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- 3) K. Sivan
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- 5) S. Kiran Kumar

Answer- 4) Sreedhara Panicker Somnath

Explanation:

Sreedhara Panicker Somnath (S. Somnath), Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has written his **autobiography** in his mother-tongue Malayalam titled '**Nilavu Kudicha Simhangal**'. The book is published by Kerala-based Lipi Publications.

- The book was inspired by the success of Chandrayaan-3, ISRO's lunar-exploration mission headed by S Somanath in August 2023.
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- ii. It delves into ISRO's rocket manufacturing, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mark III, and the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

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- 2) Captain MV Pathak
- 3) Captain Ajay Mishra
- 4) Captain Neeraj Tiwari
- 5) Captain Himadri Das

Answer- 5) Captain Himadri Das

Explanation:

Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Vice President(VP) of India released a new book titled "**Building Partnerships – India and International Cooperation for Maritime Security**" authored by **Captain Himadri Das** during the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2023 (IPRD-2023) at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

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5. Who authored the book, “Thread by Thread: The S.Kumar’s Story” that was released by the Former Indian Cricketer, Kapil Dev in November 2023?

- 1) Meena Kandasamy
- 2) Avalok Langer
- 3) Meghna Pant
- 4) Palash Krishna Mehrotra
- 5) Sathya Saran

Answer- **5) Sathya Saran**

Explanation:

Former Indian Cricketer **Kapil Dev** released the book titled “**Thread by Thread: The S.Kumar’s Story**” authored by **Sathya Saran**, a distinguished journalist at The Palace Halls, NSCI, Mumbai, Maharashtra. The book was published by Penguin Random House.

- i. The book details the life of Shambhu Kumar Kasliwal, co-founder of the S Kumars Group, the fabric of India and one of the most enduring brands in India since 1948. The group is named after Shambhukumar.
- ii. Sathya Saran worked as a Consulting Editor with the publisher HarperCollins India and is currently a Consulting Editor with Penguin Random House.

6. Who authored the book, ‘Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers’ a biography of Pranab Mukherjee, former (13th) President of India?

- 1) Abhijit Mukherjee
- 2) Shovana Narayan
- 3) Suvra Mukherjee
- 4) Rani Karnaa
- 5) Sharmishtha Mukherjee

Answer- **5) Sharmishtha Mukherjee**

Explanation:

A book titled “**Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers**”, a biography of Pranab Mukherjee, former (13th) President of India, penned by his daughter **Sharmishtha Mukherjee**.

- The book, published by Rupa Publications India, is set to be released on 11th December 2023, the 88th birth anniversary of Pranab Mukherjee.
- The book sums up the life of Pranab Mukherjee starting from a small village in West Bengal to his rise to the President office.
- Sharmishtha Mukherjee, a noted kathak dancer and choreographer, is a member of Indian National Congress(INC).

Note- Pranab Mukherjee served as the President of India from 2012 to 2017. The Government of India has honoured him with Padma Vibhushan in 2008 and Bharat Ratna in 2019 in the field of Public Affairs. He passed away at the age of 84 in September 2020.

OBITUARY

1. Bangladeshi-British Climate scientist & Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), _____ passed away in October 2023.

- 1) Jagdish Shukla
- 2) Nir Shaviv
- 3) Svante Arrhenius
- 4) Pancheti Koteswaram
- 5) Saleemul Huq

Answer- **5) Saleemul Huq**

Explanation:

Bangladeshi-British Climate scientist **Saleemul Huq** passed away at the age of 71 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He was born in Karachi, Pakistan on 2nd October 1952.

i. Saleemul Huq is the Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Bangladesh.

ii. Saleemul Huq moved to Britain in the 1970s and received a doctorate in botany in 1978 from Imperial College London in the United Kingdom(UK).

iii. He works as a Professor at the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) as well as Associate of the International Institute on Environment and Development (IIED) in the UK.

iv. Queen Elizabeth II bestowed him with the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2022 New Year Honours for services to combating international climate change.

2. Padma Shri Awardee Leela Omchery, a musicologist, and writer passed away in November 2023.

In which year did he receive the Padma Shri Award in the field of Art?

- 1) 2009
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2021
- 4) 2010
- 5) 2006

Answer- **1) 2009**

Explanation:

Padma Shri Leela Omchery, a renowned musician, **musicologist, and writer** passed away in New Delhi, Delhi at the age of 94. She was born on May 31 1929 at Thiruvattar in the princely state of Travancore, Kanyakumari (now in Tamil Nadu).

i. She served as a professor at Kamukara School of Music, Dance, and Research Studies, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala). She was also a professor and principal of Trikala Gurukulam in New Delhi.

ii. She was the president of Dakshina Bharati (South Indian Women's Organisation), and vice-president of Swaralaya, New Delhi.

iii. She was awarded the **Padma Shri (2009)** in the Art Field; and the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi award (1991).

3. In November 2023, Dhruba Narayan Ghosh (DN Ghosh), former Chairman (12th) of _____ (Bank) , passed away.

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Bank of Baroda
- 5) Bank of India

Answer- 3) State Bank of India

Explanation:

Dhruba Narayan Ghosh (DN Ghosh), former Chairman (12th) of the **State Bank of India** (SBI) and Chairman Emeritus of ICRA Limited, **passed away** at the age of 95 in Kolkata, West Bengal. He was born on 6 August 1928 in Cooch Behar (West Bengal).

- He served as Chairman of SBI from 1985 to 1989; Philips India Limited from 1989-99; Larsen & Toubro(L&T) from 1991-92.
- He held different positions in the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Steel & Mines, and Ministry of Defence.

