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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. In April 2022, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0) launched the “National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities.**

**“SBM-U 2.0” initiative under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Rural Development
- 2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**Answer- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

**Explanation:**

Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**), has launched the “National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities,” a Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (**SBM-U 2.0**) initiative under the aegis of **MoHUA**.

**i.** The objective of the framework is to strengthen the ongoing Jan Andolan (mass movement) for “Garbage-Free Cities.

**2. In April 2022, Indian Government decided to launch E-Commerce Platform ‘ONDC’ to Onboard Local Kirana Stores across 100 cities in six months.**

**In ONDC, what does O stand for?**

- 1) Out
- 2) Over
- 3) Output
- 4) Outlay
- 5) Open

**Answer- 5) Open**

**Explanation:**

The Government rolled out a pilot project, Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**), a neutral, open source, not-for-profit, e-commerce platform, which aims to empower mom-and-pop shops and kirana stores in cities such as Delhi, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Coimbatore and Shillong.

**i.** The ONDC has an ambitious target to onboard about 30 million sellers spread across **100 cities in six months**.

**ii.** The ONDC is an open technology network based on open protocol and will enable local commerce across segments, such as mobility, grocery, food order and delivery, hotel booking and travel, to be discovered and engaged by any network-enabled application.

**3. According to the Q3 of the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) 2021, released by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in April 2022, 3.14 crore jobs were created in October – December 2021 across nine sectors.**

**Which sector is emerging as the largest employer, as per Q3 Employment Survey 2021?**

- 1) construction
- 2) Education
- 3) IT

4) Manufacturing sector

5) Health

Answer- **4) Manufacturing sector**

**Explanation:**

The report for the **third quarter** of the Quarterly Employment Survey (**QES**) for the period October – December 2021, which is a part of the All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES), has been released by the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE). The report is prepared by the Labour Bureau, an attached office of MOLE.

**i.** According to the report, formal sector employment in India increased by 4 lakhs in October-December 2021, to 3.145 crore workers across nine sectors.

**ii.** The **manufacturing sector** is the **largest employer**, engaging roughly 39% of the estimated total workforce, followed by the education sector, which employs around 22%.

**4. In April 2022, PM Narendra Modi addressed the opening ceremony of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, a children’s heart hospital in which country?**

1) Port Vila, Vanuatu

2) Suva, Fiji

3) Honiara, Solomon Islands

4) Apia, Samoa

5) Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer- **2) Suva, Fiji**

**Explanation:**

Through a video message, Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi addressed the opening ceremony of **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital**, a children’s heart hospital in **Suva, Fiji**, a one-of-its-kind hospital in the entire South Pacific region.

**i.** On April 27, Josaia Voreque Bainimarama, PM of Fiji, and Sadguru Madhusudan Sai of India inaugurated the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children’s Heart Hospital, Suva, Fiji and the hospital, built by the Sai Prema Foundation, an NGO, with the support of the Fiji Government and citizens.

**5. The Government of India (GoI) decided to issue a \_\_\_\_ Commemorative Coin to Mark the 100th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Darda (Babuji).**

1) Rs 75

2) Rs 10

3) Rs 50

4) Rs 200

5) Rs 100

Answer- **5) Rs 100**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (**GoI**) will be issuing a **Rs 100 commemorative coin** to mark the birth centenary of **Jawaharlal Darda**, fondly called Babuji, a late freedom fighter, social worker, philanthropist, educationist and founder of the Lokmat Group of Newspapers (now Lokmat Media).

**i.** The coin is likely to be issued on July 2, 2023, 100th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Darda and the coin is being manufactured by the Government of India Mint, Mumbai. A gazette notification was issued by the economic affairs department of the finance ministry.

ii. The weight of the coin is 35gms with 50% silver,40 % copper,5% Nickle and 5% Zinc.The circumference of the coin would be 44mm.

**6. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) is set to build India's first indigenous hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Mishra Dhatu Nigam
- 2) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- 4) Hindustan Shipyard
- 5) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

**Answer- 2) Cochin Shipyard Limited**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (**MoPSW**) is set to build India's first indigenous hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited(**CSL**).

i. The hydrogen fuel cell vessel based on Low-Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane Technology (LT-PEM) called Fuel Cell Electric Vessel (FCEV) is expected to cost around Rs 17.50 crore.

ii. CSL has partnered with KPIT Technologies Limited and Indian developers in the areas of Hydrogen Fuel cells, power trains and the Indian Register of Shipping to develop rules and regulations for such vessels.

**7. Which Indian Navy Ship (INS) recently (in April '22) delivered critical medical aid to Sri Lanka under Mission SAGAR IX?**

- 1) INS Guldar
- 2) INS Shardul
- 3) INS Magar
- 4) INS Kesari
- 5) INS Gharial

**Answer- 5) INS Gharial**

**Explanation:**

India as part of **Mission SAGAR IX** (Security And Growth for All in the Region) provided Critical Medical Aid through its Indian Navy Ship (**INS**) **Gharial** to **Sri Lanka**, which is going through a medical emergency situation with many life-saving drugs out of stock, forcing doctors to delay major surgeries.

i. The consignment arrived at Colombo, Sri Lanka on April 29, 2022 and delivered over 760 KiloGrams (kgs) of 107 types of critical life saving medicines, which was received by the Health Minister of Sri Lanka – Channa Jayasumana.

**8. Which state's 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station was renamed "Mahesh Nagar Halt"?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Punjab

**Answer- 2) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

In an official name-changing ceremony held on April 30, 2022, The 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station in the Balotra area of **Rajasthan's** Barmer district was renamed "**Mahesh Nagar Halt.**"

i. In 2021, the name of the railway station was changed from Mian Ka Bada to Mahesh Nagar Halt after the proper procedures were followed, but the inauguration was postponed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The renamed station was finally inaugurated on April 30, 2022.

**9. The Ministry of Education recently (in April'22) launched a "mandate document" for the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) under the new National Education Policy (NEP).**

**The NCF is guided by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Vijay P. Bhatkar
- 2) V Ramgopal Rao
- 3) K Kasturirangan
- 4) Anil Sahasrabudhe
- 5) Geeta Bali

**Answer- 3) K Kasturirangan**

**Explanation:**

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched a "**mandate document**" for National Curriculum Framework (**NCF**) under the new National Education Policy (**NEP**) at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Karnataka. It was a step towards decolonisation of the Indian education system.

i. **NCF** is guided by the National Steering Committee (NSC) chaired by Dr K Kasturirangan and supported by the Mandate Group, in addition to the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT).

**10. In April 2022, the Ministry of MSME inaugurated the "Enterprise India" under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**

**Who is the current (as of May'22) Union ministry of MSME?**

- 1) Narayan Tatu Rane
- 2) Kiren Rijiju
- 3) Ramchandra Prasad Singh
- 4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- 5) Piyush Goyal

**Answer- 1) Narayan Tatu Rane**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**) **Narayan Tatu Rane**, inaugurated the "**Enterprise India**" under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

i. The series of commemorative entrepreneurship, development events and activities were organised from April, 2022 to May, 2022. The event is aimed at 'Jan Bhagidari'.

ii. It also promotes MSMEs in entrepreneurship and importance of Industry associations in making the country a "Manufacturing Hub" and increasing India's economy to 5 trillion dollars.

**11. Indian Navy Ship (INS) Vikrant, India's 1st Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC), will be delivered to the Indian Navy by May, 2022.**

**The Indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) was constructed by which company?**

- 1) Mishra Dhatu Nigam
- 2) Hindustan Shipyard
- 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- 4) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- 5) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

**Answer- 4) Cochin Shipyard Limited**

**Explanation:**

India's First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (**IAC**), Indian Navy Ship (**INS**) **Vikrant** will be delivered to the Indian Navy by May, 2022 and will be commissioned on (Independence Day) 15 August, 2022. The IAC has been constructed by **Cochin Shipyard Limited** (CSL).

**i.** It costs around Rs 23,000 crore. The IAC is 262 metres long, 62 metres wide and it has a height of 59 metres and it has over 2,300 compartments.

**12. In which state, India's 1st greenfield grain-based ethanol production plant was inaugurated in April 2022?**

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

**Answer- 3) Bihar**

**Explanation:**

Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, opened India's **first greenfield grain-based ethanol production plant** in Purnia(or Purnea), **Bihar** and It indicated that ethanol production would help cut the cost of petrol while also creating jobs.

**i.** This plant is set to produce 65,000 litres of ethanol per day and it will need 150 tons of maize and rice every day.

**13. Name the operation that was recently (in April '22) launched by the Railway Police Force (RPF) to take action against the transport of illegal items.**

- 1) Operation Satark
- 2) Operation Mitra
- 3) Operation Ganga
- 4) Operation Cactus
- 5) Operation Rakshak

**Answer- 1) Operation Satark**

**Explanation:**

**Railway Police Force** (RPF) launched "**Operation Satark**" to take action against, transporting any item through railway network for the purpose of tax evasion or smuggling or commission of crime or acts of terror.

i. Focused effort under “Operation Satark” was launched from 5th April to 30th April 2022 wherein 26 cases of transportation of illegal tobacco products were detected with seizure of tobacco products worth more than Rs 44 Lakhs and arrest of 14 persons involved.

**14. In May 2022, the RailTel Corporation of India established a "Health Cloud," a mobile container hospital at \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**Answer- 4) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The RailTel Corporation of India Limited established a “Health Cloud”, a Mobile container Hospital at the **Visakhapatnam** premises of Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ), **Andhra Pradesh**.

i. AMTZ is the world’s first integrated Medical Device Manufacturing Hub situated in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and the Health Cloud is a dedicated “Data Centre” catering to the specific and idiosyncratic needs of the Health sector ready-to-operationalise in remote areas.

ii. The “Health Cloud” at AMTZ has been inaugurated by Ms. Louise Agersnap, Head of World Health Organisation (WHO) Innovation Hub, WHO-Geneva, Switzerland..

**15. In which city did PM Narendra Modi recently (in April '22) inaugurate the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) 2022?**

- 1) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 2) Bangalore, Karnataka
- 3) Surat, Gujarat
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Pune, Maharashtra

**Answer- 3) Surat, Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister (**PM**) **Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) 2022 in **Surat, Gujarat**.

i. **GPBS 2022** was held at Sarsana Convention Centre, Surat, Gujarat from 29th April to 1st May 2022 with the **theme** of “**Aatmanirbhar Community to Aatmanirbhar Gujarat and India**”.

ii. GPBS 2022, the 3-day summit, is organised by Sardardham under the Mission–2026 to provide an impetus to the socio-economic development of the Patidar community.

**16. Which state’s Medical Education and Drugs Department (MEDD) partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to strengthen medical education under the public-private partnership (PPP) model?**

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



Answer- 5) Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

A collaboration has been made between the Medical Education and Drugs Department (**MEDD**), Government of **Maharashtra** and International Finance Corporation (**IFC**) to prioritize healthcare projects with an emphasis on **medical education** under the public-private partnership (**PPP**) model in Maharashtra.

i. Under this partnership, IFC will act as transaction advisor for the PPPs to develop super-speciality hospitals and medical education facilities across the state.

**17. In April 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st state in the NorthEast Region of India to launch the Online Building Permission System (OBPS).**

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

Answer- 4) Sikkim

**Explanation:**

**Sikkim** will be the **first state** in the **NorthEast Region** to launch the Online Building Permission System (OBPS).

i. It was launched by **Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs**, Hardeep Singh Puri during a symposium on 'Urban Development of North Eastern States – Smart City Revolution', organized by the Sikkim government in collaboration with the union ministry of development of north east region (**MDONER**) as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in Sikkim.

ii. "Online Building Permission System" (**OBPS**) is mainly focused on the removal of the need for the citizen to visit the department, apply online and would be able to get the development permission certificate anywhere and anytime.

**18. In which place, the 1st National Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir will be held in June 2022?**

- 1) Udhampur
- 2) Srinagar
- 3) Doda
- 4) Anantnag
- 5) Jammu

**Answer- 2) Srinagar**

**Explanation:**

Jammu and Kashmir Film Development Council (**JKFDC**) in collaboration with National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting(MIB), Government of India is organising the **1st ever National Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K)**, in **Srinagar**, J&K from 15th to 20th June 2022.

**i.** The festival aims to highlight the film, music and creative ecosystem of J&K along with its natural and social cultural beauty of J&K and the festival will present the award under 3 categories including feature films, non-feature films and Music Videos.

**19. In which place India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) was established?**

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Answer- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Explanation:**

The Government of **Telangana** in collaboration with the pharmaceutical majors Dr. Reddy's Laboratory and Laurus Labs along with academia has set up **India's first-of-its-kind Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub)** at Dr. Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS) **Hyderabad, Telangana**, facilitating the pharmaceutical research and development (R&D) and adoption of continuous synthesis for making Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs).

