**).

- i. The successful ground testing of SS1 will support the first developmental flight of SSLV(SSLV-D1), which is scheduled in May 2022.

About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):

Chairman– S. Somanath

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

15. Name the organisation that recently (in March '22) rolled out the “integrated Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft of the Artemis 1 Moon Mission” for the 1st time.

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

Answer- **3) NASA**

Explanation:

For the **first time**, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) rolled out the integrated Space Launch System (**SLS**) **rocket** and **Orion spacecraft** (crew capsule) of **Artemis 1**, the first mission of NASA’s Artemis Program at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Florida, United States of America (USA).

- i. The SLS rocket and Orion capsule were hauled out from the KSC Vehicle Assembly Building to Pad 39B on NASA’s giant crawler-transporter 2 (CT-2).

ii. Mission Artemis 3 will put astronauts down on the moon, near the lunar south pole, with the aid of SpaceX's Starship vehicle and is targeted for 2025 or 2026.

16. Name the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) is the 5th series of Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) class that was commissioned by the Defence Secretary of India, Ajay Kumar, in Goa.

- 1) ICGS Sachet
- 2) ICGS Sarthak
- 3) ICGS Sujeet
- 4) ICGS Sajag
- 5) ICGS Saksham

Answer- 5) ICGS Saksham

Explanation:

As a significant step toward strengthening India's maritime security, the Defence Secretary of India **Dr Ajay Kumar** has commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship **(ICGS) Saksham**, the **fifth** in the **series** of 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessels **(OPVs) class**, at **Goa**.

i. Goa Shipyard Limited designed and built the 105-meter OPV, which is equipped with advanced technology, navigation and communication systems, sensors, and machinery.

ii. The first four of the five ICGS which have already been commissioned in 2020 are ICGS Sachet (1st); ICGS Sujeet (2nd); ICGS Sarthak (3rd); and ICGS Sajag (4th) in 2021.

17. Which country's researchers recently (in March '22) developed a microwave machine named the "Relativistic Klystron Amplifier (RKA)" to destroy satellites in space?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Japan
- 3) USA
- 4) China
- 5) Russia

Answer- 4) China

Explanation:

The researchers from **China** have developed a microwave machine 'Relativistic Klystron Amplifier **(RKA)**' to jam/destroy satellites or sensitive electronics in satellites in space. It will function as a high-powered laser weapon.

i. The device can generate a wave burst of 5 Megawatts (MW) in the Ka-band. This band is a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum used for civil and military purposes.

ii. Notably, China is currently denying that their RKA is a Directed Energy Weapon (DEW), which is a system that uses concentrated electromagnetic energy to destroy enemy equipment in a physical conflict.

18. In which place India recently (in March'22) test fired a surface-to-surface 'BrahMos' supersonic cruise missile extended range?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Andaman and Nicobar Island
- 4) West Bengal

5) Odisha

Answer- **3) Andaman and Nicobar Island**

Explanation:

India successfully test fired a surface-to-surface '**BrahMos**' **supersonic cruise missile extended range** from Andaman and Nicobar Island. This 290 Km Missile range has a top speed of Mach 2.8 nearly three times the speed of sound and missile range will be extended.

About BrahMos Aerospace

Chief Executive officer and Managing Director - Atul Dinkar Rane

Headquarters - New Delhi

19. Which organisation's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) has recently (in March 22) confirmed the existence of 5,000 plus exoplanets beyond our solar system?

1) JAXA

2) European Space Agency

3) SpaceX

4) Canadian Space Agency

5) NASA

Answer- **5) NASA**

Explanation:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (**NASA**) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (**JPL**) have confirmed the existence of **5,000** plus exoplanets beyond our solar system.

i. The 5,000-plus exoplanets found includes 30% Gas giant , 31% Super earth (Large rocky sized earth), 35% Neptune like (similar in size of Neptune or Uranus), 4% terrestrial.

About Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL):

Jet Propulsion Laboratory is a federally-funded Research and Development (R&D) centre managed by California Institute of Technology for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

20. Which country recently (in March '22) test-fired the biggest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) named "Hwasong-17"?

1) North Korea

2) Japan

3) China

4) Indonesia

5) Russia

Answer- **1) North Korea**

Explanation:

Hwasong-17: Intercontinental ballistic missile was test fired by North Korea and it is the biggest-yet Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), Hwasong- 17 as per the orders of their Supreme leader Kim Jong Un.

i. The Hwasong-17 was launched directly from a Transporter Erector Launcher (TEL) vehicle, with 11 axles.

ii. The missile flew 1,090 km (681 miles) at a maximum altitude of 6,248.5 km (3,905 miles) and hit a target in the Sea of Japan after travelling 67.5 minutes in air.

21. Which company recently (in March'22) introduced a 19-seater aircraft, "Hindustan 228," and planned to deploy it under the UDAN Scheme?

- 1) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- 3) ISRO
- 4) DRDO
- 5) Bharat Electronics Ltd

Answer- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) Indian state-owned aerospace and defence company, introduced a 19-seater aircraft '**Hindustan 228**' in a first of its kind attempt to develop small civil transport aircraft under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (**UDAN**) **scheme**.

The design of Hindustan 228 is based on the Germany based Dornier GmbH Aircraft. In 1983, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) acquired a production licence for the Dornier 228 and manufactured the aircraft for the Asian market.

About UDE DESH KA AAM NAAGRIK (UDAN) scheme:

- i. The Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme was launched as a Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016.
- ii. It is a regional airport development programme of upgrading underserved air routes.

22. Which organisation recently (in March'22) tested fired 2 Indian Army versions of Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (MRSAMs) from Chandipur, off the Odisha coast?

- 1) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- 2) Bharat Electronics Ltd
- 3) DRDO
- 4) ISRO
- 5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

Answer- 3) DRDO

Explanation:

DRDO successfully test fired two Indian Army versions of Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (MRSAMs) from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, off Odisha coast.

i. The Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (MRSAMs) versions were jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) for the Indian Army.

About Defence Research and Development Organisation:

Chairman – Dr G Satheesh Reddy

Headquarters – New Delhi

23. In which institute the Petascale Supercomputer "PARAM Shakti" was recently (in March'22) inaugurated under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)?

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

5) IIT- Delhi

Answer- **1) IIT- Kharagpur**

Explanation:

Jagdeep Dhankhar, Governor of West Bengal, inaugurated the Petascale Supercomputer **PARAM Shakti** under the National Supercomputing Mission (**NSM**) – a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) and the Department of Science and Technology (**DST**) at **IIT- Kharagpur** in West Bengal.

About PARAM Shakti:

- i.** The supercomputer PARAM Shakti is based on a heterogeneous and hybrid configuration of Intel Xeon Skylake processors and NVIDIA Tesla V100.
- ii.** The system was designed and implemented by the HPC Technologies team, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- iii.** This facility has pioneered in using Rear Door Heat Exchangers (RDHx) based efficient cooling systems to obtain a high power usage effectiveness. RDHx Systems Help With High-Density Data Center Cooling.

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1. Who recently (in Feb'22) won the Mexican Open ATP-500 title for the 4th time by defeating Cameron Norrie?

- 1) Matteo Berrettini
- 2) Alexander Zverev
- 3) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- 4) Daniil Medvedev
- 5) Rafael Nadal

Answer- **5) Rafael Nadal**

Explanation:

The legendary Spanish tennis player **Rafael Nadal** defeated **Cameron Norrie** of the United Kingdom in the Mexican Open Feb 2022 (Hardcourt) and claimed his 4th Mexican Open ATP-500 title in Acapulco, Mexico. Nadal won the sets by (6-4, 6-4) and registered his 91st ATP title win.

- i.** Nadal became the Youngest and the Oldest champion to win the Mexican Open ATP.

2. Who recently (in Feb'22) won a gold medal in the Junior Tournament at Moscow Wushu Stars Championship 2022?

- 1) Erika Prisciandaro (Italy)
- 2) Erfan Ahangarian (Iran)
- 3) Ma Lingjuan (Japan)
- 4) Sadia Tariq (India)
- 5) Gao Jiamin (China)

Answer- **4) Sadia Tariq (India)**

Explanation:

Indian Wushu player, **Sadia Tariq** won a gold medal in the Junior Tournament at **Moscow Wushu Stars Championship 2022**. The Wushu Stars Championship is being held in Moscow, Russia from 22 to 28 February 2022.

- i.** Total 38 players from India participated in the championship (23 junior and 15 senior participants).
- ii.** In 2021, Sadia Tariq secured the two Gold medals in the 20th Junior National Wushu Championship held at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar and the 19th Junior National Wushu Championship at Haryana.

3. In February 2022, _____ became the new ATP world number 1 in the Mexican Open ATP 2022 by overthrowing Novak Djokovic.

- 1) Alexander Zverev
- 2) Andy Murray
- 3) Daniil Medvedev
- 4) Rafael Nadal
- 5) Roger Federer

Answer- **3) Daniil Medvedev**

Explanation:

The Russian born tennis player **Daniil Medvedev** (8615 points), has ranked the **new ATP World number 1** in the Mexican Open ATP Feb, 2022.

- i.** He **overthrew** the Serbian player **Novak Djokovic** (8465 points – current rank 2), who held the top spot in men’s tennis for a record 361 total weeks.
- ii.** Medvedev is the **first** player outside the ‘**Big Four**’, Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray to hold the top spot in 18 years, three weeks and six days.

4. In Singapore Weightlifting Championship 2022, India secured _____ medals

- 1) 4
- 2) 7
- 3) 5
- 4) 8
- 5) 6

Answer- **4) 8**

Explanation:

The Singapore Weightlifting Championship – Feb 2022 held at Toa Payoh Sports Hall. Eight Indian weightlifters secured Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

- i.** Apart from these 8 weightlifters, 4 more weightlifters have been qualified for Commonwealth Games (CWG) , Birmingham, 2022 namely – Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg), Achinta Sheuli (73kg), Ajay Singh (81kg) and Purnima Pandey (+87kg) by winning gold medals in their respective weight categories at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 in December.

5. In February 2022, _____ 1st Indian to win a silver medal in an individual section of the 13th World Archery Para Championships in Dubai, UAE.

- 1) Shyam Sundar Swami
- 2) Jyoti Balan
- 3) Vivek Chikara
- 4) Rakesh Kumar
- 5) Pooja Jatyan

Answer- **5) Pooja Jatyan**

Explanation:

Indian Para Archer, **Pooja Jatyan** (World Rank 21) won the **silver medal** in Recurve Women Open at the Dubai **2022 World Archery Para Championships** (13th edition of the World Archery Para Championships), held at Dubai Club for People of Determination, Dubai, United Arab Emirates(UAE) from 19th to 27th February 2022.

- i. She became the **first Indian** to win a silver medal in Individual Category in a Para Championships.
- ii. Indian compound para archers Shyam Sundar Swami (World Rank 20) and Jyoti Baliyan (World Rank 28) have won silver in the compound mixed team event at the 13th World Archery Para Championships.

6. In March 2022, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s IPL Governing Council announced _____ as an official partner for the Tata IPL 2022.

- 1) RuPay
- 2) PhonePe
- 3) Upstox
- 4) Vivo
- 5) CRED

Answer- **1) RuPay**

Explanation:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**)'s Indian Premier League (**IPL**) Governing Council announced National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**)'s flagship product **RuPay** as an official partner for the Tata IPL 2022. This will be a multi-year partnership.

- i. Tata IPL 2022 will be co-presented by Dream11 and co-powered by Tata and CRED. Swiggy, Prystin Care, Zepto, Livspace, L'Oreal and Spinny have been signed-on as associate sponsors.

Tata IPL 2022

- i. The 15th edition of Tata IPL 2022 will start on 26th March 2022.
- ii. A total of 70 league matches will be played across four international venues in Mumbai and Pune. The venue for the playoff matches will be decided later.

7. Which of the following countries' athletes was recently (in March'22) banned from the Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Belarus
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 1 & 3

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

Explanation:

The International Paralympic Committee (**IPC**) has banned the athlete's entries from the Russian Paralympic Committee (**RPC**) and National Paralympic Committee (**NPC**) **Belarus** (83 athletes from Russia and Belarus which hosted troops for Moscow's attack) for the **Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics** due to the war in Ukraine.

i. Previously IPC has stated that the athletes from both countries would be allowed to compete as neutrals in the games.

ii. The IPC joins a range of sporting bodies like FIFA, Union of European Football Associations etc, that have banned the participation of Russians and Belarusians, which includes football, track, basketball, hockey, and others.

8. Which team won the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup for the 1st time?

1) A.S Pirae Football Club (Tahiti)

2) Chelsea Football Club (UK)

3) Palmeiras Football Club (Brazil)

4) Al Jazira Football Club (UAE)

5) Monterrey Football club (Mexico)

Answer- **2) Chelsea Football Club (UK)**

Explanation:

Chelsea Football Club (Chelsea FC)-UK won the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup for the 1st time defeating Brazilian club Palmeiras in the finals and the tournament hosted by United Arab Emirates (UAE).

i. The 18th edition of the Club World Cup took place at 2 venues in Abu Dhabi, UAE and was held from 3rd to 12th February 2022. The event was presented by Alibaba Cloud.

9. Who recently (in March'22) became the 23rd Woman Grandmaster (WGM) of India?

1) Subbaraman Vijayalakshmi

2) Priyanka Nutakki

3) Vantika Agrawal

4) Sakshi Chitlange

5) Divya Deshmukh

Answer- **2) Priyanka Nutakki**

Explanation:

Priyanka Nutakki secured her final WGM-norm at the MPL 47th National Women Chess Championship 2022, held in Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.

She scored 7.0/9, performed at 2348 to become the 23rd Woman Grandmaster (WGM) of India and got placed third in the tournament.

Woman Grandmaster (WGM) title: WGM is an International Chess Federation (FIDE) title and will be provided to women players. It is above Women International Masters (WIM), and Woman FIDE Master (WFM).

10. _____ country won the 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup and also topped the medal tally with a total of 7 medals, while Norway finished second with _____ medals.

- 1) India; 5 medals
- 2) France; 6 medals
- 3) England; 3 medals
- 4) India; 6 medals
- 5) France; 4 medals

Answer- 4) India; 6 medals

Explanation:

The International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) **World cup** 2022 'Rifle and pistol' took place at Cairo, Egypt, from 26 february 2022 till 8 March 2022. **Indian** shooters have **topped** the medals tally with a total of **7 medals**.

India Led the medal tally with **7 medals** including 4 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze. **Norway** Secured the **Second position** with **6 medals** and **France** secured the third with **3 medals**.

11. Name the Indian Cricket who recently announced his retirement from Indian domestic (1st class & all formats) cricket.