4. In November 2023, Subrata Roy, the Founder and Chairman of _____ (company), passed away.

- 1) Essar Group
- 2) Jaiprakash Associates Limited
- 3) Hinduja Group
- 4) Shapoorji Pallonji Group
- 5) Sahara India Pariwar

Answer- 5) Sahara India Pariwar

Explanation:

Subrata Roy, the Founder and Chairman of Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)-based **Sahara India Pariwar**, **passed away** at the age of 75 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was born on June 10, 1948, in Araria, Bihar. He was popularly known as 'Sahasri'.

i. In 1976, Subrata Roy took charge of Sahara Finance, a struggling chit-fund company. In 1978, Sahara Finance was evolved into Sahara India Pariwar.

ii. In 2004, Time Magazine named Sahara Group as the 2nd largest employer in India after the Indian Railways.

- Under his leadership, Sahara sponsored the Indian cricket and hockey teams and owned a Formula One(F1) racing team.

iii. Books: Shanti, Sukh: Santushti, Essays on peace of mind and happy living (1994); Life Mantras (2016); Think With Me (2016).

5. Padma Vibhushan Awardee Prithvi Raj Singh (PRS) Oberoi, the doyen of Indian hospitality passed away in November 2023.

In which field did he receive the Padma Vibhushan award in the year of 2008?

- 1) Medicine
- 2) Social Work
- 3) Trade and Industry
- 4) Literature and Education

5) Public Affairs

Answer- **3) Trade and Industry**

Explanation:

Padma Vibhushan Awardee Prithvi Raj Singh (**PRS**) **Oberoi**, Chairman Emeritus of The Oberoi Group, passed away at the age of 94. He was born in New Delhi, Delhi on 3rd February 1929.

- He was widely known as the 'doyen of Indian hospitality'.

i. PRS Oberoi, popularly known as "Biki", served as the Executive Chairman of EIH Limited, which is the flagship company of the Oberoi Group, one of India's largest luxury hotel chains. ii. He also served as the Chairman of Oberoi Hotels, the major shareholder of EIH Limited.

ii. The government of India honoured him with the **Padma Vibhushan** India's second highest civilian honour, for **Trade and Industry** in **2008**.

Note- The Oberoi group was founded in 1934 by Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi, father of PRS Oberoi.

6. In November 2023, Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya, former Governor of _____ (state) in the period of July 2014 – July 2019, passed away.

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) Odisha
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **2) Nagaland**

Explanation:

Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya (PB Acharya or PB), former Governor of **Nagaland** (July 2014 – July 2019) and Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra, at the age of 92. He was born on 8th October 1931, in Udupi, Karnataka.

Note- While serving as the governor of Nagaland, he has also held the additional charge as the governor of Tripura (2014-2015), Assam (2014-2016), Manipur (2019) and Arunachal Pradesh (2017).

- He served as All India National Secretary of the BJP and in-charge of North Eastern States from 1995-2002.
- He founded Indian National Fellowship Centre (INFC), a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) in 1975, to strengthen brotherhood/fellowship and Nationalism in the NorthEast region.

7. The renowned art historian and Padma Awardee Brijinder Nath Goswamy passed away in November 2023.

In which field did he receive the Padma Bhushan Award in 2008?

- 1) Public Affairs
- 2) Literature and Education
- 3) Art
- 4) Social Work
- 5) Medicine

Answer- **2) Literature and Education**

Explanation:

The renowned art historian and Padma Awardee **Brijinder Nath Goswamy** passed away in Chandigarh at the age of 90. He was born on 15th August 1933 in Sargodha (now in Punjab province of Pakistan).

- i. He was the recipient of the Padma Shri Award (1998) and the **Padma Bhushan Award (2008)** in the field of **Literature and Education**.
- ii. He has written more than 26 books on the subjects of Pahari paintings, miniature paintings, court painters, and masters of Indian paintings.
- iii. Pahari paintings means a painting from the 'hilly' regions, (pahar means hill), it is from the lower Himalayan hill kingdoms and the plains of Punjab, covering kingdoms include Nurpur, Kangra, and Guler, etc.

8. Booker Prize-winning British Author Dame Antonia Susan Byatt passed away in November 2023.

Her book, _____ won the Booker Prize for Fiction In 1990.

- 1) The Children's Book
- 2) The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye
- 3) Shadow of a Sun
- 4) Possession: A Romance
- 5) Elementals: Stories of Fire and Ice

Answer- 4) Possession: A Romance

Explanation:

Booker Prize-winning British Author, Critic, and Poet **Dame Antonia Susan Byatt**, known most commonly as AS Byatt, passed away at the age of 87 in London, the United Kingdom (UK). She was born on August 24, 1936, in Yorkshire, England, UK.

- The award-winning sequel of the quartet, Still Life (1985), earned the prestigious PEN/Macmillan Silver Pen Award in 1986, followed by Babel Tower (1996), and the 4th (and final) novel in the quartet is A Whistling Woman (2002).
- Her most successful book, **Possession: A Romance (1990)**, won the **Booker Prize for Fiction in 1990** and the Irish Times International Fiction Prize.
- She was honoured as the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1990 and the Damehood of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in 1999.
- Her book, The Children's Book (2009), was shortlisted for the 2009 Man Booker Prize for Fiction and won the 2010 James Tait Black Memorial Prize (for fiction).

9. In November 2023, _____, the former (18th) Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), passed away.

- 1) Subrahmanyam Venkitaramanan
- 2) Y. V. Reddy
- 3) Bimal Jalan
- 4) R. N. Malhotra
- 5) Amitav Ghosh

Answer- 1) Subrahmanyam Venkitaramanan

Explanation:

Subrahmanyam Venkitaramanan or S. Venkitaramanan, the **former (18th) Governor** of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) passed away** at the age of 92 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was born on 28 January 1931 in Nagercoil, Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu.