**Objective:** To incorporate and promote efficient and sustainable technologies in the pharmaceutical sector.

**20. India's first Tribal Health Observatory (TriHOb) was established in\_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**Answer- 2) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The Government of **Odisha** has set up **India's first Tribal Health Observatory (TriHOb)**, which acts as a repository of health-related data of the tribal populations in **Odisha**.

**i.** It has been set as a part of the MoU signed between the Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) Development, Minorities and Other Backward Classes Welfare Department of Odisha and the

Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar, Odisha a regional centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

**21. Which company recently (in May'22) rolled out 'M15 Petrol' Methanol-Blended Petrol on a Pilot Basis in Tinsukia, Assam?**

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Limited
- 2) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- 3) Hindustan Petroleum Limited
- 4) Oil India Limited
- 5) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

**Answer- 5) Indian Oil Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOC**) rolled out **M15 petrol**, the 15 % blend of methanol with petrol, on a pilot basis in the **Tinsukia district** of Assam.

**i.** The Methanol blended petrol was launched by Rameswar Teli, Minister of State(MoS), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas(MoPNG).

**ii.** Tinsukia was chosen for the pilot launch due to the availability of methanol, which was manufactured by Assam Petrochemical Limited in the Digboi refinery.

**22. Which company recently (in May '22) partnered with the Center for Autism and other Disabilities Rehabilitation Research and Education (CADRRE) to launch India's first bridgital autism support network called 'Pay Attention - A Different Mind is a Gifted Mind'?**

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) Tata Power Community Development Trust
- 3) Tata Motors
- 4) Tata Steel Ltd
- 5) Tata Teleservices

**Answer- 2) Tata Power Community Development Trust**

**Explanation:**

Tata Power Community Development Trust (**TPCDT**) has partnered with the Center for Autism and other Disabilities Rehabilitation Research and Education (**CADRRE**) to launch 'Pay Attention - A different mind is a gifted mind', **India's first bridgital autism support network**.

**i.** This will enable small towns and rural India to access specialised care and support and help create an auxiliary network of champions for the differently abled.

**23. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the National Family Health Survey 2019-21 (NFHS-5) & Rural Health Statistics Publication for Year 2020-21 (RHS 2020-21)?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) released the NFHS-5 report which highlights the key finding that the Total Fertility Rates (TFR) has declined from 2.4 to 1.9 in India between NFHS-4 (2015-16) & NFHS-5.**
- B) Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Assam are the only five states in India that are above the replacement level of fertility of 2.1.**
- C) MoHFW has also launched the RHS 2020-21, there are 157819 Sub Centres (SC), 30579 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functioning in rural and urban areas (as on 31 March 2021).**

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

Answer- **3) Only C**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) released the NFHS-5 report which highlights the key finding that the Total Fertility Rates (TFR) has dropped **from 2.2 to 2.0** in India between **NFHS-4( 2015-16) & 5**.

- i. Bihar (2.98), Meghalaya (2.91), Uttar Pradesh (2.35), Jharkhand (2.26), and Manipur (2.17) are the **only five** states in India that are above the replacement level of fertility of 2.1.
- ii. Overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) in India has increased significantly from 54% to 67%.
- iii. MoHFW has also launched the RHS 2020-21, as on 31 March 2021, there are 157819 Sub Centres (SC), 30579 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and 5951 Community Health Centres (CHCs) functioning in rural and urban areas of the country.

**24. In May 2022, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) launched \_\_\_ One District One Product (ODOP) brands & 5 products under \_\_\_\_\_ scheme in New Delhi, Delhi.**

- 1) 6; Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana
- 2) 3; Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme
- 3) 4; Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- 4) 3; Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana
- 5) 4; Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme

Answer- **2) 3; Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme**

**Explanation:**

Pashupati Kumar Paras, Union Minister, Ministry of Food Processing Industries(MOFPI) launched the **3 One District One Product (ODOP) brands and 5 product** under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (**PMFME) Scheme** in New Delhi, Delhi.

Products	Brand	District/State
Jaggery Powder	Madhurmithas(new)	Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh
Dried Spicy Pineapple	Anaras (new)	Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya
Mango Pickle	Pind Se(new)	Amritsar, Punjab
Masala Paste	Kashmiri Mantra(launched in January 2022)	Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir(J&K)
Lemon Honey	Madhumantra(launched in January 2022)	Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh(UP)

**25. In May 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became India's 1st state to introduce a scheme named "Jivhala" to offer loans to prisoners .**

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

Answer- **2) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

The **Maharashtra** Department of Prisons initiated India's 1st-of-its-kind loan scheme namely 'Jivhala' for inmates serving sentences in jails across the state for more than 3 years. It is offered by Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.

- i. Its pilot was launched by Maharashtra's Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil at Yerawada Central Prison in Pune (Maharashtra), and will gradually be extended to nearly 60 prisons across the state. Jivhala means affection in Marathi.
- ii. The Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank will provide in the initial phase, a loan of Rs 50,000 will be given at a 7% interest rate.

**26. Which state recently (in May '22) launched the 'e-Adhigam' scheme to provide tablet computers to Class 10 and Class 12 grade students for their online education?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Punjab
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **1) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

The **Haryana** State Government launches '**e-Adhigam**' scheme under which nearly 3 lakh students will be receiving tablet computers to aid their online education. Under the scheme, Class 10 and Class 12 students of Haryana Board will be eligible to receive free tablets with 2GB internet data.

- i. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the Advance Digital Haryana Initiative of Government with Adaptive Modules (Adigham) scheme at Maharishi Dayanand University in Rohtak, Haryana.

**27. As per the National Statistical Office (NSO)'s 13th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), Unemployment Rate (UR) for Persons of 15 years and above in Urban Areas declined to \_\_\_\_ in Q3-2021 (October-December 2021) from 10.3% in Q3-2020.**

- 1) 8.7%
- 2) 9.6%
- 3) 8.2%
- 4) 9.8%
- 5) 9.5%

Answer- **1) 8.7%**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the **13th** Periodic Labour Force Survey (**PLFS**) by the National Statistical Office (**NSO**), the Unemployment Rate (**UR**) for persons of 15 years and above in urban areas dipped to **8.7%** in October-December (**Q3**) **2021** from 10.3% in Q3-2020. It was 9.8% in July-September (Q2) 2021.

- i. UR among females also declined to 10.5% in Q3-2021 from 13.1% in October - December 2020 and Among males, the UR also declined to 8.3% in Q3-2021 compared to 9.5% in October - December 2020.
- ii. Worker Population Ratio (**WPR**) in CWS was 43.2% in Q3-2021, compared to 42.4% in October - December 2020.

iii. Labour Force Participation Rate (**LFPR**) in CWS (Current Weekly Status) remained unchanged at 47.3% in Q3-2021, compared to October – December 2020.

**28. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is set to run its first \_\_\_\_\_ train on 21st June, 2022, covering the Ramayana Circuit, which will include a stop at Nepal's Janakpur.**

- 1) Dibrugarh Puri Train
- 2) Dakshin Darshan Special Tourist Train
- 3) Takht Parikrama Train
- 4) Jyotirling Yatra Train
- 5) Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train

Answer- **5) Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**) is set to run its **First 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train'** on June 21, 2022. The proposed 17 Nights/18 Days pilgrimage will run on **Ramayana Circuit** identified under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, covering prominent places associated with the life of Lord Shri Rama, including Ram Janaki temple in Janakpur located in Nepal.

i. The Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train is the Government of India's initiative of Dekho Apna Desh, to promote domestic tourism.

**29. In May 2022, a new electoral map for Jammu and Kashmir was released.**

**How many total seats are created in Jammu and Kashmir, as per the Delimitation Commission?**

- 1) 87
- 2) 95
- 3) 80
- 4) 75
- 5) 90

Answer- **5) 90**

**Explanation:**

Redrawing the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir, a three-member **Delimitation Commission** earmarked 47 Assembly seats for Kashmir division and 43 for Jammu in its final order submitted just a day before its two-year tenure was to end. The **total number of seats** in Jammu & Kashmir to **90** from **83 earlier**.

i. The three members of the panel are retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai(head) with two other ex-officio members, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir KK Sharma.

**30. In May 2022, India received its '1st Semi High-Speed Regional Train' for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project.**

**Which company designed the High-Speed Regional Train?**

- 1) Alstom
- 2) Electric Locomotive Factory
- 3) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 4) Larsen & Toubro
- 5) Chittaranjan Locomotives Works

**Answer- 1) Alstom**

**Explanation:**

**India** received its **first semi high-speed regional train** for the 1st phase of National Capital Region Transport Corporation's (NCRTC) 82.5 km long **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS** (Regional Rapid Transit System) line, from **Alstom**, a global leader in smart and sustainable mobility.

- i.** It is designed at Alstom's Hyderabad engineering centre and manufactured at Savli and Its design is inspired by Delhi's iconic Lotus Temple with the speed of 180 kmph
- ii.** It is expected to reduce the travel time between Delhi and Meerut by 40%.

**31. According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st state to develop 10 GigaWatt (GW) solar power generation (as of May'22).**

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Punjab

**Answer- 2) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, **Rajasthan** is fast emerging as the solar hub after becoming the **first state** in India to develop **10 GigaWatt (GW)** or 10,506 MegaWatt (MW) Large Scale Solar Power generation out of total 49,346 MW of Solar power.

- i.** Of the 10,506 MW shared Solar – 9,542 MW is from ground-mounted solar, 668 MW is from rooftop Solar and 296 MW is from the off-grid Sector.
- ii.** Rajasthan has a total of 32.5 GW of installed power capacity, out of which 55 percent was from renewable energy, 43 percent from thermal and 2 percent from Nuclear Energy.

**32. In May 2022, The Lokpal of India gets its own office at the World Trade Centre Building in New Delhi, Delhi.**

**Who is the current (as of May'22) chairman of Lokpal?**

- 1) Ranjit Sinha
- 2) Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- 3) Ranjan Gogoi
- 4) Dipak Misra
- 5) Vinod Rai

**Answer- 2) Pinaki Chandra Ghose**

**Explanation:**

The **Lokpal of India** is slated to start a new office at the World Trade Centre in Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi, Delhi.

- i.** According to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, the office is spread over 59,504 square feet on two floors, and was purchased for Rs. 254.88 crore.
- ii.** As of May 2022, Justice **Pinaki Chandra Ghose is the Chairman of Lokpal**, 5 years after the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act was passed in 2013, Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose was appointed as **India's first chairperson of Lokpal** along with eight other members in 2019.

**iii.** Ambit of Lokpal: Anyone who is or has been Prime Minister, a Minister in the Union government, or a Member of Parliament, as well as officers of the Union government in Groups A, B, C, and D, can be investigated by the Lokpal.

**33. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 'Vital Statistics of India Based on the Civil Registration System (CRS) 2020' released by Office of the Registrar General in May 2022?**

**A) The number of registered births has decreased from 2.48 crore in 2019 to 2.42 crore in the year 2020.**

**B) The number of registered deaths has increased from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakhs in 2020.**

**C) Bihar has the maximum increase in the death rate with 18.3% followed by Maharashtra.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

The Office of the Registrar General under the Ministry Of Home Affairs (MHA) has released its annual report namely 'Vital Statistics of India Based on the Civil Registration System (CRS) 2020' (1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020).

**i.** The number of registered **births** has **decreased** from 2.48 crore in 2019 to 2.42 crore in the year 2020 and the number of **registered deaths** has **increased** from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakhs in 2020.

**ii. Bihar** has the maximum increase in the death rate with 18.3% followed by Maharashtra with 16.6% and Assam with 14.7%.

**iii.** Lakshadweep recorded the maximum change in the birth rate of 14.3% followed by Haryana with 11.7% and Bihar with 8.4%.

**34. Which organisation recently (in May '22) launched 'Green Health Alliance (GHA)' in collaboration with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), Catalyst Group & the Rockefeller Foundation?**

1) World Trade Organization

2) United States Agency for International Development

3) International Labour Organization

4) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

5) United Nations Development Programme

**Answer- 2) United States Agency for International Development**

**Explanation:**

The Catalyst Group, a social enterprise platform, has announced the establishment of the Green Health Alliance (GHA) in **New Delhi (Delhi)**, in collaboration with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India (GoI), the United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**), and the Rockefeller Foundation.



i. The Alliance will work on identifying and scaling up solutions to help reduce the health system's carbon footprint and so mitigate the negative health effects of climate change.

**35. Which organisation recently (in May'22) collaborated with NITI Aayog to Focus on Emerging Tech to Benefit Small and Marginal Farmers?**

- 1) Asian Development Bank
- 2) International Monetary Fund
- 3) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 4) World Economic Forum
- 5) World Bank

Answer- **4) World Economic Forum**

**Explanation:**

The World Economic Forum (**WEF**), in collaboration with India's think tank National Institution for Transforming India (**NITI Aayog**), is focusing on better utilising emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, and drones to benefit small and marginal farmers and boost their economies.

i. On January 23, 2018, the World Economic Forum announced the establishment of the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) in India at the Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland and it acts as a platform for technology governance in the Indian context, assisting core sectors like agriculture, health, urban transformation, urban space, and the environment in harnessing the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

**36. Which state recently (in May '22) got the largest solar power project with a 90 MW capacity that was commissioned by Azure Power?**

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Assam

Answer- **5) Assam**

**Explanation:**

**Azure Power** has successfully commissioned its 90 MW solar power project in **Assam**, the **largest in the state**. The **90 megawatts (MW)** capacity is spread across four districts of Assam: Udalguri, Kamrup, Nagaon, and Cachar.

i. The project was commissioned in phases, with the final 25 MW commissioned in Cachar.