- 1) Shanthakumaran Nair Sreesanth
- 2) Dinesh Karthik
- 3) Shikhar Dhawan
- 4) Suresh Raina
- 5) Harbhajan Singh

Answer- 1) Shanthakumaran Nair Sreesanth

Explanation:

Indian fast bowler, **Shanthakumaran Nair Sreesanth** has retired from Indian domestic (first class and all formats) cricket.

i. Being born in Kerala, Sreesanth has represented India in 27 – International (Intl) Tests, 53 – One Day Internationals (ODI) and 10 – Twenty20 Internationals (T20I) and secured a total of 169 Intl wickets.

ii. Sreesanth was also on the winning sides of 2007 T20I World Cup and 2011 International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket World Cup. i.Sreesanth is the first fast bowler from Kerala to take a Hat-Trick in Ranji Trophy games 2004-05.

12. Who recently set a world record of 6.19m at the Belgrade Indoor Meeting 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia?

- 1) Armand Duplantis
- 2) Yelena Isinbayeva
- 3) Sam Kendricks
- 4) Renaud Lavillenie
- 5) Thiago Braz

Answer- 1) Armand Duplantis

Explanation:

Armand Gustav “Mondo” Duplantis, the American-Swedish pole vaulter ‘representing Sweden’ breaks his own pole vault World record by clearing 6.19-meters (m) at the Belgrade Indoor Meeting 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia.

i. Previously at the Muller Indoor Grand Prix 2020, Glasgow, Duplantis set the World record of 6.18m.

13. Who recently (in March '22) won the 1st Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open held at Cattolica, Italy?

- 1) Praveen M Thipsay
- 2) Saptarshi Roy Chowdhury
- 3) R Praggnanandhaa
- 4) Bharath Subramaniam
- 5) S L Narayanan

Answer- **5) S L Narayanan**

Explanation:

Indian Grandmaster (GM) **S L Narayanan** from Kerala, won the **1st Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open (Cattolica Open)**, a 9-round Swiss tournament that took place from 1st to 8th March 2022 in Cattolica, Italy. Indian GM R Praggnanandhaa, from Tamil Nadu, finished as runner up of the tournament.

i. The 1st Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open Tournament is part of the Italian Spring Chess Tour 2022.

14. _____ from India won the silver medal in the men’s singles at the 69th edition of German Open 2022 held at Mülheim, Germany in March 2022, while Kunlavut Vitidsarn from ____ won gold in the tournament.

- 1) Srikanth Kidambi; Thailand
- 2) Lakshya Sen; Bulgaria
- 3) Sai Praneeth; China
- 4) Lakshya Sen; Thailand
- 5) Sai Praneeth; Bulgaria

Answer- **4) Lakshya Sen; Thailand**

Explanation:

Indian Shuttler **Lakshya Sen** grabbed **silver** after losing to **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** of **Thailand** in the men’s singles final at the Yonex Gainward German Open 2022 which was held at the Westenergie Sporthalle in Mülheim, Germany, on March 8-13, 2022. This year marks the 69th edition of the tournament.

i. German Open is an annual badminton tournament classified as BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour Super 300 event.

ii. The tournament was organized by the German Badminton Association with sanction from the Badminton World Federation.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men’s singles	Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand)	Lakshya Sen (India)

15. In which place India will host the 44th World Chess Olympiad 2022 that was organized by FIDE?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Bangalore, Karnataka
- 5) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

India is set to host the **44th** World Chess Olympiad(44th Chess Olympiad) 2022 in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**. The event will be organised by the International Chess Federation (FIDE -Fédération Internationale des Échecs) at the convention centre at the Four Points by Sheraton, Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.

- i. FIDE has approved the bid to host the 44th Chess Olympiad and FIDE Congress 2022 in India.
- ii. The 44th World Chess Olympiad 2022 which was previously scheduled to be held in Moscow, Russia from July 26 to August 8, 2022.

16. Which of the following points is "Incorrect" with respect to the Sri Lankan cricket team that toured India in 2022 for 3 T20I and 2 Test series including 1 pink ball test match?

- 1) Shreyas Iyer became the first Indian to score two fifties in a pink-ball Test.
- 2) Rohit Sharma became the 1st India captain to whitewash opposition in debut test series.
- 3) Jasprit Bumrah (442 – wickets) became the 4th highest wicket-taker in Test cricket by surpassing Dale Steyn (439) in the Bengaluru Test.
- 4) Rishabh Pant broke Kapil Dev's record of the fastest Test fifty by an Indian player.
- 5) India equalled the Afghanistan and Romania world record of 12 consecutive T20I wins in a row.

Answer- 3) Jasprit Bumrah (442 – wickets) became the 4th highest wicket-taker in Test cricket by surpassing Dale Steyn (439) in the Bengaluru Test.

Explanation:

Ravichandran Ashwin (442 – wickets) became the **8th** highest wicket-taker in Test cricket by surpassing Dale Steyn (439) in the Bengaluru Test.

- Shreyas Iyer became the first Indian to score two fifties in a pink-ball Test.
- Rohit Sharma became the 1st India captain to whitewash opposition in debut test series.
- Rishabh Pant broke Kapil Dev's record of the fastest Test fifty by an Indian player.
- India equalled the Afghanistan and Romania world record of 12 consecutive T20I wins in a row.

17. Which Indian company recently (in March'22) announced its multi-year strategic collaboration as the official broadcast connectivity provider for Formula 1 (F1) racing?

- 1) Tata Communications
- 2) Doordarshan
- 3) NDTV

4) Reliance Communications

5) Sony Pictures Networks

Answer- **1) Tata Communications**

Explanation:

Tata Communications has announced its multi-year strategic collaboration as the official broadcast connectivity provider for **Formula 1 (F1) racing**. Tata Communications will provide global end-to-end network services of videos to the viewers of F1 sporting events.

i. The company will transfer over 100 video feeds and over 250 audio channels and will be transmitted between the Grand Prix venue and F1's Media and Technology Centre in the United Kingdom (UK) every race weekend in under 200 milliseconds.

About Formula 1 And Tata Communications:

President & CEO of Formula 1 – Stefano Domenicali

Tata Communications MD and CEO – Amur S Lakshminarayanan

18. Which golfer was recently (in March'22) inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame 2022 in the United States?

1) Justin Thomas

2) Tiger Woods

3) Keegan Bradley

4) Lee Trevino

5) Jordan Spieth

Answer- **2) Tiger Woods**

Explanation:

American born golfer, Eldrick Tont "**Tiger**" **Woods** has been **inducted** into **World Golf Hall of Fame 2022** which is located in the United States. He has won 82 all-time Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) TOUR.

i. Susie Maxwell Berning, Tim Finchem, the late Marion Hollins and Tiger Woods were the inductees of World Golf Hall of Fame 2022.

19. Who recently (in March'22) won the 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022 for the 8th time?

1) Dhruv Sitwala

2) Sourav Kothari

3) Geet Sethi

4) Pankaj Advani

5) Aditya Mehta

Answer- **4) Pankaj Advani**

Explanation:

The Arjuna & Padma awardee cueist, **Pankaj Advani** won his **eighth title** at the **19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022** in Doha, Qatar by defeating compatriot India's Dhruv Sitwala by six frames.

This is the 40th international title and 8th Asian crown won by Pankaj Advani.

About Pankaj Advani:

- i. Pankaj Arjan Advani is an Indian billiards and former professional snooker player and he has won 16 billiards world titles and the World Team Billiards Championship once.
- ii. Awards by Pankaj Advani: Arjuna Award for Billiards and Snooker, Padma Bhushan Padma Shri, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award.

20. Who recently (in March'22) won the Formula one (F1) season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2022?

- 1) Charles Leclerc (Monaco)
- 2) Lewis Hamilton (Great Britain)
- 3) George Russell (Britain)
- 4) Carlos Sainz (Spain)
- 5) Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch)

Answer- **1) Charles Leclerc (Monaco)**

Explanation:

Ferrari's driver **Charles Leclerc** (Monaco) won the season-opening **Bahrain Grand Prix 2022** of Formula one (F1) held at Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir, Bahrain. Carlos Sainz (Spain) driving Ferrari finished second by one-two.

- The F1 championships are **organised** by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (**FIA**).

About Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA):

President – Mohammed bin Sulayem

Headquarters – Paris, France

21. Name the tennis player who recently (in March'22) won the Men's singles in ATP Indian Wells Masters in California, USA by defeating Rafael Nadal.

- 1) Sebastian Korda
- 2) Jack Sock
- 3) Taylor Harry Fritz
- 4) John Isner
- 5) Andy Roddick

Answer- **3) Taylor Harry Fritz**

Explanation:

Taylor Harry Fritz, an American professional tennis player, **beat Rafael Nadal** to win the **ATP Indian Wells Masters**, snapping the 21-time Grand Slam champion's streak of 20 consecutive triumphs. He is now ranked 8th in Singles for Men by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

i. Indian Wells Masters, also known as the Indian Wells Open and BNP Paribas Open held in California, United States from March, 7 2022 to March 20, 2022.

Winners List:

- Men's singles – Taylor Fritz, United States
- Women's singles – Iga Swiatek, Poland.

22. In March 2022, _____ created a new “world triple jump record” by clearing 15.74 metres and also won a gold medal at the World Indoor Championships 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia for the 3rd consecutive time.

- 1) Christian Taylor (US)
- 2) Yulimar Rojas (Venezuela)
- 3) Patrícia Mamona (Portuguese)
- 4) Jonathan Edwards (UK)
- 5) Caterine Ibargüen (Colombia)

Answer- 2) Yulimar Rojas (Venezuela)

Explanation:

Venezuelan athlete, **Yulimar Rojas** nicknamed “la reina del triple salto – queen of the triple jump” created a World Record (**WR**) by clearing **15.74 metres (m)** to **win gold** at the World Indoor Championships 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia.

i. Yulimar Rojas is the first female Olympic gold medalist from Venezuela.

ii. Rojas won **third straight** world indoor triple jump gold, adding to successes in Portland, United States of America in 2016 and Birmingham, United Kingdom in 2018.

23. In the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup for Shotgun held in March '22 in Nicosia, Cyprus, India secured the _____ rank with _____ silver medal in the overall medal standing.

- 1) 9th rank; 1
- 2) 5th rank; 3
- 3) 3rd rank; 1
- 4) 4th rank; 3
- 5) 6th rank; 2

Answer- 1) 9th rank; 1

Explanation:

Indian trio, Prithviraj Tondaiman, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Vivaan Kapoor wins Silver medal in Men’s Trap Team event in International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup (8 March 2022 -19 March 2022), for Shotgun in Nicosia, Cyprus. India secured **9th rank** with **1 Silver medal** in the overall medal standings.

Overall Medal Standings:

Rank	Country	Medal Tally
1st	Italy	6 (3-Gold, 2-Silver, 1-Bronze)
2nd	Turkey	2 (2-Gold)
3rd	slovakia	4 (1-Gold, 1-Silver, 2-Bronze)
9th	India	1 (1-Silver)

24. In March 2022, who became the all-time leading football scorer with 807 goals?

- 1) Karim Benzema
- 2) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 3) Robert Lewandowski
- 4) Lionel Messi

5) Harry Kane

Answer- **2) Cristiano Ronaldo**

Explanation:

Manchester United forward **Cristiano Ronaldo** has become the all-time leading scorer (professional football) with **807 goals**, after scoring 3 goals against Tottenham Hotspur during the English Premier League 2022.

i. Previously the record was held by Austro-Czech Josef Bican who scored 805 goals from 1931 to 1955.

ii. Cristiano Ronaldo scored 807 goals while playing for Lisbon (5), Manchester United (136), Real Madrid (450), Juventus (101) and the Portuguese national team (115).

25. Ashleigh Barty, a professional tennis player, recently (in March'22) announced her retirement from tennis. She belongs to which country?

1) Germany

2) Belgium

3) Russia

4) US

5) Australia

Answer- **5) Australia**

Explanation:

Australian professional Tennis player and Cricketer **Ashleigh Barty**, announced her retirement from tennis at the age of 25.

i. Ash Barty was the one who won singles major championships on three different surfaces — on clay at the 2019 French Open, on grass at Wimbledon 2021 and on the hard courts of Melbourne Park in 2022.

ii. Barty was the only other woman who has walked away from the sport while atop the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) rankings: Justine Henin was No. 1 when she retired in May 2008. Barty has won 3 grand slams.

26. Pramod Bhagat has won ____ silver & 1 Bronze medal in the Level 1 Iberdrola Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022 held in Cartagena, Spain.

1) 5

2) 1

3) 2

4) 4

5) 3

Answer- **3) 2**

Explanation:

Indian Paralympian Pramod Bhagat (World's No 1 in SL3 category) has won 2 silvers in Men's Singles SL3 and Men's Doubles SL3-SL4 with Manoj Sarkar and 1 bronze in Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 with Palak Kohli at the Level 1 Iberdrola Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022 held in Cartagena, Spain from 9th to 13th March 2022.

i. Indian Para shuttlers have won a total of 21 medals (6 Gold, 7 Silver, & 8 Bronze) at the Level 1 Iberdrola Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022 and the Indian team has won a total of 34

medals (11 Gold, 7 Silver, & 16 Bronze) at the Level 2 Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022, held from 1st to 6th March 2022 in Vitoria, Spain.

27. In March 2022, which company became the official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 that will take place from November to December 2022?

- 1) Reliance Jio
- 2) Paytm
- 3) Vedantu
- 4) BYJU'S
- 5) Unacademy

Answer- **4) BYJU'S**

Explanation:

Byju's India's leading education technology provider headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka, has become the official sponsor of (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

i. The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 will take place from 21 November to 18 December 2022 in Qatar.

ii. With this, BYJU'S became the first EdTech brand to sponsor the prestigious FIFA event globally & became the 1st Indian firm to sponsor FIFA.

28. Name the badminton player who recently (in March'22) won the gold medal in the women's singles at the YONEX Swiss Open 2022 badminton tournament held in Basel, Switzerland.

- 1) P V Sindhu (India)
- 2) Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
- 3) Saina Nehwal (India)
- 4) Carolina Marin (Spain)
- 5) Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Thailand)

Answer- **1) P V Sindhu (India)**

Explanation:

Pusarla Venkata Sindhu, 2016 Rio Olympic Silver medalist, secured Gold medal in women's singles YONEX Swiss Open 2022 (Swiss Open Super 300) badminton tournament at Basel, Switzerland, which was held from 22 March 2022 - 27 March 2022. Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan.

Indian's At YONEX Swiss Open - 2022:

A total of 11 singles players and 13 doubles teams represented India at the Swiss Open 2022.

Category	Winner (Gold) Medal	Runner (Silver) Medal
Men's Singles	Jonatan CHRISTIE (Indonesia)	Prannoy Haseena Sunil Kumar (India)
Women's Singles	P V Sindhu (India)	Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Thailand)

29. India recently (in March'22) won _____ medal at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender 2022 championship held in Doha, Qatar.

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

Answer- **4) 2**

Explanation:

India has won **2** medals(1 Bronze and 1 Silver) at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender 2022 championship, held at the Lusail Sports Arena in Doha, Qatar from 18th March to 24th March 2022.