- He served as the 18th Governor of RBI from December 1990 to December 1992.
- After his retirement, he remained active as the Chairman of Ashok Leyland Investment Services, New Tirupur Area Development Corporation, and Ashok Leyland Finance.
- Additionally, he has also served on the boards of Reliance Industries Limited(RIL), Society for Promotion of IT in Chandigarh (SPIC), Piramal Healthcare, Tamil Nadu Water Investment Co., and HDFC.

10. In November 2023, Padma Awardee and an eminent vitreoretinal surgeon, _____, the founder of Sankara Nethralaya Academy, passed away.

- 1) SS Badrinath
- 2) Anuja R Singh
- 3) Smita Praveen
- 4) Atheeshwar Das
- 5) Sajeev Cherian

Answer- **1) SS Badrinath**

Explanation:

Padma Awardee and an eminent vitreoretinal surgeon, Sengamedu Srinivasa (**SS) Badrinath**, the **founder of Sankara Nethralaya Academy**, passed away at the age of 83 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was born on 24th February 1940 in Triplicane, Madras Presidency (Now Chennai, TN).

- i. In 2010, He became the 1st Indian to receive the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) award.
- ii. In 1978, he founded Sankara Nethralaya Academy, a unit of the Medical Research Foundation. He also served as President & Chairman Emeritus of the Medical Research Foundation.
- iii. The Government of India honoured him with Padma Shri, the 4th highest civilian award in 1983 and Padma Bhushan, the 3rd highest civilian award in 1999 for his contribution to the field of Medicine.

11. In November 2023, _____, Mr India title holder in 1970 and bodybuilder of Manipur passed away.

- 1) Bharat Bhushan
- 2) Neil Aryan Thakur
- 3) Ashish Malhan
- 4) Nongthombam Maipak
- 5) Kramik Yadav

Answer- **4) Nongthombam Maipak**

Explanation:

Nongthombam Maipak, former Mr India title holder and veteran bodybuilder of Manipur passed away in Imphal, Manipur at the age of 88. He was born on June 12, 1935 at Uripok Sorbon Thingel Sinam Leikai in Imphal West District, Manipur.

- i. He was popularly known as Mister Maipak and 'Son of Manipur'.
- ii. He won the **Mr. India title** in **1970** and then represented **India** in the Mr. Universe competition held from September 25-26, 1971 in Paris, France.

iii. He was honoured with the 'Best Indian Style Mythological Pose,' in the 1971 Mr. Universe competition and secured the 10th position out of 72 contestants.

12. In November 2023, Justice _____, 1st woman Judge of the Supreme Court of India and former Governor of Tamil Nadu (TN) passed away.

- 1) Sujata Manohar
- 2) Gyan Sudha Misra
- 3) Ruma Pal
- 4) Ranjana Desai
- 5) M Fathima Beevi

Answer- **5) M Fathima Beevi**

Explanation:

Justice M Fathima Beevi, India's 1st woman Judge of the Supreme Court of India and former **Governor of Tamil Nadu(TN)** passed away at the age of 96 in Kollam, Kerala. She was born in April 1927 in Pathanamthitta, Kerala.

- She was the 1st Muslim woman judge to be appointed to any higher judiciary.
 - She was also the 1st woman to become a Supreme Court Justice in an Asian country.
 - She became the Judge of Supreme Court of India in 1989 and retired from the post in 1992.
- i. Fathima Beevi started her career in 1950 as an advocate in Kerala. She topped the Bar Council exam and became the first woman to receive a Bar Council gold medal.
 - ii. In 1958, She was appointed as Munsiff in the Kerala Sub-ordinate Judicial Services and promoted as the Sub-ordinate Judge in 1968.
 - She served as the Governor of TN from 1997 to 2002. During her tenure as Governor of TN, she served as the Chancellor of Madras University.
 - iii. She was also awarded the Bharat Jyoti Award and the US-India Business Council (USIBC) LifeTime Achievement Award.

13. In November 2023, a renowned Indian Violinist and Carnatic Musician, _____ passed away.

- 1) Vittal Ramamurthy
- 2) Ragini Shankar
- 3) Ambi Subramaniam
- 4) B Sasikumar
- 5) Sabareesh Prabhaker

Answer- **4) B Sasikumar**

Explanation:

B Sasikumar, a renowned **Indian Violinist and Carnatic Musician** from Kerala passed away at the age of 74 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He was born on 27 April 1949 in Thiruvalla, Kerala.

- He has worked as a music teacher in Swati Tirunal College of Music, Thiruvananthapuram and joined Thiruvananthapuram Akashvani All India Radio (AIR) as a staff artiste (Violin) in 1971. He retired in 2008.
- i. He has produced many musical features for AIR such as "Nadopasana", "Sapthaswarangalil" and "Layicha Mahaanubhaavan".
 - ii. His notable works include "Navavarana Krithimahima", a 10-episode series on Navavarana Krithis. He also directed Adhyathma Ramayanam's recital in 2001.

iii. He was awarded the Violon Samrat Award from Kuwait (2011); the Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2008); Kerala Sangeetha Natak Academy Fellowship (2002).

14. Renowned Gujarati photojournalist and Padma Shri Awardee Zaverilal Dalpatram Mehta passed away in November 2023.

In which year did he receive the Padma Shri Award in the field of Literature and Education?

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2017
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2021

Answer- **1) 2018**

Explanation:

Renowned **Gujarati photojournalist and Padma Shri Awardee Zaverilal Dalpatram Mehta** passed away at the age of 97 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He was born on 9th July 1928 in Halvad, Gujarat.

i. In **2018**, he was honoured with **Padma Shri (literature and education)**, India's fourth-highest civilian award.

ii. He was known for documenting the tenures of 13 chief ministers and capturing incidents like the 2001 earthquake and the 1998 Kutch cyclone.

iii. In 2008, He published the book titled "Flashback", featuring the collection of his photographs and articles.