**37. The Ministry of MSME recently (in May' 22) launched the '2nd phase of the MSME RuPAY Credit Card' with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and 4 banks.**

**Which of the following is "not" among the banks that are part of the 2nd Phase of MSME Rupay Credit Card (as of May 2022)?**

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) SBM Bank India
- 5) HDFC Bank

Answer- **3) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Narayan Rane, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (M/oMSME) launched the second phase of **MSME RuPAY Credit Card** with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and four banks, viz. **Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bank of Baroda, SBM Bank (India) and HDFC Bank.**

- i.** The launch was made during the 'National conference of MSME- Development Institutes, Testing Centers and Technology Centres', that was held in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ii.** This card will provide a simplified payment mechanism to MSMEs to meet their business-related operational expenses.

**38. In May 2022, RailTel launched the 'PM-WANI' scheme-based access to its public WiFi services across 100 railway stations in India.**

**What is the full form of PM-WANI?**

- 1) Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface
- 2) Prime Minister Wi-Fi Acquire Network Interface
- 3) Prime Minister Wi-Fi Area Network Interface
- 4) Prime Minister Wi-Fi Array Network Interface
- 5) Prime Minister Wireless Access Network Interface

Answer- **1) Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface**

**Explanation:**

**RailTel**, a mini Ratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under Ministry of Railways launched **Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI)** scheme based access of its Public WiFi services across 100 Railway Stations in India having 2384 WiFi hotspots.

- i.** It was launched by Puneet Chawla, Chairman and Managing Director, RailTel.
- ii.** To access this WiFi network, an android based Mobile App named 'Wi-DOT' can be used which is available on Google Play Store. It has been developed in close coordination with C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics).

**39. In May 2022, India and the UK government jointly created a 'new UK India Industry Taskforce' for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Petroleum Procurement
- 2) Textile Equipment
- 3) Medicine Equipment
- 4) Free Trade Agreement
- 5) Defence Procurement

Answer- **4) Free Trade Agreement**

**Explanation:**

The London, United Kingdom (**UK**)-based Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and **India's** Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have created a **new UK India Industry Taskforce**, a joint commission to increase cross-industry collaboration, and to push the UK-India **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**.

- i.** This taskforce is a part of MoU to provide a critical forum for discussion to ensure the FTA benefit the businesses of both nations.
- ii.** The FTA deal is expected to be signed by October 2022.

**40. Which organisation recently (in May'22) launched the AIM-PRIME (Program for Researchers in Innovations, Market-Readiness, and Entrepreneurship) Playbook to help academicians launch deep-tech enterprises?**

- 1) National Skill Development Corporation
- 2) National Art Education Association
- 3) Atal Innovation Mission-NITI Aayog
- 4) National Council for Teacher Education
- 5) National Education Association

**Answer- 3) Atal Innovation Mission- NITI Aayog**

**Explanation:**

Atal Innovation Mission (**AIM**), (National Institution for Transforming India) **NITI Aayog**, have launched the **AIM-PRIME** (Program for Researchers in Innovations, Market-Readiness & Entrepreneurship) **Playbook** – a practical guide to science-based entrepreneurship, at the event organised at the Dr Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi, Delhi.

**i.** AIM-PRIME, an initiative of Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, implemented through Venture Center, Pune and supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Office of Principal Scientific Advisor(PSA).

**41. India's 1st organic waste-powered EV charging station was inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Surat, Gujarat
- 5) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

**Answer- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

Maharashtra Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray inaugurated India's **first organic waste-powered EV charging station** at Keshavrao Khadye road near Haji Ali in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

**i.** The project is a joint venture between the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and AeroCare Clean Energy.

**ii.** This station is expected to generate 220 units of electricity from food waste collected from its nearby areas, mostly from bulk generators like hotels and offices and this energy plant will be utilized to powering street lights and also to charge electric vehicles.

**42. In May 2022, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) announced the 'World's largest film restoration project' under the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM).**

**How much amount was allocated to the World's largest film restoration project?**

- 1) Rs. 363 crores
- 2) Rs. 298 crores
- 3) Rs. 538 crores
- 4) Rs. 124 crores
- 5) Rs. 427 crores

**Answer- 1) Rs. 363 crores**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) Shri. **Anurag Singh Thakur** has announced the **World's largest film restoration project** under National Film Heritage Mission (**NFHM**) with a budget of **Rs.363 crores**. The restoration project is set to begin at National Film Archive of India (NFAI).

i. NFAI undertook the restoration of 10 prestigious Satyajit Ray films. Of which, Pratiksha has been selected to premiere in the Cannes Classics section of the 2022 edition.

**43. In which state, the Indian Army set to establish the "Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness", a coaching centre to provide residential coaching to students for competitive examinations?**

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

Answer- **1) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

**Indian Army** is set to establish the "**Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness**" a Centre for Excellence and Wellness for coaching and making underprivileged students of **Manipur** eligible for admission to the best colleges and universities in India. The Centre will be located in the Bishnupur district, Manipur.

i. The Red Shield Division under the aegis of Spear Corps of the Indian Army signed a tripartite MoU with corporate partner, the State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF) and training partner, National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO) to establish the coaching centre to provide year-long fully residential coaching for competitive examinations including NEET and JEE.

**44. \_\_\_\_\_ became India's 1st state to restore the old pension scheme in order to provide income to retired employees.**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Tripura
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **5) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

**Chhattisgarh** has become the **first state** in the country to **restore the old pension scheme** in order to provide assured income to retired employees.

i. The state issued Gazette notification to switch back to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) from National Pension Scheme (NPS) will be effective from April 1, 2022.

ii. The state has also sent a detailed proposal to Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to withdraw '17,000 crore accrued under the market-driven National Pension System (NPS) since November 2004.

**45. Name the India's 1st 'Made-In-India' electric bus that was launched by EKA electric vehicle manufacturer company in May 2022.**

- 1) EKA A2
- 2) EKA C9
- 3) EKA B6
- 4) EKA P1
- 5) EKA E9

**Answer- 5) EKA E9**

**Explanation:**

**EKA**, a commercial electric vehicle manufacturer and a subsidiary of Pinnacle Industries, has unveiled the **E9, a new electric bus**. The e-bus was introduced at the Pune Alternate Fuel Conclave (AFC) by Maharashtra's Minister for Tourism and Environment, Aaditya Thackeray, alongside Sudhir Mehta, Chairman of EKA and Pinnacle Industries Limited.

**i.** The **EKA E9** is claimed to be the country's first completely 'Made-In-India' 9- metre pure electric, zero-emission bus.

**ii.** The E9, according to EKA, is the first battery-electric bus with a new streamlined vehicle design, optimised power and range, and the battery system is safe, durable, and efficient, with a powerful Li-Ion battery suitable for city operations.

**46. In May 2022, National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDCI) signed an MoU with Hindustan Ports Private Limited to set up Skill India International Centre in which city?**

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

**Answer- 3) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) International(**NSDCI**) and Hindustan Ports Private Limited(**HPPL**), the Indian unit of United Arab Emirates(UAE)'s DP World have signed an MoU to set up **Skill India International Centre** at **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.

**i.** This aims to skill Indian youth for pursuing overseas employment opportunities in logistics, port operations and allied areas.

**ii.** This will also strengthen the relationship between UAE and India and help enhance workforce productivity.

**47. Which state's Startup Policy was recently (in May'22) launched by the PM Narendra Modi?**

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

**Answer- 2) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched the “**Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy**” during the **Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave** held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh (MP) and addressed the startup community through video conferencing.

- i. He also launched the Madhya Pradesh Startup portal which will promote the startup ecosystem.
- ii. The new startup policy of MP offers special attention to the development of the startup ecosystem and it will provide an additional 20% support to women-led start-ups and create enthusiasm for innovation and start-ups among school and college-level students through special programs.

**48. Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary was recently (in May '22) notified as India's 52nd Tiger Reserve (TR).**

**The Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve became the 4th Tiger reserve in which state?**

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

**Answer- 3) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

The **Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary** covering Bundi, Bhilwara and Kota districts of Rajasthan was notified as **India's 52nd Tiger Reserve (TR)** and 4th Tiger reserve in **Rajasthan**.

- i. The In-Principle approval was given by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on July 5, 2021.
- ii. The proposed Tiger reserve connects the two major tiger corridors of Ranthambore and Mukundra reserves of Rajasthan, spread across 1,501.89 Square Kilometre and is also home to other wildlife animals like Indian wolf, leopard, striped hyena, chinkara, antelope and foxes among other animals.

**49. Which ministry recently (in May'22) launched the 'BHARAT TAP initiative & Nirmal Jal Prayas Initiative' at the 'Plumbex India' exhibition at New Delhi, Delhi?**

- 1) Ministry of Rural Development
- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 3) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 4) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**Answer- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

**Explanation:**

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the BHARAT TAP initiative and Nirmal Jal Prayas Initiative at the '**Plumbex India**' exhibition at New Delhi.

- i. **BHARAT TAP** was launched to provide low-flow, sanitary ware at scale and thereby reduce water consumption at source considerably.
- ii. National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) MAHI's '**Nirmal Jal Prayas**' initiative which would save 500 crore litres of water per year.

**50. Which state recently (in May'22) launched the 'Lok Milni' programme for the redressal of public grievances?**

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer- 4) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

**Punjab** chief minister Bhagwant Mann has launched his government's flagship '**lok milni**' (public interaction) **program** for on-the-spot redressal of the people's grievances.

**i.** Facilitate the people for resolving their long pending administrative issues and The program would ease the people to solve their grievances by ensuring a single window platform for redressal of people's complaints.

**ii.** Earlier, the program was named as 'janta darbar' and now as Lok Milni.

**51. Which state recently (in May '22) named "Nanjarayan Tank" as its 17th bird sanctuary?**

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

**Answer- 3) Tamilnadu**

**Explanation:**

The **Tamilnadu** State Minister of Forests, **K Ramachandran** announced in the Legislative Assembly of Tamilnadu for the creation of **Nanjarayan Tank** in Tiruppur district as a **Bird Sanctuary** with the budgetary support of Rs 7.5 crore.

**i.** Nanjarayan Tank is the 17th Bird Sanctuary in the State and extends across 125.86 hectares which was built by the then local King Nanjarayan as a source for irrigation.

**ii.** K Ramachandran also mentioned the creation of two more Sanctuaries later this year (2022) namely – Slender Loris Sanctuaries in Dindigul and Karur districts to the tune of 5 crore and Elephant sanctuary at Krishnagiri district.

**52. In May 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the \_\_\_\_ party assessment of Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) in 18 states of India in New Delhi, Delhi.**

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

**Answer- 4) 3rd**

**Explanation:**

Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare released the findings of a **third party assessment** of Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (**AB-HWC**) in **18 states** of India in New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. The 18 states were selected to cover the spectrum of epidemiological transition levels as defined by the Global Burden of Disease India study with a higher focus on North-Eastern states.
- ii. The third party assessment was done in two phases by Non-Governmental entities, Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (**GRAAM**) and Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynaecology and Obstetrics (Jhpiego) along with the All India Institute Of Medical Science (AIIMS), New Delhi from the Government Sector for the year 2020-21.

**53. In May 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 'India's first 5G testbed' during the silver jubilee celebrations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).**

**The project was developed as a multi-institute collaborative project by eight institutes, led by which IIT?**

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

Answer- **3) IIT Madras**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a programme marking the silver jubilee celebrations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (**TRAI**) via video conferencing. TRAI was established in 1997 by an Act of Parliament, called the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

- i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first 5G testbed to enable startups and industry players to test and validate their products locally and reduce dependence on foreign facilities.
- ii. It was developed as a multi-institute collaborative project by eight institutes led by **IIT Madras**.
- iii. This 5G testbed was set up at a cost of around ₹ 220 crore and will be available at 5 different locations.

**54. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the cabinet approval in May 2022?**

**A) The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels 2016.**

**B) Under the National Policy on Biofuels, the target of 20% ethanol-petrol blending advanced by 5 years to 2027-28 from 2032.**

**C) The Union Cabinet also approved the proposal for empowering the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) to recommend and undertake the disinvestment or Closure of their subsidiaries.**

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



**Answer-2) Only C**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels **2018**.

- i.** Under the National Policy on Biofuels, the target of 20% ethanol-petrol blending advanced by 5 years to **2025-26** from **2030**.
- ii.** The Union Cabinet also approved the proposal for empowering the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) to recommend and undertake the disinvestment (both strategic disinvestment and minority stake sale) or closure of any of their subsidiaries/units/stake in joint ventures (JVs).
- iii.** This decision is in line with the new PSE policy, 2021 to minimize the presence of government PSEs.