India's Mixed Doubles pair, Manika Batra and Gnanasekaran Sathiyan have won the Silver medal at the WTT Contender Doha 2022 under the Mixed doubles category and Achanta Sharath Kamal (world Rank 41) won the Bronze medal in Men's Singles Event at the Tournament.

30. Who recently (in March'22) became the World's Youngest & Fastest Female Swimmer to Swim Across the Palk Strait for 13 hours and 10 minutes?

- 1) Shikha Tandon
- 2) Jiya Rai
- 3) Shivani Kataria
- 4) Maana Patel
- 5) Bhula Chowdhary

Answer- **2) Jiya Rai**

Explanation:

Mumbai based Autistic teen **Jiya Rai** (13 years old), daughter of an Indian Navy officer, became the **world's youngest** and **fastest female swimmer** to swim across the Palk Strait.

i. She swam across the Palk Strait (29 kilometres) connecting Sri Lanka and India, in 13 hours and 10 minutes & she started her swimming on 20th March 2020 at Talaimannar, Sri Lanka and finished at Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu(India).

ii. She is a recipient of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, the highest honour given to Indian Citizens below 18 years of age.

Note: The record was previously held by Bhula Chowdhary who swam in 13 hours 52 minutes in 2004.

31. In March 2022, India secured 8th position with 14 medals in The 13th Fazza International Para Athletics Championships of World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022. Which city hosted the "World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022" in March 2022?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Dubai, UAE
- 3) Doha, Qatar
- 4) London, UK
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **2) Dubai, UAE**

Explanation:

The 13th Fazza International Para Athletics Championships of **World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022** held at **Dubai, UAE** from 21 March to 24 March 2022, in which India secured **8th** position with **14 medals**.

i. India secured 5 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.

Overall Medal Standings:

- **Position 1** – Colombia 25 medals (12 gold)
- **Position 2** – Algeria 16 medals (11 gold)

32. Which country won the 3rd edition of South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) under 18 Women's Championship 2022 held at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand in March 2022?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) India
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Nepal

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

India wins **3rd** edition of South Asian Football Federation (**SAFF**) Under – 18 (**U-18**) **Women's Championship 2022** by defeating Bangladesh women's football U-18 team, which took place in JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

About South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) U-18 Championship 2022:

- i. The three-nation tournament consists of India, Bangladesh and Nepal.
- ii. India wins the tournament in 2022 for the first time.
- iii. Lynda kom Serato representing India, was adjudged the Most Valuable Player of the tournament and the highest goal scorer, scoring 5 goals.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Who authored the book, "Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki," the life journey of Captain AD Manek?

- 1) Divya Dutta
- 2) Dharendra K. Jha
- 3) Akash Kansal
- 4) Mithilesh Tiwari
- 5) Debashish Mukerji

Answer- **4) Mithilesh Tiwari**

Explanation:

A new book titled "**Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki**" about Captain AD Manek was authored by **Mithilesh Tiwari** and was released by the famous Bhajan Samrat Anup Jalota in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- i. It highlights the life journey, struggle and success story of Captain AD Manek.

ii. Capt AD Manek is the founder of “The Skyline Aviation Club”. It was established in 1987 and currently, he is presiding as Managing Trustee and Chief Advisor of The Skyline Aviation Club in Mumbai.

iii. Some most successful students trained under him are- Captain Aruna Dukhande(India’s first woman helicopter pilot), Maitri Patel (India’s youngest commercial pilot) and Richa Waikar (India’s first youngest glider pilot).

2. Who authored the book, “The Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one’s life”?

- 1) Upendra Dwivedi
- 2) Deepam Chatterjee
- 3) Yogendra Dimri
- 4) Raj Shukla
- 5) Ajai Singh

Answer- **2) Deepam Chatterjee**

Explanation:

Former Indian Army Captain, **Deepam Chatterjee**, has authored a new book titled “**The Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one’s life**”.

i. This is a book that mixes mysticism and music that takes readers on a journey of awakening.

ii. The book talks about Jayshankar Prasad, or Jay, who has a shady-yet-mercurial rise in his journey as an entrepreneur and Vini, a mystic monk.

3. Which state’s Chief Minister autobiography is named "Ungalil Oruvan-1"- One Among You, was released by Rahul Gandhi, MP of the Indian National Congress (INC)?

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

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Rahul Gandhi, Member of Parliament (MP) of Indian National Congress(INC) released the book titled “**Ungalil Oruvan -1” – One Among You**, the first volume of the autobiography of MK Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and leader of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), at the event held in Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

i. The book is published by Poompuhar Pathippagam.

ii. The book pertains to the first 23 years of Stalin’s life (till he was arrested under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) in 1976).

4. Who authored the book, “The Great Tech Game: Shaping Geopolitics and the Destinies of Nations”?

- 1) Arundhati Roy
- 2) Kiran Desai
- 3) Anirudh Suri

- 4) Vikram Seth
- 5) Amitav Ghosh

Answer- **3) Anirudh Suri**

Explanation:

Anirudh Suri, founding partner and Managing Director (**MD**) of India Internet Fund, has authored a new book titled “**The Great Tech Game: Shaping Geopolitics and the Destinies of Nations**”.

- i. The book offers the framework which outlines the major factors which will determine the ability of a nation to succeed in this technology dominant era.
- ii. The book is published by HarperCollins India.

5. Which ministry released Booklet ‘WISE-KIRAN: At a Glance’ on “75 Success Stories” from Women Scientists Scheme-C (WOS-C) programme?

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Science & Technology
- 5) Ministry of Labour and Employment

Answer- **4) Ministry of Science & Technology**

Explanation:

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, Dr Jitendra Singh, **Union Minister of State** (Independent Charge) **Science & Technology**, released the book featuring the success stories of 75 women scientists in the Intellectual Property Rights (Women Scientist Scheme-C (WOS-C) programme).

- i. The book was released at the event on “Women Empowerment through Science and Technology” organised by the Department Of Science & Technology (DST), under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ii. The 3 new Programmes under WISE-KIRAN Scheme are, Industrial Research Fellowship for Women, Senior Women Scientists Fellowship programme and Overseas Fellowship for Women

6. The book, “On Board: Test. Trial. Triumph. My years in BCCI “ is an autobiography of

- _____.
- 1) Anurag Thakur
 - 2) Ratnakar Shetty
 - 3) Sharad Pawar
 - 4) Sourav Ganguly
 - 5) Rajeev Shukla

Answer- **2) Ratnakar Shetty**

Explanation:

Ratnakar Shetty, a Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) veteran and one of India’s long served cricket administrators has released a book titled “On Board: Test. Trial. Triumph. My years in the BCCI “.

- i. The book is an autobiography, narrating his experience as an administrator in the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

ii. The book was released by Sharad Pawar, former President of BCCI and International Cricket Council (ICC) alongside former Indian Cricket Team Captain Dilip Vengsarkar.

7. The English translation of the biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorized Biography of Usha Uthup” was released.

Who originally authored the book in Hindi?

- 1) Arundhati Roy
- 2) Vikas Kumar Jha
- 3) Kiran Desai
- 4) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 5) Srishti Jha

Answer- **2) Vikas Kumar Jha**

Explanation:

The English translation of the biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorized Biography of Usha Uthup” was released. The book was originally written in Hindi titled “Ullas Ki Naav” by author Vikas Kumar Jha.

i. “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorized Biography of Usha Uthup” is the English translation of the book, translated by the writer’s daughter Srishti Jha.

ii. The book was published by Penguin eBury Press of Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

8. Who authored the biography, “Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times”, which will be released in April 2022?

- 1) P. N. Bhagwati
- 2) Chintan Chandrachud
- 3) Pallavi Shroff
- 4) A. M. Khanwilkar
- 5) Abhinav Chandrachud

Answer- **5) Abhinav Chandrachud**

Explanation:

On March 9 2022, In the Occasion of the 92nd birth anniversary of Soli Sorabjee, the Penguin Random House India (PRHI) has **announced** that a **biography**, titled “**Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times**” **authored** by advocate and legal scholar **Abhinav Chandrachud** will be released in April 2022.

About Soli Sorabjee:

He was the former Attorney General (AG) of India and served two times for the years 1989-90 and then from 1998- 2004.

9. Which state’s CM 12 books were recently (in March’22) published during the 45th International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF), West Bengal?

- 1) Assam
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **2) West Bengal**

Explanation:

Twelve books penned by Mamata Banerjee, CM of West Bengal, have been published during the 45th International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF) at the Central Park Mela ground, Bidhannagar, at Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal.

i. The 45th IKBF was inaugurated by CM Mamata Banerjee on 28th February 2022, and the fair will run till 13th March 2022.

10. Who authored the book, “The Blue Book: A Writer’s Journal”?

- 1) Ravinder Singh
- 2) Anita Desai
- 3) Amitava Kumar
- 4) Ruskin Bond
- 5) Vikram Seth

Answer- **3) Amitava Kumar**

Explanation:

Indian poet and writer **Amitava Kumar** authored a new book titled “**The Blue Book: A Writer’s Journal**”, a memory book with hybrid literary and artistic parentage.

i. This painted diary is a collage of the personal and the political, of terrifying news, the fleeting seasons, everyday pleasures, precious conversations, families and friendships and the solace of art.

11. Which ministry recently (in March’22) launched an e-Book of National Career Service (NCS) Project?

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 3) Ministry of MSME
- 4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Education

Answer- **2) Ministry of Labour and Employment**

Explanation:

Dr Shashank Goel, Additional Secretary/Director General of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Employment (**MoLE**) launched an **e-Book** touching upon the journey of National Career Service (**NCS**) at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The e-book was launched during the Iconic Week celebration held from 7th to 13th March 2022 as a part of the ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’.

12. Name the book that was recently (in March’22) released by Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Labour and Employment.

- 1) Labour Development of India
- 2) Karmayoddha Granth
- 3) Gandhitopi Governor
- 4) Role of Labour in India’s Development
- 5) India's Women Unsung Heroes

Answer- **4) Role of Labour in India's Development**

Explanation:

Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, released a book titled "**Role of Labour in India's Development**" in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The book is published by the V V Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI), an autonomous body of the MoLE, as a part of the 'Iconic Week' of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

13. Which ministry recently (in March'22) released the book, Pastoral Breeds of India?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer- **4) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala released a book titled '**Pastoral Breeds of India**' upon addressing the Saurashtra Maldhari Sammelan, organised by Sahjeevan (Centre for Pastoralism), at Upleta in Rajkot district of Gujarat.

i. Theme of the Sammelan: "Fostering Pastoralism in Saurashtra- Conservation and its Sustenance".

ii. The book was compiled by Sahjeevan andan "APEKSHA (Expectations) PATRA" shared by a group of Maldharis from Saurashtra & Kutch at the event.

14. Union Minister Giriraj Singh released an e-book on land governance reforms named "Empowering Citizens- Powering India".

Giriraj Singh is union minister of which ministries?

- 1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh has released an e-book on Land Governance Reforms titled "**Empowering Citizens-Powering India**".

i. The book highlights information related to Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN), National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) and Multilingual Land Records – to break the linguistic barrier in land records.

ii. In an attempt to advertise the digitization of land records, an exclusive multilingual software for land records will be launched in **April 2022** by the **Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development**.

15. Who authored the biography book, “Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life”?

- 1) Sanjeev Sanyal
- 2) Shobhaa De
- 3) Shashi Tharoor
- 4) Ruskin Bond
- 5) Gita Piramal

Answer- **5) Gita Piramal**

Explanation:

The first authorized biography titled “**Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life**”, authored by **Gita Piramal** and published by India Portfolio, Imprint of Penguin Random House India (PRHI) will be launched on 21 March 2022.

- i.** The book is based on the life of the late iconic industrialist Rahul Bajaj.
- ii.** Rahul Bajaj was the chairman emeritus of the Bajaj Group and a former member of Parliament. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan.
- iii.** He is also a former chairman and member of the International Business Council, World Economic Forum.

16. Sahitya Akademi has published a book-length poem named “Monsoon”- A Poem of Love & Longing in the event of its 68th Anniversary on March 12, 2022.

Who authored the book “Monsoon”?

- 1) Abhay Kumar
- 2) Dinesh Bhatia
- 3) Pratibha Parkar
- 4) Rajesh Agrawal
- 5) Bala Bhaskar

Answer- **1) Abhay Kumar**

Explanation:

Sahitya Akademi has published a book-length poem titled “**Monsoon**”- A Poem of Love & Longing, written by Indian Poet-Diplomat **Abhay Kumar** (pen name Abhay K) in the event of its 68th Anniversary on March 12, 2022.

- i.** Monsoon is a poem of 150 stanzas of 4 lines each (quatrain or ruba’i) written in free verse.

About Sahitya Akademi:

Establishment – 1954

President – Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar

Head Office – Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi

17. The book about the life of PM Narendra Modi will be released in April 2022.

- 1) Modi cultural diplomacy and soft power
- 2) Narendra Modi: The Man India Needs
- 3) Modi’s India
- 4) Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery
- 5) Price of Modi Year

Answer- **4) Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery**

Explanation:

A new book based on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi titled 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery', will be released in April 2022.

- i. The book is a compilation of chapters authored by eminent intellectuals & domain experts, edited & compiled by BlueKraft Digital Foundation. The book was published by Rupa Publications.
- ii. It highlights the political life of PM Narendra Modi's past 20 years, ranging from his tenure as Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) to PM of India.

18. The Book titled, 'The Crossing' was shortlisted for the UK's Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022.**Who authored the book, 'The Crossing'?**

- 1) Vineet Bajpai
- 2) Manjeet Mann
- 3) Ashis Ghatak
- 4) Katya Balen
- 5) Ramesh Kandula

Answer- **2) Manjeet Mann**

Explanation:

The Indian origin author **Manjeet Mann's** book titled '**The Crossing**' was shortlisted for the United Kingdom's (UK) Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022.

- i. 'The Crossing' is a children's book, which is a story of a little girl's friendship with an Eritrean refugee and the book was published by Penguin UK in 2021.
- ii. The book also won the 2022 Costa Children's Book Award.

About Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022:

The Medal recognises outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people.

19. Name the Padma Awardee who authored the book, "More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT."

- 1) Tehemton Erach Udwadia
- 2) Lata Desai
- 3) Kamlakar Tripathi
- 4) Himmatrao Bawaskar
- 5) Balaji Tambe

Answer- **1) Tehemton Erach Udwadia**

Explanation:

Padma Awardee Dr **Tehemton Erach Udwadia** has authored a new book titled "**More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT**", a personal account of people, incidents, mentors, failures and absurdities against the backdrop of surgery.

- i. The book is published by Penguin eBury Press, imprint of Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
- ii. Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia was the first surgeon in India to introduce laparoscopy in surgery in 1972 and he is widely known as the 'Father of laparoscopy in India'.
- iii. The government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri in 2006 for Medicine and Padma Bhushan in 2017 for Medicine.