15. In November 2023, _____, a Canadian TV producer and LifeTime Achievement Emmy Award (2018) passed away.

- 1) John Blanchar
- 2) Marty Krofft
- 3) Simon Barry
- 4) Louise Clark
- 5) Chris Haddock

Answer- **2) Marty Krofft**

Explanation:

Marty Krofft, a Canadian TV producer and puppeteer known for imaginative children's shows such as 'HR Pufnstuf' and 'Land of the Lost,' passed away in California, the United States of America (USA) at the age of 86.

i. He was most known for co-creating the primetime children's TV series of the 1970s and 1980s with his elder brother Sid Krofft.

ii. The Krofft brothers made their TV debut in 1969 with the National Broadcasting Company (NBC)'s "H.R. Pufnstuf," followed by "The Bugaloos" (NBC, 1970) and "Lidsville" (American Broadcasting Company, 1971).

iii. They received the LifeTime Achievement Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in 2018.

iv. The brothers received a star on the world-famous Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2020 in recognition of their "Golden Anniversary."

16. In November 2023, C K Gopinathan, Director on the board of _____ (Bank), passed away.

- 1) Federal Bank
- 2) South Indian Bank
- 3) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
- 4) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- 5) Karnataka Bank

Answer- 4) Dhanlaxmi Bank

Explanation:

C K Gopinathan, Director on the **board of** Thrissur (Kerala)-based **Dhanlaxmi Bank**, passed away. He has more than 25 years of experience in the banking/finance sectors and has been on the Board of the Dhanlaxmi Bank since 2016.

i. He was a major shareholder in the bank, and as of September 2023, he held a 7.5% stake in the bank, with permission to hold up to 9.99%.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. When was the National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2023 observed across the globe to commemorate the 148th birth anniversary of “Iron Man of India,” Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

- 1) 29th October 2023
- 2) 31st October 2023
- 3) 28th October 2023
- 4) 30th October 2023
- 5) 27th October 2023

Answer- 2) 31st October 2023

Explanation:

National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is annually observed across India on 31 October to commemorate the birth anniversary of the “**Iron Man of India**,” Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31 October 1875), who was dubbed “Sardar” (chief) for his leadership skills.

- He was the first Deputy Prime Minister(Dy PM) and Home Minister of Independent India from 1947 to 1950.
- **31st October 2023** marks the 148th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The **first National Unity Day** was observed on 31 October **2014**.

i. As part of Prasar Bharati’s celebrations marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 2023.

ii. In 2023, Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture organised by Akashvani was delivered by Former President Ram Nath Kovind.

2. The _____ World Cities Day (WCD) was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on 31st October 2023 with the theme of “Financing sustainable urban future for all”.

- 1) 10th
- 2) 8th
- 3) 6th
- 4) 9th

5) 12th

Answer- **1) 10th**

Explanation:

The **10th World Cities Day (WCD)** was observed across the globe by the United Nations (**UN**) on **31st October 2023** with the **theme** of “Financing sustainable urban future for all”

i. The theme aims to explore ways to use the potential of transformative investment in urban planning and achieve adequate fiscal decentralization.

ii. The Global Observance of WCD 2023 was held at the Municipality of Üsküdar in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye.

iii. The event was held under the support and guidance of the First Lady of Türkiye, Her Excellency(HE) Emine Erdoğan.

- The 1st WCD was observed on 31st October 2014, in Shanghai, the People’s Republic of China.

3. When was the World Savings Day (WSD)/World Thrift Day, 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Conquer your Tomorrow?

1) 27th October 2023

2) 30th October 2023

3) 28th October 2023

4) 31st October 2023

5) 29th October 2023

Answer- **4) 31st October 2023**

Explanation:

World Savings Day (**WSD**), also known as World Thrift Day, 2023 was observed across the globe on **31st October 2023** with the theme of “**Conquer your Tomorrow**” through various saving methods.

i. India observes World Savings Day on 30th October, since 31st October marks the death anniversary of Indira Gandhi, former(3rd) Prime Minister of India. Indira Gandhi was assassinated on 31st October 1984.

ii. Every year the theme is set by the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute(WSBI). The first WSD was observed on 31 October 1924.

4. What was the theme of World Occupational Therapy (OT) Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 27th October 2023?

1) Unity through Community

2) Belong. Be You

3) Opportunity + Choice = Justice

4) Reimagine Doing

5) Improving world health and wellbeing

Answer- **1) Unity through Community**

Explanation:

World Occupational Therapy (OT) Day 2023 observed across the globe on **27th October 2023** with the theme of “**Unity through Community**”.

i. The **first** World OT Day was celebrated in **2010** by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFTO), an organisation of national and regional occupational therapy associations.

ii. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) observed World OT Day by conducting activities including

Awareness Programmes, National Level webinars, National Level Programme, poster making, and interviews on All India Radio at more than 30 places across India.

5. When was World Vegan Day 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 30th October 2023
- 2) 1st November 2023
- 3) 29th October 2023
- 4) 31st October 2023
- 5) 28th October 2023

Answer- **2) 1st November 2023**

Explanation:

World Vegan Day 2023 was observed across the globe on **1st November 2023** to spread awareness among people about the benefits of a vegan diet on health and well-being.

- i. The 1st World Vegan Day was observed on 1 November 1994.
- ii. The term “vegan” was coined by Donald Watson, an English animal rights activist and Co-founder of the Vegan Society in 1994.

6. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI) observed across the globe?