**55. Name the ministry that recently (in May'22) launched Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) and Scientific Research Infrastructure Sharing Maintenance and Networks (SRIMAN)**

**Guidelines.**

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

**Answer- 5) Ministry of Science and Technology**

**Explanation:**

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), **Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T)**, has launched the Scientific Social Responsibility (**SSR**) and Scientific Research Infrastructure Sharing Maintenance and Networks (**SRIMAN**) **Guidelines** on the occasion of National Technology Day function (11th May 2022) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- i.** The SSR is an institutional mechanism with a broad goal to harness the latent potential of the scientific community on a voluntary basis, for promoting science-society linkages and hence make the S&T ecosystem responsive to societal requirements.
- ii.** The SRIMAN guidelines were drafted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the MoS&T to create a network of key stakeholders to promote effective use and wider access of research infrastructure (RI) to scientists, researchers, and industry professionals across India.

**56. Which state/UT is set to organising its 1st ever Bird Festival to promote sustainable ecotourism?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Delhi

**Answer- 3) Jammu and Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

A first of its kind **Bird Festival** is going to be organized in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) to promote sustainable ecotourism and give impetus to nature-based alternative sources of livelihood for the local people.

i. The festival is planned to be held in Pahalgam and Dachigam, Jammu and Kashmir. The Tourism Department, Forests and Wildlife Departments with the support of Sanctuary Nature Foundation will conduct the pre-festival bird watching trails for more than a month all across J&K.

**57. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) recently (in May '22) has announced a new Government Guarantee Policy (GGP), according to which the Central Government will not provide guarantees aggregating to an amount more than \_\_\_\_\_ (percentage) of GDP in any financial year.**

- 1) 1%
- 2) 2 %
- 3) 1.5 %
- 4) 0.5 %
- 5) 3 %

Answer- **4) 0.5 %**

**Explanation:**

The need for a new GGP has become essential as the volume of sovereign guarantees undertaken during a financial year is capped under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act of 2003.

- The Act states that the Central Government will not provide guarantees aggregating to an amount more than 0.5 % of GDP in any financial year.

**58. The Tourism Ministry established YUVA Tourism Club recently (in May '22) with the support of which Education Boards?**

- 1) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- 2) Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE)
- 3) International Baccalaureate (IB)
- 4) National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)
- 5) Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE)

Answer- **1) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**

**Explanation:**

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has instructed all the CBSE affiliated schools to form Yuva Tourism Club. The Ministry of Tourism initiated the establishment of the 'YUVA Tourism Clubs', as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, to promote national integration and the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

These clubs are expected to facilitate the development of soft skills like teamwork, management, and leadership besides encouraging the adoption of responsible tourism practices and concern for sustainable tourism.

**59. Recently (in May '22)- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications, has abolished (NOCC) charges for the use of space segments for all services.**

**What does the 'O' stands for (NOCC) in Network \_\_\_\_\_ and Control Centre?**

- 1) Occupied
- 2) Optimum
- 3) Operation

4) Outreach

5) Online

Answer- **3) Operation**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications, has abolished the Network Operation and Control Centre (**NOCC**) charges that are levied on the use of space segments by telecom service providers for satellite telephony, broadband, and others.

**60. In May 2022, the 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) approved 11 projects worth of \_\_\_\_\_ to develop water infrastructure projects along the River Ganga.**

1) Rs 550 crores

2) Rs 800 crores

3) Rs 120 crores

4) Rs 200 crores

5) Rs 660 crores

Answer- **5) Rs 660 crores**

**Explanation:**

The 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga (**NMCG**) under the Chairmanship of G. Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG approved **11 projects** with an estimated cost of approx **Rs 660 crores** to develop Water Infrastructure Projects along the River Ganga.

**i.** Projects approved for Interception, Diversion and Treatment Works in Saharanpur Town focusing on cleaning River Hindon, Uttar Pradesh.

**ii.** Rejuvenation of Chamunda Mai Pond in GarhMukteshwar, Uttar Pradesh, was announced. The total area of the pond to be rejuvenated is about 10,626 Square metres and the Environmental Upgradation of Shivna River in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh, with the cost of Rs. 28.68 crore dol immersion facility.

**61. Which institute recently (in May '22) partnered with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in the United States of America to Create A Global Just Transition Network?**

1) IIT Bombay

2) IIT Delhi

3) IIT Madras

4) IIT Kharagpur

5) IIT Kanpur

Answer- **5) IIT Kanpur**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) Kanpur's Just Transition Research Centre (**JTRC**) has partnered with the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (**CSIS**) in Washington D.C., United States of America(**USA**) to work on energy transition globally, including in India under Global Just Transition Network (**GJTN**).

**i.** IIT Kanpur and CSIS will co-arrange a sequence of workshops and bilateral conferences between senior officers and different key stakeholders from coal-dependent states/provinces in India, the United States, and South Africa.

ii. Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana are among the Indian states with which the IIT-CSIS collaboration will interact, allowing them to access assets and connect with senior officers working on simple transition in other countries.

**62. The Greenko Group is to set up the 'World's largest Integrated Renewable Energy Storage Project (IRESP)' in which state?**

- 1) Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tumkur, Karnataka.
- 4) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 5) Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **2) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The **Greenko Group** and the Government of Andhra Pradesh is setting up the World's largest Integrated Renewable Energy Storage Project (**IRESP**) with a capacity to store 5,230 Mega Watt (MW), in the **Kurnool** district of **Andhra Pradesh**. It will be the first-of-its-kind Single location energy storage project with wind and solar capacities.

i. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by the last quarter of 2023.

ii. It is being implemented with an investment of over USD 3 billion comprising pumped storage (10,800 megawatt hour of daily storage), solar (3,000 MW) and wind (550 MW) and the project will help avoid 15 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually which is equivalent to emissions from three million cars.

**63. Name the state/UT government that recently (on May'22) inducted two robots into their firefighting fleets.**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **2) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

**Delhi Government** has undertaken a unique initiative of using robots for extinguishing fires in Delhi. By inducting the two robots into Delhi's firefighting fleets, the fire fighters would be able to extinguish fires easily in narrow streets, warehouses, basements, stairs, forests and enter places like oil and chemical tankers and factories.

i. For the first time such remote control robots have been brought into the country which are capable of controlling fire remotely.

ii. Robots will also be capable of releasing high water pressure at the rate of 2,400 litres per minute and the machine can be operated remotely from a distance of 300 metres with externalities by fire, smoke, heat, or any other adverse condition.

**64. Which state government will launch India's first state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named "CSpace" in November 2022?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Telangana

- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **5) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

The Government of **Kerala** is set to launch **India's first State-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform** named "**CSpace**" on 1st November 2022. This will be managed by Kerala State Film Development Corporation (**KSFDC**).

**i.** The registration of the films to be streamed on CSpace will begin in June 2022. This will allow the user to watch a particular film by paying for it alone and This initiative will ensure a long-lasting income for the producers like a pension on their intellectual property.

**65. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) recently (in May '22) extended the deadline for submission of bids for the strategic disinvestment of Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL) till 6th June 2022.**

**Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL) is a 100 % subsidiary of MSTC Ltd, comes under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Steel
- 2) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- 3) Ministry of Power
- 4) Ministry of Mines
- 5) Ministry of Heavy Industries

Answer- **1) Ministry of Steel**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (**DIPAM**) has extended the deadline for submission of bids for the strategic disinvestment of Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL), a 100 % subsidiary of MSTC Ltd., under the **Ministry of Steel**.

**i.** It has extended the deadline by a month to June 6, 2022 (earlier it was May 05, 2022), and clarified that the company is in the process of extending its existing contracts.

**ii.** The Indian government has also set the disinvestment target of Rs. 65,000 crores for FY23 (2022–2023).

**66. Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently (on 20th May 2022) participated as the chief guest in the \_\_\_\_ Annual Day commemoration of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) held in New Delhi, Delhi.**

- 1) 12th
- 2) 14th
- 3) 11th
- 4) 13th
- 5) 15th

Answer- **4) 13th**

**Explanation:**

Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, participated as the chief guest in the **13th Annual Day** commemoration of the Competition

Commission of India (CCI) held in the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

i. Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementations; Planning and MoS Corporate Affairs. Participated in the event as Guest of Honour.

**67. Which ministry recently (in May'22) inaugurated India's first Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) in New Delhi, Delhi?**

- 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 3) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 4) Ministry of Textiles
- 5) Ministry of Labour and Employment

**Answer- 2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**

**Explanation:**

Narayan Rane, Union Minister for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) inaugurated India's first Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. The CoEK is set up at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) as a hub in Delhi and spokes in Bangalore, Gandhinagar, Kolkata, and Shillong.

ii. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has collaborated with National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to set up the CoEK in NIFT, New Delhi, Delhi. The MoU regarding this was signed in 2021.

**68. Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently (in May '22) inaugurated and laid various projects worth Rs.1180 crore for the development of the North-east Region in which city?**

- 1) Imphal, Manipur
- 2) Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Champhai, Mizoram
- 4) Dharmanagar, Tripura
- 5) Nagaon, Assam

**Answer- 2) Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had inaugurated and laid various projects worth Rs.1180 crore for the development of the North-east Region in **Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh**.

i. In the strategically important state bordering China, an MoU was exchanged on building Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) or National Defence University (NDU) campus at Pasighat in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

ii. The 2,000 MW Lower Subansiri hydroelectric power project will be operational by 2023. 2,880 MW Dibang multipurpose project, the biggest in the world, will be launched in upcoming months.

**69. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the 1st Indian State to Roll Out Commercial Drone Services in the Healthcare Sector.**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Uttarakhand

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Redcliffe Labs, a unit of Redcliffe Lifetech Inc based in the United States of America (USA), has opened its commercial drone corridor between Uttarkashi and Dehradun in the State of **Uttarakhand**. This will be the first commercial drone flight in India's healthcare sector.

The project was a part of Redcliffe and Skye Air collaboration for using drones and in the recent past approx. 40 successful trials have been done in the Northern parts of India.

**70. Which state government recently (in May'22) launched the "Kalaigharin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme"?**

1) Telangana

2) Kerala

3) Tamil Nadu

4) Karnataka

5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu** M.K. Stalin remotely launched the "**Kalaigharin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme**" in the districts of Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri and Erode. The Programme would be implemented in all 12,525 village panchayats across the State during five years.

**i.** Under this scheme, coconut saplings, home farming saplings, horticultural saplings, sprays needed for farming, kit for vegetable garden would be distributed and a 100% subsidy would be provided to Adi Dravida farmers for sinking wells in dry lands, employ drip irrigation, and to dig farm ponds.

**ii.** In Dharmapuri, the project envisions an allocation of ₹ 227 crore for the development of 57 villages, over 1,997 village panchayats and 9 lakh families dependent on farming .

**71. In May 2022, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the 8th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2023 (SS 2023) under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 with the Theme of \_\_\_\_.**

1) Valuing cleanliness

2) Plastic Waste free India

3) Clean India

4) Waste to Wealth

5) Garbage free India

Answer- **4) Waste to Wealth**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) launched the **8th** edition of Swachh Survekshan 2023 (SS 2023) under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 (**SBMU 2.0**). It is an annual cleanliness survey with the theme of "**Waste to Wealth**" for garbage free cities.

**i.** The SS 2023 would be in-line with the vision Garbage free cities, as enumerated in SBMU 2.0 launched on 1st October 2021. The theme of SS 2023 is also aligned to SBMU 2.0's commitment of promoting circularity in waste management, which is one of key objectives under the Mission.

**72. In which state, India's first Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) was launched to help children become active, healthy, and responsible citizens?**

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

Answer- **5) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**Odisha** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched **India's first** Olympic Values Education Programme (**OVEP**) in the state of **Odisha**. It will be implemented in 90 schools across two smart cities Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in the first phase. OVEP launched in 27 schools in Rourkela and 63 schools in Bhubaneswar.

**i. Objective** – This values-based curriculum was initiated to help children become active, healthy and responsible citizens.

**ii.** The first Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India has been launched by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

**73. \_\_\_\_\_ became the First Metro City in India to prepare a People's Biodiversity Register (PBR).**

- 1) Indore
- 2) Bangalore
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Hyderabad
- 5) Mumbai

Answer- **3) Kolkata**

**Explanation:**

During the UN International Biodiversity Day (22 May), **Kolkata** Municipal Corporation (KMC) released the People's Biodiversity Register (**PBR**) for the city, the first-of-its-kind report of any Indian metro.

**i.** Kolkata is the first major metro to prepare the PBR. Chandigarh and Indore are other important cities which have prepared the document. PBR was released by Firhad Hakim – Mayor of KMC.