20. Who co-authored the autobiography book of Gundappa Viswanath named "Wrist Assured: An Autobiography"?

- 1) Sanjay Manjrekar
- 2) R Giridharan
- 3) Reeta Gupta
- 4) R Kaushik
- 5) Amartya Sen

Answer- **4) R Kaushik**

Explanation:

Former Indian cricket captain Gundappa Ranganatha Viswanath (**Gundappa Viswanath** or G.R. Vishwanath) has penned his autobiography titled "**Wrist Assured: An Autobiography**", **co-authored** by senior journalist **R Kaushik**.

i. The book traces the cricketing journey of Gundappa Vishwanath who played Test Cricket for India between 1969 and 1986, making 91 appearances and scoring more than 6000 runs.

21. In March 2022, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the coffee table book titled "The Shield: Covishield".

Who authored the book, "The Shield: Covishield"?

- 1) Krishna Saksena
- 2) Ashis Ray
- 3) Bibek Debroy
- 4) Prakash Kumar Singh
- 5) Dalai Lama

Answer- **4) Prakash Kumar Singh**

Explanation:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the coffee table book titled "**The Shield: Covishield**" authored by **Prakash Kumar Singh**, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs at Serum Institute of India(SII).

i. The book encapsulates the journey of SII, world's largest vaccine manufacturer, in producing COVID-19 vaccine 'Covishield'.

22. Name the author of the book, "Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story".

- 1) Rajat Sharma
- 2) Shaili Chopra
- 3) Richa Mishra
- 4) Barkha Dutt
- 5) Rana Ayyub

Answer- **3) Richa Mishra**

Explanation:

Indian journalist and reporter (Hindu Business line) **Richa Mishra** has authored a new book titled "**Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story**".

i. The book is published by Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt. Ltd(Bloomsbury).

ii. Through this book, the author aims to recount the story of India's upstream sector (Oil and Gas) and highlight the need of producing its own oil and gas.

23. Who co-authored the book, “The Little Book of Joy ” along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu?

- 1) Nadia Murad
- 2) Dalai Lama
- 3) Abiy Ahmed
- 4) Denis Mukwege
- 5) Maria Ressa

Answer- 2) Dalai Lama

Explanation:

A picture book edition co-authored by Nobel Peace Prize winners **Dalai Lama** (14th Dalai Lama(Tenzin Gyatso)) & **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**, titled “**The Little Book of Joy**” will be released in September 2022. It will be published by Random House Children’s Book.

i. In 2016, they also co-authored the book titled “The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World”.

24. Which organization/Ministry launched an e-book named “Climate Hazards and Vulnerability Atlas of India- State: Tamil Nadu”?

- 1) India Meteorological Department
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 3) Department of Ocean Development
- 4) Ministry of Education
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer- 1) India Meteorological Department

Explanation:

An e-book titled “Climate Hazards and Vulnerability Atlas of India- State: Tamil Nadu” launched by India Meteorological Department (**IMD**), Ministry of Earth Sciences as part of the World Meteorological Day celebrations (23 March 2022).

The readers can access the book from in website of mausam.imd.gov.in

About India Meteorological Department (IMD):

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Founded- 1875

Director General of Meteorology (DGM)- Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

25. In March 2022, M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released a book, ‘Spoorthi Pradatha Sri Somayya’ on late Shri Somepalli Somaiah.

Who authored the book, ‘Spoorthi Pradatha Sri Somayya’?

- 1) R. Kaushik
- 2) R. Giridharan
- 3) K. Syam Prasad
- 4) Anant Vijay
- 5) Jeet Thayil

Answer- 3) K. Syam Prasad

Explanation:

The Vice President (**VP**), M. Venkaiah Naidu, released a book titled '**Spoorthi Pradatha Sri Somayya**' authored by **K. Syam Prasad**.

- i. The book is based on the life story of late Shri Somepalli Somaiah, a social worker from Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ii. He inspired youth to dedicate their lives to social welfare and he participated in the Satyagraha of 1948 and against the ban on RSS (Rashtriya Seva Sangh) and was jailed for the same.

26. The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare recently (in March'22) released a book, "Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems".

Which of the following organisations launched the book, "Indian Agriculture towards 2030"?

- 1) NITI Aayog
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 3) NABARD
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (**MoA&FW**), Narendra Singh Tomar **released** a book titled "Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems" at the event.

- i. It is published by Springer Publications. The event was organized by **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) of the United Nations.
- ii. The book was edited by Ramesh Chand, Pramod Joshi and Shyam Khadka.

OBITUARY

1. Legendary Spinner Sonny Ramadhin recently (in Feb'22) passed away. He belongs to which country?

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

Answer- **5) West Indies**

Explanation:

Legendary **West Indies** spinner **Sonny Ramadhin**, who was a part of the West Indies team that won its first away series in England in 1950, has passed away.

- i. He was the first of many Indian origin players to play for the West Indies.
- ii. He was one of the five Wisden Cricketers of the Year in 1951.

2. Oscar-winning producer, Alan Walbridge Ladd Junior, recently passed away (in March '22). In 1995 he received the Oscar award for Best Picture for " _____".

- 1) Outland
- 2) Chariots of Fire
- 3) Braveheart
- 4) Gone Baby Gone
- 5) The Right Stuff

Answer- 3) Braveheart

Explanation:

The Oscar winning 'Braveheart' producer, Former Executive at Twentieth Century Fox greenlit 'Star Wars' and MGM/United Artists, Alan Walbridge Ladd Junior passed away at the age of 84 years.

i. He won the Academy Award (Oscar award) for Best Picture 'Braveheart' directed by Mel Gibson in 1995.

ii. He was one of the founders of the Ladd Company, established in 1979.

3. Former Cricketer Rodney William Marsh recently (in March'22) passed away. Which country did he represent in International cricket?

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

Answer- 5) Australia

Explanation:

Former **Australia** cricketer (wicketkeeper) Rodney William Marsh (**Rod Marsh**) has passed away in Adelaide Australia.

i. Rod Marsh played 96 test matches for Australia from 1970 to 1984 and 92 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) for Australia and later retired from top-flight cricket in February 1984.

ii. He was the **1st** Australian wicketkeeper to score a **century** in test cricket, and finished his career with 3 centuries.

iii. He was named as one of Wisden's Cricketer of the Year in 1982. He received an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and a Centenary Medal in 2001.

4. The legendary Spinner, Shane Keith Warne recently (in March'22) passed away. Which country did he represent in international cricket?

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

Answer- 4) Australia

Explanation:

Shane Keith Warne, the legendary **Australian spinner** has passed away at the age of 52. He had also contributed towards the victory of the ICC World Cup for the Australian Cricket team in the years – 1995/96 (Wills World Cup) and 1999 (ICC World Cup).

- i. To honour Shane Warne the Australian Cricket Board decided to rename the Great Southern Stand as “Shane Warne stand” in Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).
- ii. He was the First cricketer to take 700 international test wickets in 2006, later he was overtaken by Muttiah Muralitharan with 800 wickets.

5. The former Chief of Army Staff General Sunith Francis Rodrigues recently (in March'22) passed away. He is the _____ Chief of the Army Staff of India from 1990 to 1993.

- 1) 15th
- 2) 17th
- 3) 14th
- 4) 16th
- 5) 18th

Answer- **1) 15th**

Explanation:

The **former** Chief of Army Staff (**COAS**) General Sunith Francis Rodrigues passed away in Goa on March 4, 2022. The Military Thinker and a Strategist has held some of the prestigious posts in Military and Public Offices of India.

- i. The **15th Chief** of the Army Staff (India) from 1 July 1990 – 30 June 1993 and he is **32nd Chairman** of the Chiefs of Staff Committee from 1 August 1991 – 30 June 1993.
- ii. He was honoured with Military Awards like Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM), 25th Anniversary of Independence Medal and various such awards.
- iii. He was the 26th Governor of Punjab and 13th Administrator of Chandigarh holding the offices from 16 November 2004 – 22 January 2010.

6. Rafiq Tarar passed away recently (in March'22). He is the former president of which of the following country?

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) Bhutan
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- **5) Pakistan**

Explanation:

Veteran politician, former Supreme Court judge and President of **Pakistan**, Rafiq Tarar passed away at the age of 92 years due to prolonged illness.

- i. He served as a Supreme Court judge from 1991 to 1994 & he also served as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court from 1989 to 1991.
- ii. Later, he became Pakistan's President for the period of 1997 to 2001.

7. Kumudben Joshi recently (in March'22) passed away. She is the former Governor of which state?

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

Answer- 1) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Kumudben Manishankar Joshi (Kumudben Joshi), the **former Governor** of Andhra Pradesh (**AP**) and **former Union Minister**, has passed away at the Changa Dhanori village in Navsari district, Gujarat.

About Kumudben Joshi:

- Kumudben Joshi served as the Union Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting from 1980 to 1982 and as the Union Deputy Minister of Health and Family Welfare from 1982 to 1984.
- She served as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from 1985 to 1990, she was the 2nd female to hold the office after Sharda Mukherjee.
- She has served as a member of the Rajya Sabha (Gujarat), representing the Indian National Congress (INC) for 3 terms between 1973 and 1988.

8. Astrophysicist Eugene Parker recently (in March'22) passed away. Which organisation was named after him for a spacecraft called the "Parker Solar Probe" in 2018?

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

Answer- 5) NASA

Explanation:

American Astrophysicist Eugene Newman Parker (**Eugene Parker**), who contributed to solar physics, has passed away at the age of 94 at a retirement community in Chicago, Illinois, United States of America (USA).

i. Eugene Parker witnessed the launch of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**)'s Parker Solar Probe in 2018, the first NASA mission named after a living person, and became the first person to witness the launch of a spacecraft named after them.

9. Rupiah Banda recently (in March'22) passed away. He is the former president of which country for the period of 2008 to 2011?

- 1) Chile
- 2) Zambia
- 3) Honduras
- 4) Hungary
- 5) Greek

Answer- **2) Zambia**

Explanation:

Rupiah Bwezani Banda (**Rupiah Banda**), the **former President** of the **Republic of Zambia** (Zambia) has passed away at the age of 85 at his residence in Lusaka, Zambia.

About Rupiah Banda:

- i.** Rupiah Banda, a member of the United National Independence Party (UNIP), has served as the fourth president of Zambia from 2008 to 2011.
- ii.** He has also served as acting president in mid-2008 during the presidency of Levy Patrick Mwanawasa (3rd President of Zambia).
- iii.** He served as the Vice President of Zambia from 2006 to 2008.

10. Shahabuddin Ahmed recently (in March'22) passed away. He is the former president of which country?

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

Answer- **2) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

Shahabuddin Ahmed, the **former President** of **Bangladesh** has passed away at the age of 92 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- i.** He was the interim head of state as the consensus nominee of all parties amid a mass upsurge in 1990 to topple ex-military dictator HM Ershad .
- ii.** Shahabuddin Ahmed also served as the President of Bangladesh from 1996 to 2001, After his presidential tenure, he resumed his position as the chief justice of Bangladesh.

11. Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga recently (in March'22) passed away. He is the Former Prime Minister (PM) of which country in the period of 2017- 2019?

- 1) Hungary
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Zambia
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Mali

Answer- **5) Mali**

Explanation:

Former Prime Minister (PM) of Mali, Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga passed away at the age of 67 in Bamako, Mali. He served as the PM of Mali for the tenure of **2 years** (2017- 2019).

- i.** He also served as Minister of Defense (2013 -14) under President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita.
- ii.** Before joining as the PM, He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs (2011-12) under President Amadou Toumani Touré.

12. Ramesh Chandra Lahoti recently (in March'22) passed away. He is the Former _____ of India.

- 1) Chief of the Air Staff
- 2) Chief of the Naval Staff
- 3) Chief of the Army Staff
- 4) Governor
- 5) Chief Justice of India

Answer- 5) Chief Justice of India

Explanation:

Former Chief Justice of India (CJI), **Ramesh Chandra Lahoti** (35th CJI) passed away at the age of 81 years in New Delhi.

i. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in 1988 and later became a permanent judge in 1989.

ii. He was appointed as the 35th CJI on 1st June 2004 & retired on 1st November, 2005.

iii. He was a former independent director on the Board of directors of the Press Trust of India.

13. American computer scientist Steve Wilhite recently (in March'22) passed away. Which of the following was invented by Steve Wilhite in 1987?

- 1) First Computer Network
- 2) A-0 System
- 3) Graphics Interchange Format
- 4) FORTRAN
- 5) First Computer Mouse

Answer- 3) Graphics Interchange Format

Explanation:

American computer scientist Steve Wilhite, who invented the Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) in 1987 has passed away due to COVID-19 complications in Milford, Ohio, United States of America (USA).

i. Steve Wilhite was the Engineering Lead of the team at CompuServe, an American online service provider, which developed GIF.

ii. He was one of the chief architects of AOL, formerly called America Online, one of the largest Internet-access companies.

14. Bhim Bahadur Gurung recently (in March'22) passed away. He is the former CM of which state?

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

Answer- 5) Sikkim

Explanation:

Bhim Bahadur Gurung (**B.B. Gurung**), **Former** and 3rd Chief Minister (**CM**) of Sikkim has passed away at his residence in Lumsui in Gangtok, **Sikkim**.

- i. B.B. Gurung served as a teacher and a staff reporter in a Calcutta(Kolkata)-based newspaper the Amrita Bazar Patrika and he also edited the first news-based Nepali Journal of Sikkim, called Kanchenjunga.
- ii. He served as the 3rd CM of Sikkim from 11 May to 24 May 1984, the shortest term in the history of Sikkim.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. The 9th edition of World Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Day was observed across the globe on ____.

- 1) 27th February, 2022
- 2) 25th February, 2022
- 3) 28th February, 2022
- 4) 26th February, 2022
- 5) 24th February, 2022

Answer- 1) 27th February, 2022

Explanation:

World Non-Governmental Organization (**NGO**) Day is annually observed across the globe on **27th February**. World NGO Day is dedicated to recognise, celebrate, and honour all non-governmental and nonprofit organizations that contribute to society.

- i. **27th February 2022** marks the observance of the **9th** edition of **World NGO Day**.
- ii. The universal concept of World NGO Day is to 'Celebrate, Commemorate and Collaborate' the NGOs across the globe.
- iii. The first World NGO Day was observed on 27th February 2014 by the United Nations(UN), European Union(EU), Nordic Council leaders and international organizations.

2. What is the theme of the 3rd National Protein Day that was observed across India on 27th February, 2022?

- 1) Right to Food
- 2) Right to Protein
- 3) Food Futurism
- 4) Powering with Plant Protein
- 5) Macronutrient

Answer- 3) Food Futurism

Explanation:

National Protein Day is annually observed across India on **27th February** to create public awareness and educate India about the health benefits of protein.

- i. The **27th February 2022** marks the observance of the **3rd** National Protein Day in India.
- ii. The theme of National Protein Day 2022 is "**Food Futurism**".
- iii. The first-ever National Protein Day was observed on 27th February 2020.

3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the National Science Day (NSD)?