- 1) 29th October 2023
- 2) 30th October 2023
- 3) 1st November 2023
- 4) 31st October 2023
- 5) 2nd November 2023

Answer- **5) 2nd November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**) International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (**IDEI**) **2023** was observed across the globe on **2nd November 2023** to pay tribute to journalists killed in the line of duty, and to raise awareness about the dangers of impunity for crimes committed against journalists.

- The **first-ever IDEI** was observed on 2 November **2014**.
- i. The 2023 observance of IDEI and its events was based on the concept note, “Violence against journalists, the integrity of elections, and the role of public leadership.”
- ii. In 2023, the main commemoration of IDEI took place on 2 -3 November 2023 at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington D.C. the United States of America (USA).

7. When was the International Day for Biosphere Reserve (BR) 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

- 1) 31st October 2023
- 2) 3rd November 2023
- 3) 2nd November 2023
- 4) 4th November 2023
- 5) 1st November 2023

Answer- **2) 3rd November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**)’s **International Day for Biosphere Reserve (BR)** or World Biosphere Reserve Day is annually observed across the globe on 3 November to raise awareness of the importance of biosphere reserves and to promote their conservation and sustainable use.

- The day serves as a crucial reminder of the need to safeguard the delicate balance between humans and the environment.

i. 3 November 2023 marks the 2nd observance of **International Day for BR**.

ii. The first-ever International Day for BR was observed on 3 November 2022.

Note- In India, at present there are 18 notified BRs spanning 60,000 square kilometres (sq km).

8. When was the United Nations (UN) World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future”?

- 1) 3rd November 2023
- 2) 5th November 2023
- 3) 1st November 2023
- 4) 6th November 2023
- 5) 2nd November 2023

Answer- 2) 5th November 2023

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**) World Tsunami Awareness Day (**WTAD**) 2023 was observed across the globe on **5th November 2023** with the theme of “**Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future**”.

i. The UN Disaster Risk Reduction (**UNDRR**) facilitates the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the UN system.

- The first WTAD was observed on 5 November 2016.
- The designation of 5 November as WTAD comes from the “Inamura-no-hi” (The fire of rice sheaves) an anecdote about a Japanese village leader, Goryo Hamaguchi, who saved the lives of people in his village by setting fire to sheaves of rice on 5th November 1854.
- SFDRR is a 15-year international agreement adopted at the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held from 14 to 18 March 2015 in Sendai, Miyagi, Japan.

9. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 3rd November 2023
- 2) 5th November 2023
- 3) 2nd November 2023
- 4) 6th November 2023
- 5) 4th November 2023

Answer- 4) 6th November 2023

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)’s International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is annually observed across the globe on 6th November to raise awareness about the consequences that war and conflict have on the environment.

- **6th November 2023** marks the observance of the **22nd International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict**.

- The first International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict was observed on 6th November 2002.
- According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in the past 60 years, at least 40% of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources.

10. When was National Cancer Awareness Day (NCAD) 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 3rd November 2023
- 2) 4th November 2023
- 3) 5th November 2023
- 4) 6th November 2023
- 5) 7th November 2023

Answer- **5) 7th November 2023**

Explanation:

National Cancer Awareness Day (**NCAD**) **2023** observed across India on **7th November 2023** to raise awareness about the prevention, detection, and treatment of various types of cancer.

- NCAD aims to educate the public about early detection, healthy lifestyle choices, and access to quality cancer care.
- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), Cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide, representing nearly 1 in 6 deaths globally.
- A lavender ribbon is usually a sign of support for those living with all types of cancer.

i. The first NCAD was observed on 7 November 2014.

11. The 135th birth anniversary of the Nobel Prize Winner & Bharat Ratna awardee, Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (CV Raman) was observed on _____.

- 1) 5th November 2023
- 2) 7th November 2023
- 3) 4th November 2023
- 4) 6th November 2023
- 5) 3rd November 2023

Answer- **2) 7th November 2023**

Explanation:

The **birth anniversary** of the Nobel Prize Winner & Bharat Ratna awardee, Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (**CV Raman**) is annually observed on 7th November.

- **7th November 2023** marks the **135th** birth anniversary of CV Raman.
- He is an Indian Physicist well known for his discovery of the Raman effect.

i. The Nobel Prize in Physics 1930 was awarded to CV Raman for his work on the scattering of light.

- The discovery of the effect was named after him, the Raman Effect.
- He discovered the Raman Effect on 28th February 1928.
- He was the first Indian, Asian, and non-white person to win a Nobel Prize for the sciences.

ii. In 1954, CV Raman was awarded the inaugural Bharat Ratna for his outstanding service to the country in the field of physics.

- Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and Chakravarti Rajagopalachari also received the award along with him.

12. When was the International Day of Radiology (IDoR) 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 4th November 2023
- 2) 7th November 2023
- 3) 5th November 2023
- 4) 8th November 2023
- 5) 6th November 2023

Answer- 4) 8th November 2023

Explanation:

International Day of Radiology (**IDoR**) or World Radiography Day is annually observed across the globe on 8 November to raise awareness about the contribution of radiology towards safe patient care, and to improve public understanding of the vital role radiologists and radiographers play in the healthcare continuum.

- IDoR was created to mark the anniversary of the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, a German physicist & the winner of the 1st Nobel Prize in Physics (1901), in 1895.
 - **8th November 2023** marks the observance of the **12th** International Day of Radiology (IDoR).
- i. According to the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the IDOR 2023 took place under a persistent theme, "Radiologists and Radiographers Supporting Patients".
 - ii. According to the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT), the 2023 theme of IDoR is, "Celebrating Patient Safety".

13. When was World Urbanism Day(WUD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of "Learn Globally, Apply Locally"?