**ii.** The Biodiversity Register is prepared by the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) of the civic body under the supervision of the state biodiversity board and with help from NGOs.

**iii.** PBR contains elaborate details about the various flora and fauna within Kolkata as well as its land uses and human activities.

**74. \_\_\_\_\_ Became the first woman combat aviator to join the Indian Army Aviation Corps as a helicopter pilot.**

- 1) Gunjan Saxena (Himachal Pradesh)
- 2) Avani Chaturvedi (Madhya Pradesh)
- 3) Abhilasha Barak (Haryana)
- 4) Bhawna Kanth (Bihar)
- 5) Shivangi Singh (Varanasi)

Answer- **3) Abhilasha Barak (Haryana)**



**Explanation:**

Captain **Abhilasha Barak**, (26 years old) from **Haryana**, has become the first woman combat aviator to join the Indian Army Aviation Corps as a helicopter pilot. She graduated at a ceremony held at the Combat Army Aviation Training School in Nashik, Maharashtra.

- i. She was awarded the wings' along with 36 army pilots by Army Aviation Director General (DG) Lieutenant General Ajay Kumar Suri (AK Suri) at the ceremony.
- ii. She has been assigned to the 2nd flight of the 2072 Army Aviation Squadron that operates the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH).

**75. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) recently (in May '22) approved the sale of the government's 29.58% stake in which company at Rs 38000 crore?**

- 1) Hindustan Zinc Limited
- 2) Hindalco Industries Limited
- 3) National Aluminium Company
- 4) Hindustan Copper Limited
- 5) Bharat Aluminium Company

Answer- **1) Hindustan Zinc Limited**

**Explanation:**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (**CCEA**) approved the sale of the government's **29.58% stake** in Hindustan Zinc Limited (**HZL**), as a part of the efforts of the government of India(GoI) to accelerate its disinvestment drive.

- i. The sale of a 29.58% stake represents more than 124.96 crore shares which would raise around Rs 38000 crore at the current market price.

**76. Which state recently (in May'22) celebrated the 4th edition of the Shirui Lily Festival?**

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

Answer- **3) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

The **4th edition** of the **Shirui Lily Festival** began at Shirui village in **Manipur's Ukhrul district**. This edition is taking place after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The **four-day-long** festival was inaugurated by the Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan along with the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at Shirui Village Ground in Ukhrul district.

- i. The Shirui Lily (State Flower of Manipur) blooms from late May to early June only on Shirui village hilltop in Manipur state and the traditional music, food and games are exhibited during the Shirui Lily Festival to spread awareness about the rare Shirui flower and encourage tourism in Manipur.
- ii. During the occasion, a sum of ₹46 crore has been sanctioned under the minority affairs Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) scheme for the construction of Shirui Heritage Village and the upgradation of Bakshi Ground.

**77. The Government of India aims to build \_\_\_\_\_ km (Total) of highways in 2022-2023(FY2023).**

- 1) 50, 000 km
- 2) 20, 000 km
- 3) 12,000 km
- 4) 18,000 km
- 5) 10, 000 km

**Answer- 4) 18,000 km**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (**GoI**) aims to increase its infrastructure spending and plans to build 50 Kilometre(Km) highways every day totalling **18000 km** of highways in the financial year 2022-2023(FY2023).

- i.** The GoI aims to complete the construction of a 2 lakh km national highway(NH) network by 2025.
- ii.** The National Highways Authority of India(NHAI) has constructed a total length of 4325 km of NHs which is higher than 4218 km in FY21 and 3979 in FY20.

**78. Which state government recently (in May'22) launched a portal for Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) Paddy Sowing Technique?**

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

**Answer- 3) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

**Punjab** Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched a **portal** to facilitate farmers opting for the direct seeding of rice (**DSR**) **technique** for paddy sowing.

**i.** The portal can be accessed at '**agrimachinerypb.com**' which would be instrumental in compiling data about each and every farmer who opted for the DSR technique and the Punjab government has decided to give Rs 1,500 per acre incentive to each of the farmers who sow paddy through the DSR technique.

**ii. About Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR):** Paddy seeds are drilled into the field with the help of a machine that does seeding of rice and spray of herbicide simultaneously, through this traditional method, first young paddy plants are raised by farmers in nurseries and then these plants are uprooted and transplanted in a puddled field.

**79. In May 2022, India decided to build 10 hydropower projects in the States of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Himachal Pradesh (HP) to Utilise water under \_\_\_\_\_ treaty.**

- 1) India-Bhutan Treaty
- 2) India- China Treaty
- 3) Indus Water Treaty
- 4) India-Bangladesh Treaty
- 5) India-Nepal Treaty

**Answer- 3) Indus Water Treaty**

**Explanation:**

**India** is working on to build **10 hydropower projects** with the total capacity of 6.8 gigawatts (GW) in the States of Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) and Himachal Pradesh (**HP**) to fully utilise its share of water under the 1960 Indus waters treaty (**IWT**) with **Pakistan**.

- i.** NHPC Limited (formerly National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation Private Limited) has undertaken the implementation of these projects with an estimated investment of Rs Rs 68,000 crore.
- ii.** The Hydropower projects includes 1,000 MegaWatt (MW) Pakal Dul project, 850 MW Ratle project, 624 MW Kiru project, and 540 MW Kwar project added, in addition to this NHPC also plans to build 1,856 MW Sawalkot (J&K), 930 MW Kirthai-II (J&K), 500 MW Dugar (HP), 240 MW Uri-I Stage-II (J&K), and 260 MW Dulhasti Stage-II (J&K).

**80. In May 2022, Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker Om Birla launched the \_\_\_\_ phase of “Suposhit Maa Abhiyan” (campaign to preserve the better health of pregnant women and newborn) in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 1st; Rajasthan
- 2) 2nd; Punjab
- 3) 3rd; Madhya Pradesh
- 4) 2nd; Rajasthan
- 5) 3rd; Punjab

Answer- **4) 2nd; Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker Om Birla launched the **second** phase of “**Suposhit Maa Abhiyan**” in **Kota, Rajasthan**. Under the campaign, 3000 women will be provided with the nutrition kits for 9 months with the help of public support and a monthly health checkup.

- i.** In 2020, the scheme was first started by identifying 1000 women in the Kota Bundi parliamentary constituency to overcome the nutritional deficiency among women.

**81. \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st Indian state to create health accounts with the help of World Health Organisation (WHO).**

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

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

**Rajasthan** is the **first Indian state** to institutionalise health accounts with the help of World Health Organisation (**WHO**) which will help in estimating the amount spent on the health sector and its impact.

- i.** Efforts are now made to create health accounts in Rajasthan with sufficient capacity with the aid from The WHO.
- ii.** Rajasthan’s State Government allocates more than 7 percent of the total budget for health, which is higher than the national average. Now, the Health Accounts would aid to monitor and track the health expenditure which could act as an important tool in evidence-based policy making.

**82. The Sela Tunnel project recently (in May '22) entered the decisive phase and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.**

**In which state/UT, the Sela Tunnel is located?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer- 5) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**The Sela Tunnel project** located in **West Kameng** district of **Arunachal Pradesh** has entered the decisive phase, expected to be completed by the end of **2022**. Upon completion, the tunnel above **13,000 feet** will provide all-weather connectivity to the Line of Actual Control (**LAC**) with China. It provides an alternate axis to Sela pass at 13700 feet.

**i.** The tunnel constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 700 crore, is on BCT road- Balipara, Charduar and Tawang axis, which is around 300 km long. The project was **executed** by the Border Roads Organisation(**BRO**).

**ii.** In 2019, the foundation stone of the tunnel was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi 2019 and the first blast was done in January 2021.

**83. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 11 projects inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi in Tamil Nadu?**

**A) PM Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of 11 projects worth over Rs 31,500 crore in Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

**B) The PM inaugurated 1,152 houses which were constructed as part of the Light House Project-Chennai, built at a cost of ₹116 crore under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban.**

**C) The PM also laid the foundation stone of a Multi-Modal Logistic Park at Chennai worth around ₹1430 crore.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of 11 projects worth over Rs 31,500 crore in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN). (Five projects worth over Rs 2960 crore and Six projects built at a cost of over Rs 28,540 crore.)

**i.** The PM inaugurated 1,152 houses which were constructed as part of the Light House Project-Chennai, built at a cost of ₹116 crore under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban.

**ii.** The PM also laid the foundation stone of a Multi-Modal Logistic Park at Chennai worth around ₹1430 crore to provide seamless intermodal freight movement and also offer multiple functionalities.

**84. Recently (in May'22) Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited (AHEJOL) commissioned 'India's first wind and solar hybrid power generation plant' at which city?**

- 1) Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Tumkur, Karnataka.
- 3) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- 4) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Patan, Gujarat

**Answer- 3) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

Adani Group steps into commissioning of India's first wind and solar hybrid power generation plant at **Jaisalmer in Rajasthan**. A 390 megawatt (MW) wind-solar hybrid power plant was commissioned in Jaisalmer by Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited (AHEJOL), a subsidiary of Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL).

**i.** AGEL's operational capacity has increased to 5.8 GW following the commissioning of this 390 MW hybrid plant.

**85. The Indian Railways recently (in May '22) announced its plan of introducing India's 1st Semi-High Speed Freight Trains, 'Gati Shakti' Trains by December 2022.**

**Which company will manufacture the 'Gati Shakti' Trains?**

- 1) Banaras Locomotive Works
- 2) Modern Coach Factory
- 3) Integral Coach Factory
- 4) Rail Coach Factory
- 5) Rail Wheel Factory

**Answer- 3) Integral Coach Factory**

**Explanation:**

**Indian Railways** announced its plan of introducing **India's 1st Semi-High Speed Freight Trains** by December 2022. The 16-coach '**Gati Shakti**' trains, based on the Vande Bharat platform, are capable of operating at a speed of 160 km per hour. The trains will be manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (**ICF**) in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.

**i.** The Trains are constructed under "PM Gati Shakti – National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity", and are based on the concept of Vande Bharat trains.

**ii.** Indian Railways is set to increase its capacity in freight transportation to 45% in 2030, from the current 27%.

**86. In May 2022, the Government of India(GoI) approved the New Guidelines of Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE–CDP).**

**Which of the following point is 'Incorrect' with respect to the MSE–CDP?**

- 1) The Two Components of the Scheme are Common Facility Centers (CFCs) and Infrastructure Development (ID).
- 2) Under Common Facility Centers (CFCs) Components, the central government grant will be restricted to 50% of the cost of the project from Rs. 3 crore to Rs. 4crore.
- 3) In case of NE & Hill States, Island territories, Aspirational Districts, government grant will be 80% of the cost of the project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore.

4) Under Infrastructure Development(ID) Components, the central government grant will be restricted to 60% of the cost of the project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 crore for setting up of new Infrastructure Development.

5) The grant will be 50% of the cost of the project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore for ID – Upgradation of existing Infrastructure.

**Answer- 2) Under Common Facility Centers (CFCs) Components, the central government grant will be restricted to 50% of the cost of the project from Rs. 3 crore to Rs. 4 crore.**

**Explanation:**

**i.** The Government has approved New Guidelines of Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), which will be implemented during 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26).

**ii.** The Two Components of the Scheme are Common Facility Centers (CFCs) and Infrastructure Development (ID).

**iii.** Under Common Facility Centers (CFCs) Components, the central government grant will be restricted to **70% of the cost** of the project from **Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore** and 60% of the cost of the project from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 30 crore.

- In case of NE & Hill States, Island territories, Aspirational Districts, government grant will be 80% of the cost of project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore and 70% of the cost of project from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 30 crore.

**iv.** Under Infrastructure Development(ID) Components, the central government grant will be restricted to 60% of the cost of project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 crore for setting up of new Infrastructure Development and grant will be 50% of the cost of project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore for ID – Upgradation of existing Infrastructure.

- In case of NE & Hill States, Island territories, Aspirational Districts, grant will be 70% of the cost of project from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 crore for setting up of new Infrastructure Development.

**V.** And it will be 60% of the project cost from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore for ID – Upgradation of existing Infrastructure.

**87. The Ministry of Culture organised an inaugural ceremony to Commemorate the \_\_\_\_ birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy on 22nd May 2022.**

- 1) 190th
- 2) 250th
- 3) 200th
- 4) 153nd
- 5) 150th

**Answer- 2) 250th**

**Explanation:**

**On 22nd May 2022**, the **Ministry of Culture** organised an inaugural ceremony to mark the beginning of the yearlong celebration of the **250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy**. The inaugural ceremony was held at Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal(WB) and at Science City Auditorium, Kolkata, WB.

**i.** The day also marked the 50th foundation day of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation.

**ii.** G Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Culture virtually inaugurated the statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy at the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, a great social

reformer, was born on 22nd May 1772 in Radhanagar, Bengal, India. Raja Ram Mohan Roy is known for setting up the Brahmo Samaj (1828).