- 1) The NSD is annually observed across India on 28th February to commemorate the discovery of the “Raman Effect” in 1928 by Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman.
- 2) The theme of NSD 2022 is “Integrated Approach in S&T for a Sustainable Future”.
- 3) The National Science Week is celebrated from 22nd to 28th February 2022.
- 4) During NSD, the Government of India has organized a week-long science exhibition titled ‘Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate’ from February 22 to 28, 2022.
- 5) All the above

Answer- **5) All the above**

Explanation:

The **NSD** is annually observed across India on **28th February** to commemorate the discovery of the “**Raman Effect**” in **1928** by Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman and he won the Nobel Prize in Physics (1930) for his work on the scattering of light and the discovery of the effect named after him, ‘**The Raman effect**’.

i. The theme of NSD 2022 is “**Integrated Approach in S&T for a Sustainable Future**”.

ii. The National Science Week is celebrated from 22nd to 28th February 2022.

iii. During NSD, the Government of India has organized a week-long science exhibition titled ‘Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate’ from February 22 to 28, 2022.

iv. The National Awards for Science Popularization, AWSAR Award and SERB Women Excellence Award are annually presented on the occasion of the National Science Day.

4. The 15th edition of Rare Disease Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____ with the theme of Share Your Colours.

- 1) 26th February
- 2) 28th February
- 3) 24th February
- 4) 27th February
- 5) 25th February

Answer- **2) 28th February**

Explanation:

Rare Disease Day is annually observed across the globe on the last day of February (either 28th February or 29th February in case of leap year) to create awareness about rare diseases and ensure access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases.

i. **28th February 2022** marks the observance of the **15th edition of Rare Disease Day**.

ii. The theme of Rare Disease Day 2022 is “**Share Your Colours!**”.

5. What is the theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2022 that was observed across the globe by the UN on 1st March?

- 1) Make Some Noise for Zero Discrimination
- 2) End Inequalities
- 3) Zero Discrimination against Women and Girls
- 4) Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower
- 5) Act to change laws that Discriminate

Answer- **4) Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower**

Explanation:

Zero Discrimination Day is annually observed across the globe on **1st March** to celebrate the right of everyone to live a full and productive life and to live with dignity and free from discrimination. The day is annually celebrated by the United Nations (**UN**) and other international organizations.

i. The symbol of Zero Discrimination Day is a “Butterfly”, which is widely recognized as a sign of transformation.

ii. The theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2022 is “**Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower**”.

iii. The first Zero Discrimination Day was observed across the globe on 1st March 2014.

6. The World Civil Defence Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 1st March
- 2) 2nd March
- 3) 26th February
- 4) 27th February
- 5) 28th February

Answer- **1) 1st March**

Explanation:

World Civil Defence Day is annually observed across the globe on **1st March** to honour the significance of Civil Defence and the personnel who have sacrificed their lives for it.

i. The **theme** of World Civil Defence Day 2022 is “Civil defence and management of displaced populations in face of disasters and crises; the role of volunteers and the fight against pandemics”.

ii. Civil Defence Day was officially inaugurated by the International Civil Defence Organization in 2012

iii. The Constitution of the ICDO was adopted on 17 October 1966, and came into force on 1st March 1972.

7. The 46th Civil Accounts Day was celebrated across India by the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) on _____.

- 1) 3rd March 2022
- 2) 1st March 2022
- 3) 27th February 2022
- 4) 2nd March 2022
- 5) 28th February 2022

Answer- **4) 2nd March 2022**

Explanation:

The Civil Accounts Day is annually celebrated across India by the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS), one of the Civil Services of India under the Department of Expenditure.

i. Along with ICAS, the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, the Government of India celebrated the **46th Civil Accounts Day on 2nd March 2022.**

ii. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (Chief Guest) addressed the 46th Civil Accounts Day celebration held at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi, Delhi.

iii. On the occasion of the 46th Civil Accounts Day, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a major e-governance initiative 'the Electronic Bill (e-Bill) processing system' as part of the 'Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Digital India eco-system' which was developed by the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) Division in the office of the CGA.

8. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights celebrates its ____ Foundation Day at Red Fort, Delhi on _____.

- 1) 19th; 2nd March, 2022
- 2) 15th; 1st March, 2022
- 3) 17th; 2nd March, 2022
- 4) 15; 28th February, 2022
- 5) 17th; 1st March, 2022

Answer- 5) 17th; 1st March, 2022

Explanation:

On March 1, 2022, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) celebrated its 17th Foundation Day at 15th August Ground at Red Fort, New Delhi (Delhi). The chief guest of the event was Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD).

i. She launched the new motto of NCPCR 'य़ाँ-प-र' which encourage protecting the future i.e. our children, for in their welfare lies the foundation of a strong Nation.

ii. A special initiative 'SAHARA' by NCPCR and BSF received compliments from WCD Minister. It is an initiative to provide psycho-social counselling & support to children of BSF jawans who made the supreme sacrifice.

iii. NCPCR is a statutory body under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 & Commenced operation in 2007 and is under the administrative control of WCD Ministry.

9. The Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID) was organised across India on _____, 2022.

- 1) 27th February
- 2) 1st March
- 3) 28th February
- 4) 2nd March
- 5) 26th February

Answer- 1) 27th February

Explanation:

The Polio National Immunization Day **2022 (NID)** was organised across India on **27th February 2022.**

i. Annually India conducts one nationwide NID and 2 Sub-National Immunization Day (SNIDs) for polio with an aim to maintain the population immunity against wild poliovirus and to sustain its polio-free status.

ii. On 26th February 2022, **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **launched** the **National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022** and administered polio drops to children below five years of age.

10. What is the theme of World Wildlife Day 2022 that was observed across the globe by the UN on 3rd March, 2022?

- 1) Listen to the young voices
- 2) Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration
- 3) Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
- 4) Life below Water: for People and Planet
- 5) The future of wildlife is in our hands

Answer- 2) Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **World Wildlife Day** is annually observed across the globe on **3rd March** to celebrate and create awareness about the importance of wild fauna and flora.

i. The **theme** of World Wildlife Day 2022 is "**Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration**".

ii. The **first** World Wildlife Day was observed on 3rd March **2014**.

iii. World Wildlife Day 2022 also highlights the importance of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

11. The World Hearing Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____ with the theme of "To hear for life, listen with care".

- 1) 4th March 2022
- 2) 2nd March 2022
- 3) 28th February 2022
- 4) 3rd March 2022
- 5) 1st March 2022

Answer- 4) 3rd March 2022

Explanation:

World Hearing Day is annually observed across the globe on **3rd March** to raise awareness on the prevention of deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.

i. The **theme** of World Hearing Day 2022 is "**To hear for life, listen with care**", annually The World Health Organization(WHO) decides the theme.

ii. WHO estimates that around 1 billion people aged 12 to 35 years across the globe are at risk of hearing loss due to sound exposure in recreational settings to address WHO as a part of its Make Listening Safe initiative, developed the "**WHO Global Standard For Safe Listening Venues & Events**".

iii. WHO has also released '**mSafeListening handbook**' which provides evidence-based message libraries for the promotion of safe listening behaviours and prevention of hearing loss.

12. The 7th edition of World Birth Defects Day (WBDD) 2022 was observed across the globe on _____ with the theme of _____.

- 1) 3rd March 2022; Many births defects, one voice
- 2) 2nd March 2022; Give blood and keep the world-beating
- 3) 3rd March 2022; Safe blood for all
- 4) 1st March 2022; Many births defects, one voice
- 5) 2nd March 2022; Safe blood for all

Answer- **1) 3rd March 2022; Many births defects, one voice**

Explanation:

World Birth Defects Day (**WBDD**) is annually observed across the world on **3rd March** to create awareness about birth defects and to highlight the importance to improve knowledge, prevention and management of these conditions.

i. 3rd March 2022 marks the observance of the **7th** edition of **World Birth Defects Day**. The **first** World Birth Defects Day was observed on **3rd March 2015** with the support of 12 organizations.

ii. The **theme** of WBDD 2022 is **“Many births defects, one voice”**.

iii. Birth defects are structural or functional anomalies like metabolic disorders which occurs during intrauterine life and can be identified during pregnancy, at birth, or after birth.

13. The World Obesity Day (WOD) 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 5th March, 2022
- 2) 1st March, 2022
- 3) 2nd March, 2022
- 4) 4th March, 2022
- 5) 3rd March, 2022

Answer- **4) 4th March, 2022**

Explanation:

World Obesity Day (**WOD**) is annually observed across the world on **4th March** to promote practical solutions to end the global obesity crisis. The observance of World Obesity Day is organized by the World Obesity Federation (World Obesity), a non-profit organization in collaboration with its global members.

i. The **message/theme** of World Obesity Day 2022 is **‘Everybody Needs to Act’**, which aims to improve the world’s understanding, prevention, and treatment of obesity.

ii. The **first** ever World Obesity Day was observed on **11th October 2015**.

14. The Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas also known as National Security Day (NSD) 2022 was observed across India on _____.

- 1) 4th March, 2022
- 2) 2nd March, 2022
- 3) 5th March, 2022
- 4) 3rd March, 2022
- 5) 1st March, 2022

Answer- **1) 4th March, 2022**

Explanation:

National Security Day (**NSD**), also known as **Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas**, is annually observed across India on **4th March** to pay tribute and show gratitude to the national security forces of India, which includes the military, para-military, commandos, police officials, guards and those who maintain the peace and security of India.

National Security Council (NSC) : A six-member NSC headed by the prime minister was set up by former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee in November 1998.

National Security Advisor (NSA):

- i. Ajit Kumar Doval is serving as the 5th and current National Security Advisor (NSA) to the Prime Minister of India and He is the Chairman of the Strategic Policy Group (SPG) of the NSC.
- ii. Brajesh Mishra was the first National Security Advisor.

15. What is the theme of 51st National Safety Day that was observed across India on 4th March 2022?

- 1) Cultivate and Sustain a Safety Culture for Building Nation
- 2) Build a Safety Culture for Sustainable Supply Chain
- 3) Nurture Young Minds Develop Safety Culture
- 4) Strengthen Safety Movement to Achieve Zero Harm
- 5) Keep Each Other Safe

Answer- **3) Nurture Young Minds Develop Safety Culture**

Explanation:

National Safety Day (**NSD**) is annually observed across India on **4th March** to create and spread safety awareness across all sectors.

i. The day also marks the foundation day of the National Safety Council (NSC) & the year 2022 marks the observance of the **51st** National Safety Day/National Safety Week Campaign.

ii. **National Safety Week** is annually observed from **4th March to 10th March** and the National Safety Day/Safety Week Campaign has been spearheaded by the National Safety Council since 1971 to mark its Foundation Day (4th March).

iii. The **theme** for the National Safety **Day/Week** Campaign 2022 is **“Nurture Young Minds Develop Safety Culture”**

16. What is the theme of the 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas that was observed across India on 7th March 2022?

- 1) Aushadhi bhi -Rozgar bhi
- 2) Jan Upyogi- Jan Aushadhi
- 3) Har Ghar-Aushadhi
- 4) Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi
- 5) Seva Bhi – Rozgar bhi

Answer- **4) Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi**

Explanation:

The Jan Aushadhi Diwas, also known as Generic Medicine Day, is annually observed across India on **7th March** to create awareness about the usage of generic medicines and the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (**PMBJP**).

i. **7th March 2022** marks the observance of the **4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas** with the **theme** of **“Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi”**.

ii. **Jan Aushadhi Diwas week** 2022 was observed from **1st March to 7th March 2022**.

iii. The day is celebrated by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (**PMBI**), under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

17. Which of the following points is “Incorrect” with respect to International Women’s Day 2022?

- 1) The International Women’s Day 2022 was observed across the globe by the UN on 7th March with the theme of “#BreakTheBias”.
- 2) The Ministry of Women & Child Development celebrated International Women’s Day Week from 1st to 8th March 2022 as an ‘Iconic Week’ under ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.
- 3) The Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Education and UNICEF launched the landmark ‘Back to School’ campaign named “Kanya Shikhsa Pravesh Utsav”.
- 4) President of India, Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Nari Shakti Puruskar award to 29 outstanding individuals for the years 2020 and 2021.
- 5) The Ministry of MSME launched “SAMARTH”, the Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women.

Answer- 1) The International Women’s Day 2022 was observed across the globe by the UN on 7th March with the theme of “#BreakTheBias”.

Explanation:

The International Women’s Day 2022 was observed across the globe by the UN on **8th** March with the theme of “**Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow**”.

- i.** The Ministry of Women & Child Development celebrated International Women’s Day Week from 1st to 8th March 2022 as an ‘Iconic Week’ under ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.
- ii.** The Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Education and UNICEF launched the landmark ‘Back to School’ campaign named “Kanya Shikhsa Pravesh Utsav”.
- iii.** President of India, Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Nari Shakti Puruskar award to 29 outstanding individuals for the years 2020 and 2021.
- iv.** The Ministry of MSME launched “SAMARTH”, the Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women.
- v.** The theme of the IWD 2022 **campaign** is “#BreakTheBias”.

18. The ____ Raising Day Ceremony of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) 2022 was observed on ____.

- 1) 52nd; 6th March 2022
- 2) 53rd; 7th March 2022
- 3) 55th; 5th March 2022
- 4) 53rd; 6th March 2022
- 5) 55th; 8th March 2022

Answer- 4) 53rd; 6th March 2022

Explanation:

Every year the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), one of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in India will observe its Raising Day on March 10. This year **2022 CISF** conducted its **53rd** Raising Day **ceremony** on 6th March 2022.

- i.** Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed the CISF’s 53rd Raising Day celebration event held at Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (UP). He also inspected the 53rd Raising Day Parade.

19. The World Kidney Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____ with the theme of "Kidney Health for All: Bridge the Knowledge Gap to Better Kidney Care".

- 1) 8th March, 2022
- 2) 10th March, 2022
- 3) 6th March, 2022
- 4) 7th March, 2022
- 5) 9th March, 2022

Answer- 2) 10th March, 2022

Explanation:

World Kidney Day (**WKD**) is annually observed across the globe on the 2nd Thursday of March to create awareness about several kidney diseases and to educate about the significance of kidneys in our overall health.

i. World Kidney Day 2022 is observed on **10th March 2022** with the theme of "**Kidney Health for All: Bridge the Knowledge Gap to Better Kidney Care**".

ii. WKD 2022 – Scientific Editorial: World Kidney Day's Steering Committee wrote a scientific editorial titled "Kidney Health for All: Bridging the Gap in Kidney Health Education and Literacy" to increase awareness and emphasize World Kidney Day's message.

20. The 1st-ever International Day of Women Judges was observed across the globe by the UN on _____.

- 1) 8th March, 2022
- 2) 9th March, 2022
- 3) 7th March, 2022
- 4) 10th March, 2022
- 5) 6th March, 2022

Answer- 4) 10th March, 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) celebrates the **first-ever** annual observance of the **International Day of Women Judges** on **10th March 2022** to promote the full and equal participation of women at all levels of the judiciary.

i. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution on 28 April 2021 and proclaimed the 10th March of every year as the International Day of Women Judges and the resolution was drafted by the State of Qatar.

ii. The Supreme Court of India commemorated the first-ever International Day of Women Judges with special programmes organized by the Supreme Court Registry.