- 1) 8th November 2023
- 2) 5th November 2023
- 3) 7th November 2023
- 4) 4th November 2023
- 5) 6th November 2023

Answer- 1) 8th November 2023

Explanation:

World Urbanism Day(WUD), also known as World Town Planning Day (WTPD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **8th November 2023** with the theme of "Learn Globally, Apply Locally"

- The day is promoted by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP).
- The Institute of Town Planner, India , established in 1951 organizes the World Town Planning Day in India.
- The annual ISOCARP World Planning Congress is the main activity of ISOCARP which focuses on a planning theme of foremost international interest.
- Urban Economy Forum (UEF) and ISOCARP will jointly organise the 5th Urban Economy Forum (UEF5) and 59th ISOCARP World Planning Congress (WPC59) from 10th November to 13th November 2023

14. When was the National Legal Services Day (NLSD) 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 7th November 2023
- 2) 5th November 2023
- 3) 8th November 2023
- 4) 6th November 2023

5) 9th November 2023

Answer- **5) 9th November 2023**

Explanation:

National Legal Services Day(NLSD) is annually observed across India on 9th of November.

- **9th November 2023** marks the 29th National Legal Services Day with the theme of 'Access to Justice for All: Empowering the Marginalised through Legal Awareness'.
- The theme emphasizes the importance of providing equal access to legal resources and knowledge, especially to those who are underprivileged and marginalized.
- The first ever NLSD was celebrated on 09th November 1995.
- NALSA was constituted on 5th December, 1995 for making legal services available under the National Legal Services Act.

15. The World Quality Week (WQW) 2023 is being observed across the globe from 6th to 10th November 2023 with the theme of _____.

- 1) 100 Years of Quality
- 2) Quality: realising your competitive potential
- 3) Sustainability: improving our products, people and planet.
- 4) Quality conscience: Doing the right thing
- 5) Creating Customer Value

Answer- **2) Quality: realising your competitive potential**

Explanation:

World Quality Week (WQW) is annually observed across the globe on the 2nd week of November to recognise the achievements of quality professionals, reflect on the successes and challenges of the past year, and share best practices for ensuring quality in all areas of lives.

- **WQW 2023** is observed from **6 to 10 November 2023** with the theme of "**Quality: realising your competitive potential**".
- WQW is a flagship brand awareness campaign of the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI), to celebrate the quality management profession globally.
- The Chartered Quality Institute (CQI), a business entity in London, the United Kingdom (UK), observes the 2nd Thursday of November every year as World Quality Day.
- In 2021, the CQI expanded the one-day event of quality management "World Quality Day" into a week-long celebration "World Quality Week".
- Since 2021, CQI has been celebrating WQW during the 2nd week of November.

Note: The CQI is also in charge of the International Register of Certified Auditors (IRCA).

16. When was the National Ayurveda Day 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 10th November 2023
- 2) 7th November 2023
- 3) 9th November 2023
- 4) 6th November 2023
- 5) 8th November 2023

Answer- **1) 10th November 2023**

Explanation:

National Ayurveda Day is annually observed across India aimed at generating awareness among people about health issues as well as the potential role of Ayurveda in their prevention and treatment.

- The day is observed on Dhanwantri Jayanthi or Dhanteras, the festival honouring Dhanvantari, the Hindu God of Ayurveda.
- The day is observed on the 13th day of Krishna Paksha in the month of Ashwin as per the Hindu calendar.

i. The National Ayurveda Day 2023 falls on 10th November 2023 and marks the observance of the 8th National Ayurveda Day.

- The focal theme for Ayurveda Day 2023 is, "Ayurveda for One Health" with the tagline 'Ayurveda for everyone on every day' (Har din har kisi ke liye Ayurveda) focusing on the human-animal-plant-environment interface.

ii. The first ever National Ayurveda Day was observed in India on the 28th October 2016.

- In 2023, National Ayurveda Day was set to be celebrated on a global scale across 100 countries, advocating the global campaign of 'Ayurveda for One Health'.
- Union Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister of State for Ayush, Munjpara Mahendrabhai, took part in a conference held in the context of the 8th National Ayurveda Day.
- Along with the conference, the 'Ayurveda Mahaparva' expo and review meeting of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) of 8 states was also organized.
- The main function of the 8th Ayurveda Day was held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula on the occasion of Dhanvantari Day (10 November 2023).

17. What was the theme of World Science Day for Peace and Development 2023 that was observed across the globe on 10th November 2023?

- 1) Science, a Human Right
- 2) Building Climate-Ready Communities
- 3) Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
- 4) Building Trust In Science
- 5) Open Science, leaving no one behind

Answer- 4) Building Trust In Science

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed annually across the globe on November 10 to highlight the important role of science in society and the need to engage the general people in discussions about rising scientific concerns.

i. 10th November 2023 marks the observance of the 22nd edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development with the theme of '**Building Trust In Science**'

ii. The first-ever World Science Day for Peace and Development was observed on 10th November 2002.

iii. Ana María Cetto, a Mexican physicist, has been awarded the 2023 UNESCO–Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science for her dedication to making scientific knowledge more accessible to the public.

- She will receive the prize on 13 November 2023 at UNESCO headquarters.
- In 1993, the UNESCO Science Report was launched under the name of World Science Report. It has issued 7 reports in the series since then.
- The science report is published every 5 years by UNESCO.

18. When was National Education Day 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 9th November 2023
- 2) 7th November 2023
- 3) 10th November 2023
- 4) 8th November 2023
- 5) 11th November 2023

Answer- **5) 11th November 2023**

Explanation:

National Education Day is annually observed across India on 11 November to mark the birth anniversary of 'Bharat Ratna' Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India.