**88. Which state's Ministry of energy and urban development recently launched the "SAMBHAV" ([sambhav.up.gov.in](http://sambhav.up.gov.in)) portal to monitor grievances and schemes of the ministry?**

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Uttar Pradesh** (UP) Minister for energy and urban development Arvind Kumar Sharma launched '**SAMBHAV**' ([sambhav.up.gov.in](http://sambhav.up.gov.in)) **platform/portal** that would monitor the grievances from the public/citizens related to the schemes, programmes and policies of the departments under the ministry.

**i. SAMBHAV** means Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value.

**ii. SAMBHAV** is a multi-modal platform which has been launched to dispose of public grievances swiftly and effectively and provide good governance and make the public service delivery transparent and accountable.

**89. North India's first Industrial Biotech Park was recently (in May'22) inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_ district of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).**

- 1) Kupwara
- 2) Reasi
- 3) Udhampur
- 4) Kathua
- 5) Poonch

**Answer- 4) Kathua**

**Explanation:**

Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, inaugurated **North India's first Industrial Biotech Park** at Ghatti in the **Kathua District of UT of J&K**. The Biotech Park will act as a hub for incubation of new ideas.

**i.** The project will be implemented by the Council Of Scientific And Industrial Research – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, (**CSIR-IIIM**) Jammu, UT of J&K.

**90. The Ministry of Skill Development recently (in May '22) launched the Pilot Project of India's 1st Rural Tribal Technical Training Program in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Dibrugarh, Assam
- 2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Rajkot, Gujarat
- 4) Chandrapur, Maharashtra
- 5) Darjeeling, West Bengal

**Answer- 2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Skill Development launched the Pilot Project for Skilling Tribal Youth – **India's 1st Rural Tribal Technical Training Program** at the Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP), **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP)**.

i. The project aims to train around 250 beneficiaries of 17 clusters of 17 districts selected from 6 states of India – Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Odisha and will be organized at Vikas Bharti, Gumla, Jharkhand.

**91. In May 2022, the Indian government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the chairmanship of whom?**

- 1) Suresh Bhai Kotak
- 2) Piyush Goyal
- 3) Chirag Trivedi
- 4) Raghav Kumar
- 5) Naishadh Parikh

Answer- **1) Suresh Bhai Kotak**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India(GoI) has announced the formation of the **Cotton Council of India** under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man **Suresh Bhai Kotak**.

i. The committee will have representatives from several Ministries such as Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance along with representatives from Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**1. Name the exercise of NATO that was recently (in May '22) began in Poland and 8 other countries.**

- 1) Defender Europe 2022
- 2) Swift Response 2022
- 3) Cold Response 2022
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (**NATO**) exercise, Defender Europe 2022 (**DE22**) and Swift Response 2022 (**SR22**) began on **May 01, 2022** aimed at building preparedness and interoperability between Allies and partners of the USA and NATO.

i. The exercises are scheduled from May 01 to May 27, 2022 and the exercise began in Poland and will be held in 8 other countries.

**2. Which of the following country has "not signed" the Declaration for the Future of the Internet in April 2022?**

- 1) India
- 2) United States



3) United Kingdom

4) Canada

5) France

Answer- **1) India**

**Explanation:**

**India** is **not** one of the **61 countries** that have signed a worldwide declaration calling for the Internet to remain open, free, and neutral. The United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Canada, and France are among the countries that have signed the declaration.

**i.** The '**Declaration for the Future of the Internet,**' as it is known, is a manifesto that aims to prevent digital totalitarianism and the declaration emphasises that the future of the Internet is open, free, global, interoperable, reliable and secure and affirms that the nations abiding by this commitment would be protecting and respecting human rights online and across the digital world.

**3. The world's longest glass bottom bridge is located in which country?**

1) Vietnam

2) Thailand

3) China

4) Japan

5) Malaysia

Answer- **1) Vietnam**

**Explanation:**

The **World's Longest Glass Bottom Bridge** was opened in Moc Chau district of the country's Son La province, **Vietnam**. It is called Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge, which means 'white dragon' in Vietnamese.

**i.** The Bridge is 632m (2,073ft) long and located 150m (492ft) above a huge jungle. It surpasses a 526m Glass Bottom Bridge in Guangdong, China and can support up to 450 people at a time and the floor of the bridge's floor is made of three layers of French-produced tempered glass, each about 1.5 inches thick.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ became the 1st Asian country to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE).**

1) Pakistan

2) Singapore

3) Afghanistan

4) Japan

5) South Korea

Answer- **5) South Korea**

**Explanation:**

**South Korea** became the **first Asian country** to **join the** North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (**NATO CCDCOE**). South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) has joined as a contributing participant for NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.

**i.** Now, the total NATO CCDCOE has 32 countries as its official members which includes 27 NATO member countries and 5 five non-NATO states as contributing participants.

**5. Which country was recently (in May'22) elected as the Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024?**

- 1) Maldives
- 2) India
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **2) India**

**Explanation:**

**India** has been elected as the Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at AAEA's general assembly and executive board meeting held in Manila, Philippines. India was represented by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

i. Commission on Elections, Manila, Philippines was the current chair of AAEA.

**About Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA):**

**Established-** 1998

**Current Chairperson** – Sheriiff M.Abas (Philippines-Current Chair)

**Headquarter** – Manila, Philippines

**6. Which country recently (in May '22) replaced Russia in the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) via voting?**

- 1) Hungary
- 2) Czech Republic
- 3) Moldova
- 4) Slovakia
- 5) Romania

Answer- **2) Czech Republic**

**Explanation:**

The U.N. General Assembly (**UNGA**) elected **Czech Republic** to **replace Russia** in the UN Human Rights Council (**UNHRC**) through a voting process, following Russia's suspension over allegations of horrific rights violations by Russian soldiers in Ukraine.

i. A vacant seat arises in **East European Countries Representation** in UNHRC on suspension of Russia in April 2022, to fill up the vacant representation from East European Countries. Czech Republic came forward as a single candidate.

ii. UNGA's 180 members of the 193 members deposited their secret ballot vote. The result was 157 countries in favour of the Czech Republic and 23 abstentions.

**7. Bhagwant Khuba, Minister of State (MoS) of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), recently (in May '22) addressed Intersolar Europe 2022 on "India's Solar Energy Market". Intersolar Europe 2022 was held in which city?**

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Milan, Italy
- 4) Munich, Germany
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **4) Munich, Germany**

**Explanation:**

Bhagwant Khuba, Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) delivered a keynote address at the investment promotion event on “**India’s Solar Energy Market**” at Intersolar Europe 2022 held at Messe München exhibition centre, **Munich, Germany**.

- i. The event was organized by the Indo-German Energy Forum (IGEF).
- ii. Intersolar Europe 2022, the world’s leading exhibition for the solar industry, took place from 11th May to 13th May 2022.

**8. In which country the world’s longest suspension footbridge named “Sky Bridge 721” was opened?**

- 1) Czech Republic
- 2) Romania
- 3) Slovakia
- 4) Lithuania
- 5) Hungary

Answer- **1) Czech Republic**

**Explanation:**

The **world’s longest suspension footbridge** named “**Sky Bridge 721**”, was opened in Dolní Morava, **Czech Republic** for tourists. The bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres above the valley of the Mlýnský Stream.

- i. The Sky Bridge 721, 721 metres (2365 feet) long and 1.2-meter-wide, was constructed at a cost of 200 million crowns (around USD 8.4 million).
- ii. Sky Bridge 721 is 154 metres longer than the current Guinness World Record holder suspension footbridge, the Baglung Parbat Footbridge (567 metres) in Gandaki Province, Nepal.

**9. Which of the following Indian Start-ups has ‘Not joined’ the World Economic Forum (WEF) ‘s Technology Pioneers Network 2022 (as of May’22)?**

- 1) Pandocorp
- 2) UpGrad
- 3) Vahan
- 4) SmartCoin Financials
- 5) Recykal

Answer- **2) UpGrad**

**Explanation:**

About 100 innovative tech firms have joined the Technology Pioneers Network 2022, with five of them being Indian start-ups. This was announced ahead of the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2022 annual meeting which is going to be held from May 22 – 26 in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland.

**5 Indian startup**

- Vahan – is building a full-stack labour marketplace for blue-collar workers.
- SmartCoin Financials – is a tech-driven financial inclusion platform empowering the underserved.
- Recykal – is Asia’s first circular economy marketplace.
- Proeon – is creating next-generation plant proteins with superior taste, texture and nutrition.
- Pandocorp – is making supply chain execution intelligent with a fast logistics cloud.

**10. In which city, the world's 1st urban airport for drones and flying cars is located?**

- 1) Osaka, Japan
- 2) Samara, Russia
- 3) Coventry, England
- 4) Moc Chau, Vietnam
- 5) Dolní Morava, Czech Republic

**Answer- 3) Coventry, England**

**Explanation:**

The Coventry City Council and Urban-Air Port Limited, United Kingdom (UK) based Start-up parterened to set up the **world's first Urban airport** Pop-up Air-One, for electric drones and flying cars in the city of **Coventry, England**.

- i. The aim of the project is to reduce Urban congestion and Pollution.It's designed for zero-emission electric drones and air taxis and the airport itself is powered by hydrogen fuel cells.
- ii. The Pop-up Air-one is one of the first hundreds of airports planned. The airport is itself powered by the Hydrogen Fuel Cells.

**11. Recently (in May '22) where did NatGeo installed the World's Highest Weather Station?**

- 1) Mount Everest
- 2) Lhotse
- 3) Makalu
- 4) Kangchenjunga
- 5) Godwin Austen (K2)

**Answer- 1) Mount Everest**

**Explanation:**

In order to study the changing weather phenomena in the **Mount (Mt) Everest**, following Expeditions have made -

- The National Geographic Society has installed the World's highest weather station on Mt Everest.
- China has flown an airship named **Jimu No.1** over Mt Everest at a record height of 9,032 metres in order to study the Atmospheric Composition Data and the Water vapour transporting process from the surface.

**12. In May 2022, India's Governor of New Development Bank (NDB) Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 7th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of NDB.**

**During the meeting, Nirmala Sitharaman mentioned that India's GDP growth in the current FY is estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 8.2%
- 2) 7.6%
- 3) 8.5%
- 4) 7.2%
- 5) 8.9%

**Answer- 5) 8.9%**

**Explanation:**

**Nirmala Sitharaman**, Union Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs and also an India's Governor for the New Development Bank (**NDB**) chaired the **7th Annual Meeting** of the Board of Governors of NDB through a video conference in New Delhi, Delhi.

**i.** Highlighting that India is celebrating 75 years of Independence this year, the Union Finance Minister mentioned that India's economic growth in the current financial year has been robust and is estimated to be **8.9%** which is the highest among all large economies.

**ii.** The meeting was attended by Governors or Alternate Governors of Brazil, China, Russia, South Africa and the newly joined members of Bangladesh and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

**iii.** The **theme** of 7th Annual Meeting for the year 2022 was "**NDB: Optimising Development Impact**".

**13. Name the country that recently (in May'22) decided to build the world's largest petroleum research centre.**

- 1) Kuwait
- 2) Yemen
- 3) United Arab Emirates
- 4) Qatar
- 5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- **1) Kuwait**

**Explanation:**

**Kuwait** is set to build the **world's largest petroleum research centre** in al-Ahmadi, south of Kuwait City by the end of 2022. The estimated cost of the projects is around USD 120 million.

**i.** The centre will have 28 laboratories and it will develop improved production and refining techniques that can be used by the industry for different applications including the extraction of heavy crude and non-associated gas.

## **GOVT SCHEMES**

**1. The Ministry of MSME recently (in April'22) launched the MSME Sustainable Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme to provide a roadmap to global competitiveness for the MSMEs of India.**

**At what % of Micro Enterprises will receive subsidies in their businesses under the ZED certification scheme?**

- 1) 50%
- 2) 80%
- 3) 40%
- 4) 60%
- 5) 90%

Answer- **2) 80%**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSME**), Narayan Tatu Rane launched the MSME Sustainable Zero Defect Zero Effect (**ZED**) Certification Scheme.

i. The scheme focuses to reduce wastage substantially, increase productivity, enhance environmental consciousness, save energy, optimally use natural resources, expand their markets, etc. The scheme comprises three certification levels including bronze, silver and gold.

- Under the ZED certification scheme, the MSMEs will get subsidies in enterprises such as, **Micro Enterprises: 80%**
- Small Enterprises: 60%
- Medium Enterprises: 50%

**2. Which state recently (in May'22) launched the Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana for Doorstep Delivery of Public Services?**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **4) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

The Chief Minister (CM) of **Chhattisgarh** Bhupesh Baghel launched '**Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana**' (Mitaan stands for friend), which will be implemented on pilot basis in **14 municipal corporations** including the cities like Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur and Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh.

i. Under the Scheme the residents of Chhattisgarh can avail around 100 public services at their doorstep and people can contact the 'Mitaan' (nominated individual) on the toll free number (14545) for the service.