21. The World Glaucoma Week (GWG) was observed across the globe on _____ with the theme of "The world is bright, save your sight".

- 1) 4th to 10th March 2022
- 2) 6th to 12th March 2022
- 3) 7th to 13th March 2022
- 4) 5th to 11th March 2022
- 5) 3rd to 9th March 2022

Answer- 2) 6th to 12th March 2022

Explanation:

World Glaucoma Day is annually observed across the globe on **12th March** to create awareness about Glaucoma, the one of the most common causes of irreversible blindness.

i. World Glaucoma Week (**WGW**) **2022** is celebrated from **6th to 12th March 2022** with the theme of “**The world is bright, save your sight**”.

ii. WGW, a global initiative of the World Glaucoma Association (WGA) and World Glaucoma Patient Association is also annually observed to create awareness about Glaucoma.

22. The World Rotaract Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

1) 14th March 2022

2) 12th March 2022

3) 13th March 2022

4) 11th March 2022

5) 15th March 2022

Answer- **3) 13th March 2022**

Explanation:

World Rotaract Day is annually observed on **13th March** to recognise and appreciate the service provided by the Rotaractors, members of Rotaract Clubs, across the globe (Rotract, meaning rotary in action).

i. **13th March 2022** marks the observance of the 54th anniversary of the formation of the first Rotaract club in 1968 in North Carolina, United States of America (USA).

ii. World Rotaract Week is annually observed across the globe during the week of 13 March to honour the beginning of the first club in 1968. The **2022** World Rotaract Week was observed from **7th to 13th March 2022**.

iii. The Presidential Theme of Rotary for the year 2021-2022 is “**Serve to Change Lives**”.

23. Every Year, International Day of Action for Rivers is observed across the globe on _____.

1) 15th March

2) 12th March

3) 13th March

4) 11th March

5) 14th March

Answer- **5) 14th March**

Explanation:

International Day of Action for Rivers is annually observed across the globe on **14th March** to create awareness about the importance and value of rivers. The day was formerly known as International Day of Action against Dams, for Rivers, Water, and Life.

i. The Focus of the International Day of Action for Rivers 2022 is “**To highlight the importance of Rivers to Biodiversity**” & with the hashtags #Rivers4Biodiversity and #RiversUniteUs.

ii. 14th March 2022 marks the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the International Day of Action for Rivers.

24. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the International Day of Mathematics?

- 1) The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) was observed across the globe on 14th March 2022 with the theme of “Mathematics for a Better World”.
- 2) The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed the year 2022 as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development.
- 3) March 14 (3/14) is celebrated as Pi Day to celebrate the mathematical constant π (pi), which is also known by the Greek letter tau.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The International Day of Mathematics (**IDM**) was **observed** across the globe on **14th March 2022** with the theme of “**Mathematics Unites**”.

- i.** The United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) proclaimed the year **2022** as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development.
- ii.** March 14 (3/14) is celebrated as Pi Day to celebrate the mathematical constant π (pi), which is also known by the Greek letter tau.

25. UNESCO’s World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development was celebrated across the globe on _____ 2022.

- 1) 1st March
- 2) 4th March
- 3) 3rd March
- 4) 8th March
- 5) 6th March

Answer- **2) 4th March**

Explanation:

World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development is a UNESCO international day of celebration of engineers and engineering. It is celebrated worldwide on **4th March** of each year from 2020.

- i.** World Federation of Engineering Organisations (**WFEO**) and its members are hosting the 2022 World Engineering Day **Hackathon** with a Theme: Build Back Wiser – Engineering the Future, encouraging engineering students to work in teams towards a global real-world problem.
- ii.** The day was celebrated by launching an Engineering Day 24HRS LIVE, which was the first-of-its kind broadcast of a Global UNESCO Day on March 4, 2022.

26. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the World Consumer Rights day 2022?

- 1) World Consumer Rights Day 2022 was observed across the globe on 14th March with the theme of “The Sustainable Consumer”.
- 2) On the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day 2022, Consumers International is hosting the first-ever Fair Digital Finance Forum from 14th March to 18th March.
- 3) Department of Consumer Affairs (India) organising “Consumer Empowerment Week” from 14th to 20th March 2022 to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India.

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

World Consumer Rights Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **15th March** with the theme of “**Fair Digital Finance**”.

i. On the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day 2022, **Consumers International** is hosting the **first-ever** Fair Digital Finance Forum, March 14–18.

ii. The **Department of Consumer Affairs**, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (**MoCAF&PD**), Government of India is organising “**Consumer Empowerment Week**” from 14th to 20th March 2022 to celebrate and commemorate **75 years of progressive India** during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

27. What is the theme of No Smoking Day 2022 that was observed on March 9th, 2022?

1) Tobacco and lung health

2) Commit to Quit

3) Tobacco and heart disease

4) Quitting Smoking Doesn't Have to be Stressful

5) Beating tobacco for health & environment

Answer- **4) Quitting Smoking Doesn't Have to be Stressful**

Explanation:

No Smoking Day is annually observed on the **2nd Wednesday of March** to create awareness and educate people about the adverse impacts of tobacco use. The **No Smoking Day 2022** falls on **9th March 2022**.

i. The theme of No Smoking Day 2022 is “**Quitting Smoking Doesn't Have to be Stressful**”.

ii. The first National No Smoking Day was recognized in Ireland in 1984 on Ash Wednesday and later shifted to the 2nd Wednesday of March.

28. What is the theme of National Vaccination Day 2022 that was observed across the globe on 16th March 2022?

1) Protect your world – get vaccinated

2) Vaccines Work

3) Vaccines Work for all

4) Protected Together: Vaccines Work

5) Vaccines bring us closer

Answer- **3) Vaccines Work for all**

Explanation:

The **National Vaccination Day**, also known as National Immunization Day, is annually observed across India on **16th March** to create awareness about the importance of vaccination against not only polio but also other viral diseases.

i. The **theme** of National Vaccination Day 2022 is “**Vaccines Work for all**”.

ii. The Government of India observed the first National Vaccination Day (Immunisation Day) on 16th March 1995 and 16th March 1995 also marks the day on which India administered the first dose of an oral vaccine against polio.

29. The Global Recycling Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____, 2022.

- 1) 15th March
- 2) 18th March
- 3) 12th March
- 4) 14th March
- 5) 16th March

Answer- 2) 18th March

Explanation:

Global Recycling Day is annually observed across the globe on **18th March** to help recognise, and celebrate, the importance of recycling in securing the future of our planet.

i. The events theme of Global Recycling Day 2022 will focus on the 'Recycling Fraternity'.

ii. The **first** ever Global Recycling Day was observed on **18th March 2018**, which also marked the 70th anniversary of the establishment of BIR.

30. When was World Sparrow Day (WSD) 2022 observed across the globe with the theme of "I LOVE Sparrows"?

- 1) 20th March, 2022
- 2) 19th March, 2022
- 3) 21st March, 2022
- 4) 19th March, 2022
- 5) 17th March, 2022

Answer- 1) 20th March, 2022

Explanation:

World Sparrow Day (**WSD**) is annually observed in more than 50 countries across the world on **20th March** to create awareness and celebrate the ecological significance of sparrows, or common house sparrows (*Passer domesticus*).

i. The theme for WSD is "I LOVE Sparrows".

ii. The World Sparrow Day (WSD) is an initiative of the Nature Forever Society (NFS) of India, in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation of France and other national and international organisations and the first-ever World Sparrow Day was observed on 20th March 2010.

31. As per UNDP, what is the theme of the International Day of Happiness 2022 that was observed across the globe on 20th March, 2022?

- 1) Keep Calm, Stay Wise and Be Kind
- 2) Happiness For All, Ukraine
- 3) Build Back Happier
- 4) Share Happiness
- 5) Happiness For All, Forever

Answer- 3) Build Back Happier

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Happiness is annually observed across the globe on 20th March to recognise the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world.

i. As per United Nations Development Programme(UNDP), the **theme** of International Day of Happiness 2022 is "**Build Back Happier**".

ii. According to happinessday.org, the official campaign of the International Day of Happiness is “Happiness For All, Ukraine”.

32. The World Oral Health Day (WOHD) 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 20th March
- 2) 18th March
- 3) 21st March
- 4) 19th March
- 5) 17th March

Answer- **1) 20th March**

Explanation:

World Oral Health Day (**WOHD**) is annually observed across the world on **20th March** to create awareness about the importance of oral health.

Campaign theme – 2021-2023: The three-year campaign theme 2021-2023 of World Oral Health Day is “**Be Proud of Your Mouth**”.

33. The French Language Day 2022 was observed across the globe by the United Nation (UN) on _____.

- 1) 18th March 2022
- 2) 16th March 2022
- 3) 19th March 2022
- 4) 17th March 2022
- 5) 20th March 2022

Answer- **5) 20th March 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations(**UN**)’s **French Language Day** is annually observed across the globe on **20th March** to create awareness among the international community about the history, culture and use of the French Language.

i. March 20 is **recognized** by the International Organization of La Francophonie (**OIF**) as the International Day of La Francophonie.

ii. OIF celebrates the International Day of La Francophonie 2022 under the **theme « La Francophonie de l’avenir »**(english: The Francophonie of the Future).

34. Which of the following points are correct with respect to World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)?

- 1) The United Nations(**UN**)’s World Down Syndrome Day(**WDSD**) is annually observed across the globe on 21st March.
- 2) 21st March 2022 marks the observance of 11th World Down Syndrome Day.
- 3) The theme of WDSD 2022 is “CONNECT”.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) is annually observed across the globe on 21st March to raise public awareness about Down Syndrome, a chromosome disorder that affects approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children, every year.

- i. 21st March 2022 marks the observance of 11th World Down Syndrome Day.
- ii. The theme of WSDS 2022 is "InclusionMeans".

35. The UN's International Day of Nowruz 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 21st March, 2022
- 2) 17th March, 2022
- 3) 20th March, 2022
- 4) 18th March, 2022
- 5) 22nd March, 2022

Answer- 1) 21st March, 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Nowruz** is annually observed across the globe on 21st March to create awareness about Nowruz, which promotes values of peace and solidarity between generations and within families as well as reconciliation and neighbourliness.

- i. The word Nowruz (Novruz, Navruz, Nooruz, Nevruz, Nauruz), means "new day".
- ii. Nowruz marks the first day of spring and is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox, when the sun crosses the celestial equator and night and day are equal in length, which usually occurs on 21 March.

36. When was World Puppetry Day 2022 observed across the globe?

- 1) 22nd March, 2022
- 2) 20th March, 2022
- 3) 21st March, 2022
- 4) 18th March, 2022
- 5) 19th March, 2022

Answer- 3) 21st March, 2022

Explanation:

World Puppetry Day was observed on **21 March 2022**. It aims to recognize puppetry as a global art form and to pay tribute to and honor puppeteers from around the world. It is celebrated on March 21 every year.

The World Puppetry Day was established in 2003 by the Union Internationale de la Marionnette (UNIMA) also known as the International Puppetry Association.

Observance in India: Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, is organising Putul Utsav, a puppet festival to mark World Puppetry Day (21st March 2022) with the theme of the festival 'Azadi ke Rang, Putul Ke Sang'.

37. What is the theme of the International Day of Forests (IDF) 2022 that was observed across the globe on 21st March, 2022?

- 1) Forests and Education
- 2) Forests and sustainable production and consumption

- 3) Forests and Biodiversity: Too precious to lose
- 4) Forests for sustainable cities
- 5) Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being

Answer- **2) Forests and sustainable production and consumption**

Explanation:

The International Day of Forests (**IDF**) has been observed annually on **March 21** to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests since 2013.

The **IDF 2022** was observed on the **theme** 'Forests and sustainable production and consumption'.

38. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2022?

- 1) The United Nations(UN)'s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was observed across the globe on 21st March 2022.
- 2) The theme of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2022 is "Voices for Action against Racism".
- 3) The 1st International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was observed on 21st November 1967.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** is annually observed across the globe on **21st March** to address the issues of racial discrimination and to create awareness about the need for the elimination of racial discrimination.

i. The **theme** of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2022 is "Voices for Action against Racism".

ii. The first International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was observed on 21st November 1967.

39. The World Poetry Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 17th March 2022
- 2) 18th March 2022
- 3) 19th March 2022
- 4) 20th March 2022
- 5) 21st March 2022

Answer- **5) 21st March**

Explanation:

Every year on **March 21st**, World Poetry Day celebrates humanity's most treasured forms of cultural and linguistic expression and identity. World Poetry Day was organized for the first time on 21st March 2000.

i. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at its 30th General Conference in Paris in 1999 first adopted 21 March as World Poetry Day.

ii. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the period between 2022 and 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032)

40. What is the theme of World Water Day 2022 that was observed across the globe by the United nation on 22nd March, 2022?

- 1) Nature for Water
- 2) Water and Climate Change
- 3) Groundwater: Making the invisible visible
- 4) Valuing Water
- 5) Leaving No One Behind

Answer- **3) Groundwater: Making the invisible visible**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **World Water Day 2022** was observed across the globe on 22nd March with the **theme** of World Water Day 2022 is "**Groundwater: Making the invisible visible**".

i. The observance of World Water Day is led by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the **first-ever** World Water Day was observed on **22nd March 1993**.

ii. **UN-Water** and **UNESCO** launched the 2022 edition of the United Nations(UN) World Water Development Report (**WWDR**), titled "Groundwater: Making the invisible visible", focused on groundwater.

41. World Sleep Day (WSD) 2022 was observed across the globe on _____ with the slogan "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World".

- 1) 18th March, 2022
- 2) 17th March, 2022
- 3) 20th March, 2022
- 4) 16th March, 2022
- 5) 19th March, 2022

Answer- **1) 18th March, 2022**

Explanation:

World Sleep Day (**WSD**) is annually observed across the globe on the Friday before the Spring Vernal Equinox of each year. The World Sleep Day **2022** was observed on **18th March 2022**.

i. 18th March 2022 marks the observance of the 15th annual World Sleep Day and the Spring Vernal Equinox of 2022 was observed on 20th March 2022.

ii. The **slogan** for 2022 World Sleep Day is "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World".

42. What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2022 that was observed across the globe by the United Nations on 23rd March 2022?

- 1) Climate and Water
- 2) The Sun, the Earth and the Weather
- 3) Weather-ready, climate-smart
- 4) Early Warning and Early Action
- 5) Understanding clouds

Answer- **4) Early Warning and Early Action**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s World Meteorological Day is annually observed across the globe on 23rd March to create awareness about the environmental condition of our planet.

i. World Meteorological Day is an initiative of the World Meteorological Organization(WMO), a specialised agency of the UN.

ii. The theme of World Meteorological Day 2022 is "**Early Warning and Early Action**".

43. What is the theme of World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2022 that was observed across the globe on 24th March 2022?