- His immense contribution to the field of education in India is recognised by celebrating his birthday as National Education Day across India.
- This day serves to raise awareness about the fundamental right to education and underscore its supreme importance.

i. 11th November 2023 marks the **135th birth anniversary** of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who was born on 11 November 1888, in Mecca (Saudi Arabia).

ii. The first-ever National Education Day was observed on 11 November 2008.

19. When was the Public Service Broadcasting Day/Jan Prasaran Diwas 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 10th November 2023
- 2) 11th November 2023
- 3) 12th November 2023
- 4) 13th November 2023
- 5) 14th November 2023

Answer- **3) 12th November 2023**

Explanation:

Public Service Broadcasting Day or Jan Prasaran Diwas is annually observed **across India** on 12 November to commemorate the first and only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of the then All India Radio (AIR) (now Akashvani) in Delhi, in 1947.

- **2023 Public Service Broadcasting Day** or Jan Prasaran Diwas observed on **12th November 2023**.

i. On 17th November 1947, Mahatma Gandhi visited the AIR Studios at Broadcasting House, New Delhi, Delhi to address the refugees (from Pakistan) who were camped in Kurukshetra, Haryana following the partition.

ii. To commemorate 50 years of this visit of Mahatma Gandhi to AIR, a function was organised at AIR premises on 12th November 1997.

iii. Later in 2001, the day, "12th November", was declared Public Service Broadcasting Day.

20. When was the World Usability Day (WUD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Collaboration and Cooperation?

- 1) 8th November 2023
- 2) 9th November 2023
- 3) 10th November 2023

4) 12th November 2023

5) 13th November 2023

Answer- **2) 9th November 2023**

Explanation:

World Usability Day (**WUD**), or Make Things Easier Day is annually observed across the globe on the 2nd Thursday of November to promote the principles of usability, accessibility, and user experience in design.

- WUD 2023 falls on **9th November 2023** with the **theme** of “Collaboration and Cooperation”.
- The first WUD was observed on 10 November 2005.

i. WUI, a UN initiative, is an extension of WUD that is designed to be self-sustaining, aims to make great design inclusive and usable for everyone, aligning with the international agenda for sustainability.

ii. The WUI DC is in collaboration with the HCI International (HCII) conference, sponsors 3 awards:

- Gold USD 1250;
- Silver USD 1000; and
- Bronze USD 750.

iii. The **WUI DC Awards winners** will be invited with complimentary registration, to present their innovative, impactful design work in a special session during the 2024 HCII Conference from 29 June to 4 July 2024 in Washington, the United States of America (USA).

- Winners- Gold: Live.Lingo, Athena Vo (Boston College, USA)
- Silver: MCCD Form, Nomeshwari Reddy Thummala (National Institute of Design, Bengaluru (Karnataka), India)
- There is no Bronze Award.

21. What was the theme of World Pneumonia Day 2023 that was observed across the globe on 12th November 2023?

- 1) Healthy lungs for all
- 2) Let's increase access to medical oxygen
- 3) Championing the fight against pneumonia
- 4) Pneumonia Affects Everyone
- 5) Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track

Answer- **5) Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track**

Explanation:

World Pneumonia Day is annually observed across the globe on November 12 to raise awareness and educate people about Pneumonia disease, the world's most prominent infectious death of children under the age of 5.

i. **12th November 2023** marks the observance of 15th World Pneumonia Day with the theme of “**Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track**”.

ii. The **1st World** Pneumonia Day was observed on 12th November **2009**.

22. When was the United Nations (UN) World Diabetes Day (WDD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Access to Diabetes Care?

- 1) 10th November 2023
- 2) 13th November 2023
- 3) 11th November 2023

4) 14th November 2023

5) 12th November 2023

Answer- **4) 14th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Diabetes Day (WDD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **14th November 2023** to raise awareness about the impact of diabetes on the health of people.

i. The **theme** for WDD 2021-23 is "**Access to Diabetes Care**" and the slogan for the 2023 campaign is: "Know your risk, Know your response."

ii. The **first-ever** UN-recognised WDD was observed on 14 November **2007**.

iii. 14 November marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Grant Banting, a Canadian medical scientist who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Herbert Best, an American-Canadian medical scientist in 1922.

- Sir Frederick Grant Banting won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1923 for the discovery of insulin; he shared the award with John James Rickard Macleod, a Scottish physiologist.

23. What was the theme of World Kindness Day that was observed across the globe on 13th November 2023?

1) Be Kind Wherever Possible

2) Nurturing Kindness

3) Empathy

4) The World We Make - Inspire Kindness

5) Give a Kind hug

Answer- **1) Be Kind Wherever Possible**

Explanation:

World Kindness Day (WKD) is annually observed across the globe on November 13 to promote kindness and inspire people to engage in at least one act of kindness that aspires to unify the world as one.

- **13th November 2023** marks the observance of **26th World Kindness Day** with the theme of "**Be Kind Wherever Possible**".
- The 1st World Kindness Day was observed on 13th November 1998.

24. The Children's Day/Bal Divas 2023 was observed across India on 14th November 2023 to mark the _____ birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

1) 120th

2) 134th

3) 129th

4) 130th

5) 128th

Answer- **2) 134th**

Explanation:

Children's Day also known as **Bal Divas** is annually observed across India on November 14 to honour the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Jawaharlal Nehru, India's 1st Prime Minister, who was known for his love and affection for children.

- The day aims to emphasise the significance of nurturing and celebrating the vibrant spirit of the younger generation.

- **14th November 2023** marks the **134th birth anniversary** of Pandit **Jawaharlal Nehru**.

i. In 1955, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, was awarded the Bharat Ratna by then-President Rajendra Prasad.

ii. As a tribute to the memory of the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his lifelong dedication to the cause of world peace and international understanding, the Government of India instituted the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1965.