**3. The Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme marked its \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary on 24th April, 2022.**

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

Answer- **1) 2nd**

**Explanation:**

Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas – **SVAMITVA scheme** marked its **2nd year** anniversary on **24th April 2022**.

i. The scheme was launched by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on 24th April 2020 on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day 2020.

ii. PM Modi hailed the SVAMITVA scheme as a mantra for development & improving trust in the villages with the help of modern technology.

**4. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) completed 7 years of providing social security net on 9th May, 2022.**

**Which of the following points are correct with respect to the PMSBY, PMJJBY & APY?**

**A) PMJJBY is a one-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering Rs. 2 Lakh coverage for death due to any reason in the age group of 18 to 50 years.**

**B) The APY scheme allows the subscriber to receive a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 per month from the age of 60 years.**

**C) PMSBY is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering Rs.2 lakh coverage for death or disability due to accident in the age group of 18-70 years.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

PMJJBY is a one-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering Rs. 2 Lakh coverage for death due to any reason in the age group of 18 to 50 years.

**i.** PMSBY is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering Rs.2 lakh (Rs.1 lakh in case of partial disability) coverage for death or disability due to accident. in the age group of 18-70 years.

**ii.** The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) scheme allows the subscriber to receive a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 per month from the age of 60 years.

**5. Which state recently (in May'22) launched 'Chaarā - Bijāee Yojana' to provide Rs 10,000 per acre to farmers cultivating fodder?**

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Jharkhand

3) Haryana

4) Rajasthan

5) Punjab

**Answer- 3) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

The **Haryana** Agriculture Minister, Jai Parkash Dalal launched the '**Chaarā - Bijāee Yojana**', a scheme launched to provide financial assistance of **Rs 10,000 per acre** (Upto 10 acres) to farmers cultivating and supplying **fodder** to Gaushalas (Cowsheds).

**i.** The rationale behind the scheme is to address the State's fodder shortage and rising stray cattle and the Subsidy will be directly credited to the farmers account under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

**6. Which state government recently (in May 22) launched the Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0 to provide financial assistance to girl students pursuing their higher education?**

1) Haryana

2) Punjab

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Maharashtra

5) Gujarat

Answer- **3) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The **Madhya Pradesh** (MP) Chief Minister (CM) Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched **Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0** in an event organised at Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP) where approx. 7,500 Ladli Laxmi daughters were present.

**i.** Under the Scheme, the State Government would pay the entire fee of Ladli Laxmi who take admissions to Medical colleges, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT's), Indian Institute of Management (IIM's) or any institute and a sum of Rs 25,000 in two instalments will be paid if a girl child joins college after 12th Standard.

**7. Name the state that recently (in May '22) introduced Nutritious Breakfast Scheme For all Government Primary School Students from 1st to 5th grade.**

1) Karnataka

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Kerala

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin(**M.K.Stalin**) announced **five new development schemes** including that **all Government primary school students** from **First to Fifth standards** will be provided nutritious breakfast on all working days in assembly at Chennai, Tamilnadu.

**i. Five New Development Schemes are :-** Free nutritious breakfast for class I to V in Government primary schools, Scheme to eradicate nutrition deficiency, Setting up of schools of excellence, Setting up of primary health centres in urban areas and Expansion of 'CM in Your Constituency', a public grievances redress system, to all 234 constituencies.

## VISITS

**1. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Finance Minister of India, Nirmala Sitharaman's visit to the US?**

**A) Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 2022 Spring Meetings of the WB Group and IMF which was held Washington D.C., US.**

**B) She also attended the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) 2022 meeting, which was held in Washington DC, US under Indonesia's Presidency.**

**C) Finance Minister met the 1st woman Chair of the US Securities & Exchange Commission and Vice of the Climate Finance Leadership Initiative (CFLI) Mary Schapiro in Washington DC.**

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C



5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

Nirmala Sitharaman attended the **2022 Spring Meetings** of the **WB Group** and **IMF** which was held Washington D.C., US and also had Meeting with IMF's Deputy Managing Director Gita Gopinath.

**i.** She also attended the **G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) 2022** meeting, which was held in Washington DC, US under **Indonesia's Presidency**.

**ii.** The Finance Minister met the **1st woman Chair** of the US Securities & Exchange Commission and Vice of the Climate Finance Leadership Initiative (CFLI) Mary Schapiro in Washington DC.

**2. Which of the following points are "correct" with respect to the Union Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's visit to Bangladesh & Bhutan in April 2022?**

**A) During the visit to Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina PM of Bangladesh offered Chittagong Port to northeastern states of India like Assam & Tripura to enhance connectivity between both nations for mutual benefit.**

**B) Bhutan & India foreign ministers virtually inaugurated India-backed 3 development Projects which were completed in the past 2 years despite logistical challenges posed by the pandemic.**

**C) India handed over the 12th consignment of 2,000 boxes of essential medical supplies to support Bhutan's fight against Covid-19.**

1) Only A

2) Only C

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

During visit to Bangladesh, PM of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina offered Bangladesh's main seaport i.e. **Chittagong Port**, to India's northeastern states like Assam and Tripura to enhance connectivity between both nations for mutual benefit.

**i.** Bhutan and India foreign ministers virtually inaugurated India-backed **3 development Projects** - the four-lane road from Jungshina to Chubachu, the Bajo-Khuruthang secondary national highway and a new bus terminal in Bumthang which were completed in the past two years despite logistical challenges posed by the pandemic.

**ii. India** also handed over the 12th consignment of 2,000 boxes of essential medical supplies to support Bhutan's fight against Covid-19.

**3. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to PM Narendra Modi's visit to Germany, Denmark and France in May 2022?**

**A) During the Visit to Germany, PM signed 9 agreements in 6th India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations 2022 held in Berlin, Germany.**

**B) PM Narendra Modi visited Copenhagen, Denmark, signed 9 agreements in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit 2022 and he also participated in India-Denmark Business Forum 2022 in Copenhagen.**

**C) PM also met Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of France as both nations are celebrating 75 years of their diplomatic relations in 2022.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

During the Visit to Germany, PM signed 9 agreements in 6th India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations 2022 held in Berlin, Germany which was chaired by Both Leaders.

- i.** PM Narendra Modi visited Copenhagen, Denmark and signed 9 agreements in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit 2022 and he participated in India-Denmark Business Forum 2022 in Copenhagen.
- ii.** PM also met Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of France as both nations are celebrating 75 years of their diplomatic relations in 2022.

**4. Which of the following points is/are "correct" with respect to the Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar's visit to Israel in May 2022?**

- A) Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Israeli Minister Oded Forer agreed to complete the process of finalizing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of June 2022.**
- B) He also visited a desert boutique farm, Be'er Milka in the Negev desert area, which is owned by Indian origin farmer Mr. Sharon Cherry.**
- C) 75 Indian villages will be shaped with Israeli cooperation to mark India's 75th Independence anniversary.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

During the 4 days visit to **Israel**, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Israeli Minister Oded Forer agreed to complete the process of finalizing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of June 2022.

- i.** He also visited a desert boutique farm, **Be'er Milka** in the Negev desert area, which is owned by Indian origin farmer **Mr. Sharon Cherry**. The farmer has adopted modern technologies with the technical support of Ramat Negev Agro Research Centre.
- ii.** 75 Indian villages will be shaped with Israeli cooperation to mark India's 75th Independence anniversary to take Indo-Israel cooperation to the next level in the field of agriculture.

**5. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to PM Narendra Modi's Visits to Nepal in May 2022?**

- A) PM Modi and Nepal's Prime Minister, Sher Bahadur Deuba laid the foundation stone for the construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in Lumbini, Nepal.**

**B) The two countries signed and exchanged six Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements.**

**C) The two countries agreed in principle to establish sister-city relations between Lumbini (Nepal) and Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh, India), which are among the holiest places of Buddhism.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

On the invitation of Nepal's Prime Minister, Sher Bahadur Deuba, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to Lumbini in Nepal on May 16, 2022, coinciding with the auspicious event of Buddha Purnima.

- i.** PM Modi and PM Deuba attended the "Shilanyas" ceremony and laid the foundation stone for the construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in Lumbini, Nepal.
- ii.** During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Lumbini in Nepal, the two countries signed and exchanged six Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements.
- iii.** The two countries agreed in principle to establish sister-city relations between Lumbini (Nepal) and Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh, India), which are among the holiest places of Buddhism and represent the two countries' common Buddhist heritage.

**6. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya's foreign Visit in May 2022?**

- A) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare ministry visited Jordan amid the ongoing global fertilizer crisis.**
- B) The Jordan Phosphate Mining Company (JPMC) signed an MoU with Indian public, cooperative and private sector companies for the supply of 30 LMT Rock Phosphate, 2.50 LMT DAP and 1 LMT phosphoric acid for 2022.**
- C) India also signed a long term MOU for 5 years with Jordan for annual supplies of 2.75 LMT of Muriate of potash which will uniformly increase every year up to 3.25 LMT.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) visited Jordan amid the ongoing global fertilizer crisis. This visit was a first of its kind initiative with the objective of securing fertilizers and raw materials, for short and long term.

- i.** The Jordan Phosphate Mining Company (JPMC), and Indian public, cooperative and private sector companies signed an MoU for the supply of 30 LMT (Lakh Metric Tonnes) Rock Phosphate, 2.50 LMT DAP (Diammonium phosphate), 1 LMT phosphoric acid for the current year (2022).

ii. India also signed a long term MOU for 5 years with Jordan for annual supplies of 2.75 LMT of MoP (Muriate of potash) which will uniformly increase every year up to 3.25 LMT.

**7. A 48-member high level multi-sectoral delegation headed by Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef visited India in May 2022.**

**Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef is the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment**

**Promotion of which country?**

- 1) Yemen
- 2) Oman
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) United Arab Emirates
- 5) Kuwait

**Answer- 2) Oman**

**Explanation:**

A 48-member high level multi-sectoral delegation headed by **Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef**, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of Oman visited India on May 10-14, 2022.

i. The 10th Session of the India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) 2022 was held in New Delhi, Delhi which was co-chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), and Oman's Commerce Minister Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef.

ii. The 10th meeting of the India-Oman Joint Business Council (JBC) was jointly organized by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) and Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi.

**8. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the President of India Ram Nath Kovind's visit to Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines (SVG) in May 2022?**

**A) A MoU was signed between India and Jamaica for cooperation in diplomatic training in Kingston city.**

**B) During the visit to St. Vincent & Grenadines (SVG) two MoUs were signed on Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection of Taxes & on Refurbishment of Old Carter Community Centre.**

**C) The Indian President renamed 'Calder Road' to 'India Drive-Bharat Marg' in Kingstown.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The President of India Ram Nath Kovind paid an official visit to Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines (SVG) with his wife Savita Kovind in May 2022.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Jamaica for cooperation in diplomatic training in Kingston city.

- He also inaugurated the India-Jamaica Friendship Garden during a visit to Hope Botanical Garden in Kingston.

During the visit to St. Vincent & Grenadines (SVG) two MoUs were signed on Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection of Taxes, & on Refurbishment of Old Carter Community Centre. The Indian President renamed 'Calder Road' to 'India Drive-Bharat Marg' in Kingstown.

**9. In May 2022, V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs addressed the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)-2022 held at \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, visited the United States of America (USA) for an eight-day visit from May 17 – 24, 2022.

**i.** During his visit, he headed the Indian delegation to the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)-2022, which was held at the **United Nations (UN) in New York, USA**, from May 17 – 20, 2022, under the aegis of the **UN General Assembly (UNGA)**. The Forum was hosted by Abdulla Shahid, President of UNGA.

**ii.** The International Migration Review Forum 2022 acts as the primary intergovernmental global platform for discussing and sharing progress on all aspects of migration and their convergence with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**10. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Péter Szijjártó, Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs visits to India?**

**A) The India-Hungary Business Forum 2022 was inaugurated in New Delhi (Delhi), by Meenakashi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India and Péter Szijjártó Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs.**

**B) India-Hungary Business Forum 2022 is a joint initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry & the Embassy of Hungary in New Delhi**

**C) Both countries signed an MoU on the International Solar Alliance (ISA) & Hungary became the newest member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).**

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

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

**Explanation:**

Péter Szijjártó, Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, paid an official visit to India at the invitation of India's External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr. S. Jaishankar.

**i. The India-Hungary Business Forum 2022** was inaugurated in New Delhi (Delhi), by Meenakashi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India and the visiting Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Péter Szijjártó.

- ii. India-Hungary Business Forum 2022, is a joint initiative of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (**FICCI**) & the Embassy of Hungary in New Delhi (**Delhi**) to strengthen business ties between India and Hungary.
- iii. Both countries signed an MoU on the International Solar Alliance (ISA) & **Hungary** became the newest member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

**1. Which organisation recently (in April' 22) issued a "Framework for FinTech Entity" in the international financial services centres?**

- 1) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- 2) Reserve Bank of India
- 3) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) Small Industries Development Bank of India

**Answer- 1) International Financial Services Centres Authority**

**Explanation:**

The Gandhinagar (Gujarat)-based International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) has **issued** a detailed '**Framework for FinTech Entity**' in the **IFSCs**. It is aimed at giving a boost to the establishment of a world class FinTech Hub at GIFT IFSC comparable with other IFSCs.