1) The Clock is Ticking

2) It's Time

3) Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world

4) Unite to end TB

5) Invest to End TB. Save Lives

Answer- **5) Invest to End TB. Save Lives**

Explanation:

World Tuberculosis (**TB**) Day is annually observed across the globe on **24th March** to create awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and highlight the health, social and economic consequences of TB.

i. The theme of World TB Day 2022 is "**Invest to End TB. Save Lives**".

ii. According to the report issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW), Himachal Pradesh has secured the top rank, for the 2nd consecutive year, in the National Tuberculosis(TB) Elimination Programme among the states having a population of more than 50 lakh.

44. International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims 2022 was observed across the globe by the United Nations on _____.

1) 24th March 2022

2) 23rd March 2022

3) 21st March 2022

4) 22nd March 2022

5) 25th March 2022

Answer- **1) 24th March 2022**

Explanation:

United Nations(UN)'s International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is annually observed across the globe on **24th March** to pay tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24 March 1980 after denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador.

i. The day was first observed on 24th March 2011.

45. What is the theme of International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2022 that was observed across the globe by the UN on 25th March 2022?

- 1) Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere
- 2) Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism
- 3) Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice
- 4) Breaking the Silence, Lest We Forget
- 5) The Transatlantic slave trade: The living legacy of 30 million untold stories

Answer- **2) Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade** is annually observed across the globe on **25th March** to commemorate the memory of the victims of Transatlantic Slave Trade.

- i. The **theme** of **2022** International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is "Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism".
- ii. The first-ever International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade was observed on 25th March 2008.

46. International Day for Achievers is annually observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 25th March
- 2) 23rd March
- 3) 21st March
- 4) 24th March
- 5) 22nd March

Answer- **4) 24th March**

Explanation:

International Day for Achievers is annually observed across the globe on **24th March** to celebrate achievers and their strong sense of purpose and confidence. The day also supports making great efforts to become an achiever.

- i. The day is observed by celebrating past achievements and encouraging others to set goals that they want to achieve along with a timeline.

47. The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2022 was observed across the globe by the UN on _____.

- 1) 26th March
- 2) 28th March
- 3) 25th March
- 4) 23rd March
- 5) 27th March

Answer- **3) 25th March**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2022 was observed across the globe on **25th March** to recognise the dangers encountered by the UN staff members in their line of work.

i. 25th March marks the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former British journalist who was working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in 1985.

48. On which date the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change plans to observe National Dolphin Day every year from 2022?

- 1) 5th October
- 2) 5th November
- 3) 5th June
- 4) 5th August
- 5) 5th September

Answer- **1) 5th October**

Explanation:

Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, has announced that starting from 2022, the **5th October** of every year will be observed as **National Dolphin Day** to create awareness and encourage community participation in the conservation of dolphins including the Gangetic Dolphin.

i. The decision to designate the 5th October of every year National Dolphin Day was taken by the standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife (**NBWL**) during its 67th meeting.

ii. The **first-ever** National Dolphin Day will be observed on **5th October 2022**.

49. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Shaheed Diwas 2022/Martyr's Day ?

- 1) Shaheed Diwas 2022 was observed across India on 25th March to pay tribute to Bipin Chandra Pal, Lala Lajpat Rai and Bal Gangadhar Tilak who were hanged to death in 1921 in the Central Jail at Lahore.
- 2) Shaheed Diwas 2022 is being organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) by focussing on the theme 'Tribute to Revolutionaries'.
- 3) PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall at Kolkata, West Bengal.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Shaheed Diwas 2022 was observed across India on **23rd March** to pay tribute to **Bhagat Singh, Rajguru** and **Sukhdev** who were hanged to death in **1931** in the Central Jail at Lahore.

i. Shaheed Diwas 2022 is being organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (**NYKS**) by focussing on the theme '**Tribute to Revolutionaries**'.

ii. PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall at Kolkata, West Bengal.

50. The 60th anniversary of World Theatre Day was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 28th March, 2022
- 2) 26th March, 2022
- 3) 23rd March, 2022
- 4) 25th March, 2022
- 5) 27th March, 2022

Answer- 5) 27th March, 2022

Explanation:

World Theatre Day is annually observed across the globe on **27th March** with an aim to promote the art forms across the world and to create awareness about the value of these art forms.

i. 27th March 2022 marks the **60th** anniversary of **World Theatre Day**. World Theatre Day was first celebrated on 27th March 1962, the opening date of the "Theatre of Nations" season in Paris, France.

ii. The author of the 2022 message is **Peter Sellars**, an American theatre director who is well known for his contemporary stagings of classical and contemporary operas.

51. What is the theme of the 15th Earth Hour that was observed across the globe on 26th March 2022?

- 1) Biodiversity
- 2) climate action
- 3) Reduce, Reuse, Change the Way We Live
- 4) Shape Our Future
- 5) Climate Change to Save Earth

Answer- 4) Shape Our Future

Explanation:

Earth Hour is annually observed across the globe on the last Saturday of March by turning off the lights between 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm (Local Time) as a symbolic gesture towards the commitment to preserve the Earth and to support actions against Climate Change.

i. Earth Hour is annually organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

ii. 26th March 2022(Earth Hour 2022) marks the observance of the 15th Earth Hour with the theme of "**Shape Our Future**".

iii. India observed the first Earth Hour in 2009 and it was celebrated by around 5 million people across 58 cities in India and Aamir Khan was the first Earth Hour brand ambassador for Earth Hour India.

52. The world Piano Day 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 25th March 2022
- 2) 28th March 2022
- 3) 26th March 2022
- 4) 29th March 2022
- 5) 27th March 2022

Answer- 4) 29th March 2022

Explanation:

World Piano Day is annually observed across the globe on the 88th day of the year (mostly falls on 29th or 28th March), which is the same as the number of keys on the piano, with an aim to celebrate the Piano, an acoustic, keyboard, stringed percussion instrument.

i. The **World Piano Day 2022** falls on **29th March 2022** and the idea of Piano Day was initiated by German pianist/composer/producer Nils Frahm.

ii. The **first-ever** World Piano day was celebrated on 29th March 2015.

53. The International Day of the Unborn Child was observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 25th March, 2022
- 2) 27th March, 2022
- 3) 30th March, 2022
- 4) 26th March, 2022
- 5) 28th March, 2022

Answer- **1) 25th March. 2022**

Explanation:

International Day of the Unborn Child was observed across the globe on **25th March, 2022** to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

i. The day was first observed in 1993 in El Salvador as 'Day of the Right to Be Born'.

ii. The government of India legalised abortion with 'Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (1971)', creating a framework meant to protect women from the grave risks of unsafe abortion.

ENVIRONMENT

1. In March 2022, a team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India discovered "a new species of gin berry" named Glycosmis albicarpa from which of the following wildlife sanctuary?

- 1) Sri Venkateswara National Park, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala
- 4) Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra
- 5) Kane Wildlife Sanctuary, Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **2) Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (**BSI**) led by Kanjiraparambil Arjunan Sujana (KA Sujana) have discovered a new species of **Gin Berry**, named Glycosmis albicarpa, from the **Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary** in Tamil Nadu(TN).

i. The new species with distinct large white fruit is identified to be endemic to the Southern Western Ghats.

ii. The findings of the new species are published in the latest issue of the Nordic Journal of Botany, published from Sweden. Ragesh Gopala Vadhyar is the co-author.

2. Name the personality who has been selected to represent India at the 2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition in March 2022.

- 1) Sumaira Abdulali
- 2) Aarushi Verma
- 3) Vivek Gurav
- 4) Sunita Narain
- 5) Viral Desai

Answer- **2) Aarushi Verma**

Explanation:

Aarushi Verma, a national-level shooter and an environmentalist hailing from Delhi has been selected to represent India at the **2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition** which is set to be held in March 2022.

i. Aarushi Verma is a national level shooter in Pistol and trap shooting and a State & Northern India Champion & National medalist, and an active environmentalist.

2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition:

2041 Climate Force is a global initiative to train and develop the next generation of sustainability champions and to help corporations with their sustainability solutions.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Which state/UT's Police recently (in Feb'22) launched 3 new digital initiatives named Anubhuti, a refurbished website and e-Chittha portal?

- 1) Chandigarh
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Delhi
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **3) Delhi**

Explanation:

Delhi police launched 3 new digital initiatives that includes **Anubhuti**, a refurbished Delhi Police **website** and **e-Chittha portal**. The initiatives were launched by the Delhi Police Commissioner **Rakesh Asthan**.

Aim – To improve the service delivery system and to ensure the safety and security of the people by the Delhi police.

- **Anubhuti** – This initiative is a **QR code based paperless feedback management** system that will establish a two-way communication between the public and people.
- The **refurbished** user-friendly **website** – This website of the Delhi Police is loaded with more information for citizens to know about the department and its services in one click.
- **e-Chittha** – The initiative is the backbone of duty deployment and is active in all 178 territorial police stations in Delhi.

2. Which ministry recently (in March 22) launched a Digital platform named “E-Marketplace” for tourist guides?

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 3) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 4) Ministry of Tourism
- 5) Ministry of Labour and Employment

Answer- **4) Ministry of Tourism**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy launched the **E-Marketplace**, a Digital platform at an event organised at the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

- i.** A Coffee table book on the theme of Temple Iconography titled “Temple Heritage of India” was also released during the event.
- ii.** A Letter of Intent(LoI) was awarded to Bird Academy for collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for soft skill training, for IITF Certification(IITFC) program participants.
- iii.** The E-Marketplace was launched as a part of a digital tourism solution for Incredible India Tourist Facilitators (IITFs) or Incredible India Tourist Guides (IITGs), to provide Web and Mobile App based interaction mechanisms, which is to be used by tourists and certified tourist facilitators or tourists guides.

3. Which state/UT recently (in March '22) launched a "My EV" portal for the purchase and registration of electric autos?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **4) Delhi**

Explanation:

The **Delhi** government launched an online '**My EV**' (My Electric Vehicle) portal to the purchase and registration of electric autos in Delhi. It is accessible to all users on the website of the transport department of Delhi.

- i.** Under the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy, 5% interest rate subvention will be provided on the purchase of e-autos on loans and become the first state to provide such a facility.
- ii.** The web portal was developed with the collaboration of the Delhi government and Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL).

4. Which state government recently (in March'22) developed the Dishaank mobile app to provide easy access to land records?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Andhra Pradesh

5) Karnataka

Answer- **5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The **Dishaank is the mobile application**, which is developed to provide seamless access of **land records** to the people of Karnataka.

i. The app was **developed** under the Karnataka Geographical Information System (**K-GIS**) program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (**KRSRAC**).

ii. The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) of the Revenue Department of Karnataka will provide easy access to original land records through this app and it targets to avail the information about the land and its ownership as recorded in the database of **Bhoomi project** since 1990.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. In February 2022, The IFSC and MICR codes of all branches of erstwhile Lakshmi Vilas Bank have changed after the amalgamation with DBS Bank India.

IFSC Code is 11 alphanumeric codes. What is the 5th character in IFCS Codes?

1) Four

2) One

3) Zero

4) Two

5) Five

Answer- **3) Zero**

Explanation:

The 11 alphanumeric code of IFSC is structured in a pattern where the first four characters represent the name of the bank, while the last six characters represent the branch of the bank. The fifth character is generally **0 (zero)** reserved for future utilization.

The IFSC is an 11 digit alphanumeric code, with the first four digits identifying the bank, fifth is numeric (kept 0) and the last six digits represent the bank branch.

2. Chalapathi Rao Committee was constituted for _____.

1) Restructuring of Payments Banks in India

2) Restructuring of Regional Rural Banks in India

3) Restructuring of Commercial Banks in India

4) Restructuring of Co-operative Banks in India

5) Restructuring of Small Finance Banks in India

Answer- **2) Restructuring of Regional Rural Banks in India**

Explanation:

Chalapathi Rao Committee was constituted for the restructuring of Regional Rural Banks in India. Regional Rural Banks have been in existence for around three decades in the Indian financial scene.

3. What is the Tagline of UCO Bank?

- 1) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 2) One Family One Bank
- 3) Together We Can
- 4) Build A Better Life Around Us
- 5) Honours your Trust

Answer- **5) Honours your Trust**

Explanation:

About UCO Bank:

Establishment – 1943

Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal

Managing Director (MD) & CEO – Soma Sankara Prasad

Tagline – Honours your Trust

4. A Demat or dematerialised account holds shares in digital/ electronic format. Which of the following is the type of Demat account?

- 1) Regular Demat account
- 2) Repatriable Demat account
- 3) Non-Repatriable Demat account
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Demat account or a dematerialised account is an account that should be started by the investor in which the shares and securities are held in dematerialized form i.e. electronically without any physical papers.

There are basically three different types of Demat accounts that cater to different investors:

- **Regular Demat account:** This type of account caters to traders who are Indian citizens and reside in India.
- **Repatriable Demat account:** This account is useful to the Non-Resident Indians as it allows fund transfers abroad. It requires an associated NRE(Non-Resident External Account) bank account.
- **Non-Repatriable Demat account:** This account, too, is for the Non-Resident Indians. However, in this case, funds cannot be transferred abroad, and this account requires an associated NRO(Non Resident Ordinary) bank account.

5. Which of the following is not a type of Monetary Policy Stances according to RBI?

- 1) Hawkish Monetary Policy Stance
- 2) Dovish Monetary Policy Stance
- 3) Accommodative Monetary Policy Stance
- 4) Neutral Monetary Policy Stance
- 5) Recommadative Monetary Policy Stance

Answer- **5) Recommadative Monetary Policy Stance**

Explanation:

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India meets **every two months** to take key decisions on the Monetary Policy of the Country.

i. There are **4 types** of Monetary Policy Stances: Hawkish Monetary Policy Stance, Dovish Monetary Policy Stance, Accommodative Monetary Policy Stance & Neutral Monetary Policy Stance.

6. What is the Tagline of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- 1) Build A Better Life Around Us
- 2) Let's Make Money Simple
- 3) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 4) Together We Can
- 5) One Family One Bank

Answer- **2) Let's Make Money Simple**

Explanation:**About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):**

Establishment - 2003

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Managing Director (MD) & CEO - Uday Kotak

Tagline - Let's Make Money Simple

7. Which of the following is India's first Payment bank?

- 1) Fino Payment Bank
- 2) India Post Payment Bank
- 3) Jio Payment Bank
- 4) Airtel Payments Bank
- 5) Paytm Payment Bank

Answer- **4) Airtel Payments Bank**

Explanation:

Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It intends to bring banking services to the doorstep of every citizen of the country.

8. Which bank introduced the 1st ATM in India?

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

Answer- **2) HSBC Bank**

Explanation:

HSBC banks introduced the first ATM in India. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was the first bank to introduce an ATM in India in the year of 1987.

9. NUUP stands for National _____ USSD Platform

- 1) Unilateral
- 2) Unified
- 3) Unique
- 4) Union
- 5) Uniform

Answer- **2) Unified**

Explanation:

National Unified USSD (Unstructured Supplementary Services Data) Platform

i. The NUUP service is a USSD based Mobile Banking service from NPCI using which financial and non-financial transactions can be done using a mobile phone without a mobile internet connection.