The framework proposes to cover

- Financial technology (FinTech) solutions resulting in new business models, applications, process or products in areas/activities linked to financial services regulated by IFSCA
- Advanced/innovative technological solutions which aid and assist activities in relation to financial products, financial services and financial institutions (TechFin).

**2. Name the bank that recently (in April '22) launched its first digital product, pre-approved personal loan (PAPL), under the Project World of Advanced Virtual Experience (WAVE).**

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) Union Bank of India
- 4) Bank of India
- 5) Bank of Maharashtra

**Answer- 2) Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Indian Bank**, a public sector lender, has introduced its **first digital product**, Pre-Approved Personal Loan (**PAPL**), which aims to provide customers with instant loan disbursement through a three-step process.

**i.** The PAPL is a part of the Bank's Project – World of Advanced Virtual Experience (**WAVE**).

**3. Which company recently (in April'22) partnered with Spice Money to help rural citizens open a Demat account?**

- 1) Edelweiss Broking Ltd
- 2) Karvy Stock Broking Ltd

- 3) Angel Broking Ltd
- 4) Religare Broking Ltd
- 5) Zerodha Broking Ltd

Answer- **4) Religare Broking Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**Religare Broking Limited** has partnered with **Spice Money Limited** to offer access to platforms to invest in the capital market for the people in rural India.

**i.** Under this partnership, Spice Money's representatives will assist **rural citizens** to open a **Demat account** and apply for Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India's Initial Public Offer (IPO) and invest in other products in the future.

**4. Which of the following points are "correct" with respect to the recent Guidelines/Norms issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in April 2022?**

**A) The RBI has issued guidelines on compensation of Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) and senior management in NBFCs under Scale Based Regulatory (SBR) framework w.e.f. April 1, 2023.**

**B) RBI modified norms for banks to claim the amount of interest subvention provided to farmers under the short-term crop loan scheme through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during FY22.**

**C) In order to provide short term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers at an interest rate of 10 % per annum, the government offers interest subvention of 4% annually to lending institutions (LIs).**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The **RBI** has issued guidelines on compensation of Key Managerial Personnel (**KMPs**) and senior management in NBFCs under Scale Based Regulatory (**SBR**) framework w.e.f. April 1, 2023.

**i.** RBI **modified norms** for banks to claim the amount of interest subvention provided to farmers under the **short-term crop loan scheme** through Kisan Credit Card (**KCC**) during FY22.

**ii.** In order to provide short term crop loans up to **Rs 3 lakh** to farmers at an interest rate of **7 %** per annum, the government offers interest subvention of **2%** annually to lending institutions (**LIs**).

**iii.** An additional 3% interest subvention is provided to farmers who pay their loans promptly. For such farmers, the effective interest rate is 4%.

**5. Name the Indian Insurance company that recently (in April'22) became Signatory to the United Nations – Supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).**

- 1) HDFC Life Insurance
- 2) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 3) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- 4) Max Life Insurance
- 5) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

Answer- **1) HDFC Life Insurance**

**Explanation:**

HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited (**HDFC Life**) recently joined the United Nations (**UN**) -backed Principles for Responsible Investment (**PRI**), affirming its commitment to long-term value creation and sustainable growth.

i. The PRI's partnership with HDFC Life will allow it to streamline its responsible investment strategy.

**6. In May 2022, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) increased the investment limit by insurance companies to invest in the financial sector to \_\_\_\_ from 25%.**

- 1) 35%
- 2) 40%
- 3) 50%
- 4) 30%
- 5) 45%

Answer- **4) 30%**

**Explanation:**

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) in exercise of its powers conferred under Regulation **14(2)** of the **IRDAI (Investment) Regulations, 2016**, has increased the investment limit of all insurance companies to invest in the Financial and Insurance activities (as per section K of NIC classification) to **30%** of investment assets from **25%**.

i. This rise in the limit will increase the exposure of insurance companies in this sector.

**7. Which Bank recently (in May'22) partnered with FidyPay to promote financial inclusion?**

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

Answer- **3) Yes Bank**

**Explanation:**

**FidyPay**, a financial technology (fintech) API platform, has partnered with **Yes Bank** to offer Yes Bank customers with seamless connected banking experience, this initiative will let a wide range of businesses, including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Fintechs, and start-ups, access digital services.

i. As a result of the strategic partnership, FidyPay will be able to expand its existing product line and establish itself as a trusted technology partner for banks, corporates, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), SMEs, start-ups, allowing it to serve a larger market.

**8. Name the bank that recently (in May '22) partnered with Anthill Ventures & Headstart Network Foundation to launch Business Class founded.**

- 1) City Union Bank
- 2) DBS Bank India
- 3) RBL Bank
- 4) CSB Bank



5) South Indian Bank

Answer- **2) DBS Bank India**

**Explanation:**

**DBS Bank India** has partnered with **Anthill Ventures**, an investment and scaling platform for startups, and **Headstart Network Foundation**, India's largest 'Volunteer-driven, Grassroot level, Startup Ecosystem Enabler, to launch DBS Business Class foundED.

i. This is in line with DBS Bank's vision to support entrepreneurs and innovators.

**9. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

1) RBI released the 'Report on Currency and Finance (RCF)' for the year 2021-22 on the theme 'Revive and Reconstruct'.

2) India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) can grow to 6.3 to 9.5% in the medium-term as per the Chapter-VI 'A Policy Agenda for Post-Covid-19.

3) India is expected to overcome Covid-19 losses in 2034-35.

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 1 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 'Report on Currency and Finance (RCF)' for the year 2021-22 on the theme 'Revive and Reconstruct'.

i. India's Gross Domestic Product (**GDP**) can grow to **6.5-8.5%** in the **medium-term** as per the Chapter-VI 'A Policy Agenda for Post-Covid-19.

ii. India is expected to overcome Covid-19 losses in 2034-35 i.e. around 15 years.

**10. Name the insurance company that recently (in May '22) launched the "Pay as you Drive" Program to reduce premium costs.**

1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

2) Bharti AXA General Insurance

3) Edelweiss General Insurance

4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance

5) Future Generali India Insurance

Answer- **4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance**

**Explanation:**

**HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company**, a renowned private sector general insurance company, announced the launch of its "**Pay as you Drive**" program. It is an insurance solution that provides distance-based insurance under its own damage section in order to lower upfront insurance premiums.

i. The offer has been extended as a pilot with Maruti Suzuki India Limited to its customers purchasing a new car as a value proposition to save on insurance premiums.

**11. Which organisation recently (in May'22) approved a USD 47 million project to support the Government of India's Mission Karmayogi programme to strengthen civil service capacity?**

1) World Bank

2) United Nations Development Programme

- 3) Asian Development Bank
- 4) International Monetary Fund
- 5) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Answer- **1) World Bank**

**Explanation:**

The **World Bank's** Board of Executive Directors has approved a **USD 47 million project** to support the Government of India's **Mission Karmayogi**, a national programme to strengthen civil service capacity.

- i. This loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a final maturity of 11 years with a 4.5-years grace period.
- ii. The Bank's funding is intended to help the Indian government achieve its goal of improving the functional and behavioural competencies of about four million civil servants.

**12. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (as of April'22) steps taken by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?**

- A) SEBI modified the operational guidelines (2019) related to Certificate of Registration & Name Change for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), Designated Depository Participants (DDPs) & Eligible Foreign Investors.**
- B) SEBI imposed a Rs. 6 lakh penalty on Pace Stock Broking Services for malpractices related to the National Stock Exchange's (NSE) co-location facility.**
- C) SEBI also cancelled the registration of Alpha Commodity for facilitating its clients to trade in illegal contracts on the National Spot Exchange Ltd. (NSEL).**

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

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

**Explanation:**

**SEBI** has modified the operational guidelines issued in November 2019, related to Certificate of Registration, and Name change for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), Designated Depository Participants (DDPs), and Eligible Foreign Investors w.e.f. **May 9, 2022** under exercising SEBI's powers conferred under **Section 11 (1) of the SEBI Act, 1992.**

- i. SEBI imposed Rs 6 lakh penalty** on New Delhi (Delhi)-based **Pace Stock Broking Services** for malpractices related to National Stock Exchange's (NSE) co-location facility.
- ii. SEBI also cancelled the registration** of **Alpha Commodity** for facilitating its clients to trade in illegal contracts on National Spot Exchange Ltd (**NSEL**) and failing to fulfil the fit and proper criteria.

**13. Which Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) recently (in May '22) entered into a joint venture (JV) with Open Financial Technologies to launch 'India's First Neo-bank' for MSMEs?**

- 1) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd
- 2) Tata Capital Financial Service Ltd
- 3) Muthoot Finance Ltd
- 4) Bajaj Finance Ltd
- 5) IIFL Finance Ltd

Answer- **5) IIFL Finance Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**IIFL Finance Limited**, a NBFC and **Open Financial Technologies Private Ltd**, Asia's largest Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) focused neo-banking platform have entered into a joint venture (**JV**) to launch **India's first neo-bank** to serve the banking and credit requirements of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**).

- i.** The new joint venture would be known as "IIFL Open Fintech Private Limited", with an initial capital of Rs. 120 crores and the ratio of IIFL Finance to Open Financial Technologies Private Ltd. in the joint venture is 51:49.
- ii.** This neo-bank offers a one-of-a-kind User Interface (UI) system designed specifically for small merchants.

**14. Which organisation recently (in May '22) signed an MoU with Eqaro Guarantees to Launch 'India's 1st Collateral-Free Digital Lending Platform' for MSMEs?**

- 1) National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development
- 2) Industrial Finance Corporation of India
- 3) Federation of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 4) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 5) Export-Import Bank of India

Answer- **3) Federation of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**

**Explanation:**

The Federation of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**FISME**), India's largest MSMEs organisation, has inked an **MoU** with **Eqaro Guarantees**, an Indian financial institution that provides surety solutions, to establish **India's first collateral free digital financing platform** for **MSMEs**.

- i.** The platform is set to begin in 2022 and would allow MSMEs with access to collateral-free finance of up to Rs. 25 lakhs following due diligence of their businesses. The credit would be backed by guarantees from Eqaro.

**15. Name the bank that recently (in April'22) partnered with the kerala government's Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP) to launch 'skill loans'.**

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

Answer- **1) Canara Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Canara Bank** has launched '**skill loans**' in association with the Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (**ASAP**), Kerala the government company under the Higher Education Department.

- i.** Students pursuing skill training programmes offered by ASAP Kerala or other Central or State government-recognised agencies conducting National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) or National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) courses can avail of loans ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 1.5 lakh and this loan will be provided without any collateral and has a repayment period of 3 to 7 years.

**16. In April 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ imposed penalties of Rs 73 lakh (Totally) on 11 entities for fraudulent trading & disclosure lapses.**

- 1) National Securities Depository Limited
- 2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 3) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Reserve Bank of India

**Answer- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India**

**Explanation:**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed penalties totalling **Rs 73 lakh** on 11 entities for fraudulent trading and disclosure lapses.

**i.** SEBI has imposed a Rs 17 lakh fine on Esteem Bio Organic Food Processing Ltd; Rs 8 lakh on Brij Kishore Sabharwal; Rs 7 lakh on Goldline International Finvest Ltd; Rs 6 lakh on Vinod Kumar Garg and Rs 5 lakh each on Satendra Kumar, Madhukar Dubey, Ram Prakash, Avisha Credit Capital Pvt Ltd, Neel Kanth Trading Co, Amsons Apparels Pvt Ltd and Gracious Software Pvt Ltd.

**17. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee Off-Cycle Meeting in May 2022?**

- 1) During the meeting, RBI changed the Policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 20 basis points to 4.20% from 4.00%.
- 2) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) hiked by 50 bps to 4.5% from 4.00% w.e.f. May 21, 2022 and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) stands at 18 per cent.
- 3) The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate is adjusted to 4.15%.
- 4) The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 4.65% from 4.25%.
- 5) RBI also decided to keep the stance as 'accommodative'.

**Answer- 1) During the meeting, RBI changed the Policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 20 basis points to 4.20% from 4.00%.**

**Explanation:**

During the meeting, RBI changed the Policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by **40 basis points to 4.40%** from **4.00%**, this is the first-rate hike since August 2018.

**i.** Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) hiked by 50 bps to 4.5% from 4.00% w.e.f. May 21, 2022 and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) stands at 18 per cent.

**ii.** The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate is adjusted to 4.15%.

**iii.** The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 4.65% from 4.25%.

**iv.** RBI also decided to keep the stance as 'accommodative'.

**18. In May 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to go live on the Account Aggregator (AA) Framework.**

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

**Answer- 5) Union Bank of India**