10. What is the maximum number of digits that a UPI-PIN can have?

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

Answer- **2) 6**

Explanation:

UPI Pin is a unique **4-6** digit number that you enter while adding a new payment account or making a transaction on mobile applications.

11. In National Unified USSD Platform, a customer can access banking services by just pressing _____ from mobile phones.

- 1) *9#
- 2) *99#
- 3) *990#
- 4) *099#
- 5) *999#

Answer- **2) *99#**

Explanation:

In NUUP, a customer can access banking services by just pressing *99# from his/her mobile phone.

12. Who is the current (as of March'22) MD & CEO of UCO Bank?

- 1) Atanu Kumar Das
- 2) Sanjiv Chadha
- 3) A.S Rajeev
- 4) Tapan Ray
- 5) Soma Sankara Prasad

Answer- **5) Soma Sankara Prasad**

Explanation:

About UCO Bank:

MD & CEO – Shri Soma Sankara Prasad

Founded – 1943

Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal

13. What is the retirement age of High Court Judges in India?

- 1) 63 years
- 2) 64 years
- 3) 62 years
- 4) 60 years
- 5) 65 years

Answer- **3) 62 years**

Explanation:

The retirement age of High Court (HC) Judges is **62 years**, whereas the retirement age of Supreme Court (SC) Judges is 65 years in India.

14. Who is the first Chief Justice of India?

- 1) Mehr Chand Mahajan
- 2) Bijan Kumar Mukherjee
- 3) M. Patanjali Sastri
- 4) H. J. Kania
- 5) K. G. Balakrishnan

Answer- **4) H. J. Kania**

Explanation:

H. J. Kania was the first Chief Justice of India. H. J. Kania served as the first Chief Justice of India from the year of 1950 to 1951. In the year 1951, he died while serving in the office.

i. The Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution.

15. When was the Bureau of Indian Standards founded?

- 1) 1982
- 2) 1986
- 3) 1970
- 4) 1988
- 5) 1876

Answer- **2) 1986**

Explanation:

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

16. What is the Tagline of Punjab National Bank?

- 1) Good People to Grow With
- 2) Together We Can
- 3) The Name You Can Bank Upon
- 4) Support All the Way
- 5) We understand your world

Answer- **3) The Name You Can Bank Upon**

Explanation:

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

CEO & Managing Director (MD) – S S Mallikarjuna Rao

Established – 1894

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Tagline – The Name You Can Bank Upon

17. Where is Melkote Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The Melkote Temple Wildlife Sanctuary (**MTWS**) is located in Mandya district of **Karnataka** and sanctuary is primarily to house wolves.

18. National Career Service (NCS) is a flagship programme of which Ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer- **1) Ministry of Labour and Employment**

Explanation:

About National Career Service (NCS):

i. National Career Service (NCS) is a flagship programme of the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** implemented as a Mission Mode Project for the transformation of the National Employment Service to provide a variety of employment-related services like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, internships etc.

ii. 3 aspects of NCS are, NCS portal – One Stop destination for Relevant Job. Career Centers – Hubs of career-related services. Call Center – Toll-free number for queries (1800-425-1514).

19. Which of the following is a type of Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)?

- 1) Closed System PPI
- 2) Open System PPI

3) Semi-open System

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Prepaid Payment Instrument (**PPI**) are instruments that facilitate purchase of goods and services, including financial services, remittance facilities, etc., against the value stored on such instruments.

PPIs that can be issued in the country are classified under **three** types

- **Closed System PPIs:** These PPIs are issued by an entity for facilitating the purchase of goods and services from that entity only and do not permit cash withdrawal. The operation of such instruments doesn't require approval by the RBI.
- **Semi-closed System PPIs:** These PPIs are issued by banks (approved by RBI) and non-banks (authorized by RBI) for purchase of goods and services at merchant locations which have a specific contract with the issuer to accept the PPIs as payment instruments.
- **Open System PPIs:** These PPIs are issued only by banks (approved by RBI) and are used at any merchant for purchase of goods and services. Cash withdrawal at ATMs / Points of Sale (PoS) terminals / Business Correspondents (BCs) are also allowed through such PPIs.

20. Which of the following institutions cannot sell Sovereign Gold Bonds?

1) Scheduled Commercial Banks

2) Small Finance Banks

3) Clearing Corporation of India Ltd

4) Post Offices

5) Stock Exchanges

Answer- **2) Small Finance Banks**

Explanation:

The Central government started to issue **Sovereign Gold Bonds** for 2021 in four tranches, which will be sold through scheduled commercial banks, Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL), designated post offices, and recognised stock exchanges.

i. Small finance banks and Payment banks will not sell these bonds.

21. Statutory Liquidity Ratio is a minimum percentage of deposits that a commercial bank has to maintain in the form of liquid cash, gold or other securities.

What does SLR stand for ____ Liquidity Ratio.

1) Sell

2) Saving

3) Safe

4) Statutory

5) Securities

Answer- **4) Statutory**

Explanation:

Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) is a minimum percentage of deposits that a commercial bank has to maintain in the form of liquid cash, gold or other securities.

22. _____ is the rate at which the RBI borrows money from commercial banks within the country.

- 1) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- 2) Cash Reserve Ratio
- 3) Bank Rate
- 4) Repo Rate
- 5) Reverse Repo rate

Answer- **5) Reverse Repo rate**

Explanation:

Reverse Repo rate is the rate at which the RBI borrows money from commercial banks within the country

23. The savings & current account that does not operate for more than 2years, then the account is called?

- 1) Demand Deposit Account
- 2) Dormant account
- 3) Inactive amount
- 4) Demat account
- 5) Inoperative account

Answer- **2) Dormant account**

Explanation:

If you have a current or a savings bank account and have not done any transactions through it for more than **24 months** (2years), then it will be classified as a **Dormant account**.

i. If you have a current or a savings bank account and have not done any transactions through it for more than 12 months, then it will be classified as an inactive account.

24. Which of the following are the negotiable instruments as per the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881?

- 1) Share Certificate
- 2) Money Order
- 3) Deposit Receipt
- 4) Postal Order
- 5) Bill of Exchange

Answer- **5) Bill of Exchange**

Explanation:

A negotiable instrument is a piece of paper that entitles a person to a sum of money and which is transferable from one person to another under the Negotiable Instrument Act 1881. A negotiable instrument means a promissory note, bill of exchange, Cheque, Bank Note, Bank Draft, Circular Note, Dividend Warrant.

25. The sponsorship between Central Government, Sponsor Bank and State Government is in the ratio of ____ in respect of RRBs in the country.

- 1) 60; 25; 15
- 2) 60; 30; 10
- 3) 70; 20; 10
- 4) 50; 15; 35
- 5) 50; 35; 15

Answer- **5) 50; 35; 15**

Explanation:

Regional Rural Banks (**RRBs**) came into existence on Gandhi Jayanti in 1975 with the formation of a Prathama Grameen Bank with a recommendation from The Narasimham Committee.

RRBs were owned by three entities with their respective shares as follows:

- Central Government: **50%**
- Sponsor bank: **35%**
- State government: **15%**

26. Under section ____ of the Negotiable Instrument Act-1881 the cheque term is defined.

- 1) Section 25
- 2) Section 10
- 3) Section 4
- 4) Section 5
- 5) Section 6

Answer- **5) 6 Section**

Explanation:

A cheque is a bill of exchange in which one party orders the bank to transfer the money to the bank account of another party.

i. The term "Cheque" is defined under **Section 6** of the Negotiable Instrument Act-1881

27. Who is the current (as of March'22) CEO & MD of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

- 1) Rajeev Yadav
- 2) PN Vasudevan
- 3) Govind Singh
- 4) Sunil Patel
- 5) Ittira Davis

Answer- **5) Ittira Davis**

Explanation:

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank :

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & MD- Ittira Davis

Tagline- Build a Better Life

Headquarter-Bengaluru, Karnataka

28. What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

- 1) Together We Can
- 2) One Family One Bank

- 3) India's International Bank
- 4) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 5) Build A Better Life Around Us

Answer- **3) India's International Bank**

Explanation:

About Bank of Baroda (BoB):

MD & CEO – Sanjiv Chadha

Headquarters – Vadodara, Gujarat

Tagline – India's International Bank

29. Who was the 1st Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?

- 1) CD Deshmukh
- 2) C. Rajagopalachari
- 3) Benegal Rama Rau
- 4) Osborne Smith
- 5) Sucheta Kripalani

Answer- **4) Osborne Smith**

Explanation:

- The First Governor of RBI was Sir **Osborne Smith**. (1935 – 1937)
- The First Indian Governor of RBI was **CD Deshmukh**. (1943 – 1949)

30. When was the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) established?

- 1) 1982
- 2) 1985
- 3) 1980
- 4) 1997
- 5) 1990

Answer- **1) 1982**

Explanation:

About EXIM Bank:

Established- 1982

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

31. Public Sector Banks (PSB) Loans in 59 minutes disburses ₹39,580 crore credit to businesses since inception between September 25, 2018, to February 28, 2022.

What is the Maximum amount an MSME can get business loan through psbloansin59minutes.com portal?

- 1) 1 crore
- 2) 8 lakhs
- 3) 5 crore
- 4) 3 lakhs
- 5) 5 lakhs

Answer- **3) 5 crore**

Explanation:

PSB Loans in 59 minutes disburses ₹39,580 crore credit to businesses since inception between September 25, 2018, to February 28, 2022.

i. Through the psbloansin59minutes.com portal, an MSME can avail business loans from a minimum of ₹1 lakh to a maximum of ₹5 crore post-in-principle approval. 2,01,863 proposals have been made on the portal amounting to ₹39,580 crore in the business category.

32. 'CRAR' stands for _____ .

- 1) Capacity to Return-Weighted Assets Ratio
- 2) Capital to Return-Weighted Assets Ratio
- 3) Credit to Return -Weighted Assets Ratio
- 4) Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio
- 5) Credit to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio

Answer- **4) Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio**

Explanation:

Capital to Risk Weighted Asset Ratio (CRAR) is the capital needed for a bank measured in terms of the assets (mostly loans) disbursed by the banks.

33. A SWIFT code is used to identify a particular branch of a bank.

In 'SWIFT', T stands for _____.

- 1) Transportation
- 2) Target
- 3) Transformation
- 4) Transaction
- 5) Telecommunication

Answer- **5) Telecommunication**

Explanation:

SWIFT (**Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication**) codes are a combination of various kinds of letters and are used to identify the branch codes of the banks.

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

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

Answer- **1) Narasimham Committee**

Explanation:

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

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

35. NABARD was established on the recommendations of _____ Committee.

- 1) BB Tandon Committee
- 2) Narasimham Committee
- 3) B. Sivaraman Committee
- 4) Raja Chelliah Committee
- 5) Srikrishna Committee

Answer- 3) B. Sivaraman Committee

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) was established on the recommendations of the **B.Sivaraman Committee** to implement the NABARD Act 1981.

36. When was the State Bank of India (SBI) formed?

- 1) 1st May 1960
- 2) 1st July 1955
- 3) 1st June 1960
- 4) 1st April 1945
- 5) 1st January 1955

Answer- 2) 1st July 1955

Explanation:

The Bank of Madras merged into the other two presidency banks in British India, the Bank of Calcutta and the Bank of Bombay, to form the **Imperial Bank of India**, which in turn became the State Bank of India on **1st July 1955**.

37. The logo of RBI consists of which of the following trees/animals?

- 1) A Palm Tree
- 2) Tiger
- 3) Lion
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Both 1 & 2

Explanation:

The **RBI Act of 1934** established it as the banker for the central government. The **official logo** of the apex bank includes a **palm tree & a tiger**.

38. CASA is a type of non-term deposit account.

What does CASA stand for?

- 1) Capital Asset Strategy Account
- 2) Current Account Savings Accounts
- 3) Capital Account Savings Accounts
- 4) Current Assets Saving Accounts
- 5) Capital Account Strategy Accounts

Answer- 2) Current Account Savings Accounts

Explanation:

Current Account Savings Accounts (**CASA**) are a type of non-term deposit account. A CASA has a lower interest rate than term deposits, such as a certificate of deposit, and is thus a cheaper source of funds for the financial institution.

39. When was Kotak Mahindra Bank established?

- 1) 2005
- 2) 2001
- 3) 2003
- 4) 2004
- 5) 2002

Answer- **3) 2003**

Explanation:**About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):**

CEO- Uday Kotak

Established-2003

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

40. What is the “tagline” of Karnataka Bank?

- 1) Together We Can
- 2) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 3) Good People to Bank With
- 4) Your Family Bank Across India
- 5) Your Perfect Banking Partner

Answer- **4) Your Family Bank Across India**

Explanation:**About Karnataka Bank Limited:**

Karnataka Bank Limited is a leading 'A'-Class Scheduled Commercial Bank in India. **Incorporated on** 18th February 1924 at Mangaluru, Karnataka.

MD & CEO- Mahabaleshwara M.S

Headquarters- Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka.

Tagline- Your Family Bank Across India

41. The minimum paid up capital for a payments bank?

- 1) Rs. 20 crore
- 2) Rs. 100 crore
- 3) Rs. 150 crore
- 4) Rs. 10 crore
- 5) Rs. 200 crore

Answer- **2) Rs. 100 crore**

Explanation:

The minimum paid-up equity capital of the payments bank shall be **Rs. 100 crore**

42. For how many months is a cheque valid from the date of issue/ instrument?

- 1) 5 Months
- 2) 8 Months
- 3) 6 Months
- 4) 2 Months
- 5) 3 Months

Answer- **5) 3 Months**

Explanation:

Accordingly, cheques, Drafts, Pay Orders and Banker's Cheques are "valid for **3 months** from the date of instrument", with effect from 01.04.2012

43. Non-scheduled banks by definition are those which are not listed in the 2nd schedule of the RBI act, 1934.

The reserve capital of these banks is less than _____.

- 1) Rs 5 lakhs
- 2) Rs 1 lakh
- 3) Rs 2 Lakhs
- 4) Rs 4 lakhs
- 5) Rs 3 lakhs

Answer- **1) Rs 5 lakh**

Explanation:

Non-scheduled banks by definition are those which are not listed in the 2nd schedule of the RBI act, 1934. Banks with a reserve capital of less **than 5 lakh** rupees qualify as non-scheduled banks.

44. In Which year Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) is established by the RBI?

- 1) 1989
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1992
- 4) 1995
- 5) 1997

Answer- **4) 1995**

Explanation:

Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (**BRBNMPL**) was established by Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) as its wholly owned subsidiary in **1995**.

45. CFT guidelines to prevent banks from being used, intentionally or unintentionally, by criminal elements for money laundering.

CFT stands for _____.

- 1) Complex of Financing of Terrorism
- 2) Combating of Financing of Terrorism
- 3) Complement of Field of Tariff
- 4) Counter of Financing of Term
- 5) Case of Financing of Terrorism