25. When was the United Nations (UN) International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP) 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 7th to 13th November 2023
- 2) 5th to 11th November 2023
- 3) 1st to 7th November 2023
- 4) 6th to 12th November 2023
- 5) 4th to 10th November 2023

Answer- **4) 6th to 12th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**) International Week of Science and Peace (**IWOSP**) is annually observed across the globe during the week in which November 11th falls.

i. IWOSP 2023 is observed from **6th to 12th November 2023**.

ii. The first International Week of Science and Peace was observed from 10th to 16th November 1986 as part of the observance of the International Year of Peace.

- However, the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) adopted a resolution A/RES/43/61 in 1988 and proclaimed that the International Week of Science and Peace will be observed annually during the week in which November 11 falls.

iii. The first UN's International Week of Science and Peace was observed in 1989.

26. What was the theme of National Newborn Week 2023 that was observed across India from 15th to 21st November 2023?

- 1) Home care of Newborn in Urban area
- 2) Safety, Quality and Nurturing care – Birth Right of Every Newborn
- 3) Ensuring quality health care for Newborn
- 4) Quality, Equity and Dignity for Every Newborn
- 5) Gender gap in Neonatal Survival-Time to Act

Answer- **2) Safety, Quality and Nurturing care – Birth Right of Every Newborn**

Explanation:

National Newborn Week 2023 was observed across India from **15th to 21st November 2023** with the theme (since 2021) of **Safety, Quality and Nurturing care – Birth Right of Every Newborn**.

- The observance also aims to highlight the importance of newborn care for child survival and development. The annual observance in India is led by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

i. In 2000, at the request of the National Neonatology Forum (NNF), the Government of India agreed to observe a National Newborn Week from 15th to 21st November each year.

ii. The first ever Newborn Week was launched by the then Prime Minister (PM) Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 15th November 2000.

27. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for Tolerance 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 14th November 2023
- 2) 12th November 2023
- 3) 15th November 2023
- 4) 13th November 2023
- 5) 16th November 2023

Answer- **5) 16th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) **International Day for Tolerance 2023** was observed across the globe on **16th November 2023** to promote and raise awareness of tolerance, respect, and understanding among all the diverse cultures and communities across the globe.

- The day also highlights the negative effects of intolerance and promotes policies that ensure equal rights and opportunities for all.
- In 1996, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/51/95 and proclaimed the 16 November of every year as the International Day for Tolerance.
- The **first** International Day for Tolerance was observed on **16 November 1997**.
- The day commemorates adoption of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance by the member states of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on November 16, 1995.

28. What was the theme of National Press Day 2023 that was observed across India on 16th November 2023?

- 1) The Media's Role is Nation Building
- 2) Who is Not Afraid of the Media?
- 3) Media in the Era of Artificial Intelligence
- 4) Role of media during COVID-19
- 5) Media should guard against 'fake news'

Answer- **3) Media in the Era of Artificial Intelligence**

Explanation:

National Press Day 2023 was observed across India on **16th November 2023** with the **theme** of "Media in the Era of Artificial Intelligence".

- The day was celebrated to commemorate the day on which the Press Council of India (PCI) started its function as the moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any form of influence or threats.

i. According to Reporters Without Borders (Reporters sans frontières – RSF)'s **21th World Press Freedom Index (WPI 2023)**, **India** is ranked **161st out** of 180 countries with a score of 36.62.

- Norway topped the list (for the seventh consecutive year) with a score of 95.18, followed by Ireland (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).
- PCI organised an event to celebrate National Press Day 2023 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar graced the event as chief guest while Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) and Minister of States (MoS) L. Murugan, MIB were the Guests of Honour.

29. When was World Philosophy Day 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

- 1) 12th November 2023
- 2) 15th November 2023
- 3) 13th November 2023
- 4) 16th November 2023
- 5) 14th November 2023

Answer- **4) 16th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) **World Philosophy Day** is annually observed across the globe on the 3rd Thursday of November to highlight the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and each individual.

- **World Philosophy Day 2023** falls on **16th November 2023**.
- The observance of World Philosophy Day is annually led by UNESCO.
- The first ever World Philosophy Day was observed on 21st November 2002 (3rd Thursday of November 2002).

30. When was the National Epilepsy Day 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 17th November 2023
- 2) 16th November 2023
- 3) 15th November 2023
- 4) 14th November 2023
- 5) 13th November 2023

Answer- **1) 17th November 2023**

Explanation:

National Epilepsy Day 2023 was observed across India on **17th November 2023** to spread awareness and educate people about Epilepsy, a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures, and its impact on individuals, families, and communities who are affected by this disease.

- The day serves as a platform to eliminate myths and misconceptions surrounding epilepsy while creating awareness about its symptoms and management.
- Purple is the colour of Epilepsy and the Symbol of Epilepsy is the Purple Ribbon. The Purple Ribbon also represents Pancreatic cancer.

Note- Epilepsy is a chronic Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) of the brain that affects people of all ages.

31. When was the International Students' Day 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 13th November 2023
- 2) 16th November 2023
- 3) 14th November 2023
- 4) 17th November 2023
- 5) 15th November 2023

Answer- 4) **17th November 2023**

Explanation:

International Students' Day is annually observed across the globe on November 17 to celebrate multiculturalism, diversity, and teamwork among students. The day aims to guarantee that every kid in the world has access to education.

- The observance marks the anniversary of the events held after the Nazi invasion of Charles University in Prague(Czech Republic), in 1939.
- **17th November 2023** marks the observance **83rd International Students' Day**.
- The first-ever International Students' Day was observed on 17th November 1941. It was observed by the International Students' Council in London, The United Kingdom(UK).
- The Velvet Revolution was ignited in Prague, by demonstrations commemorating the 50th anniversary of International Students' Day on 17th November 1989. The velvet revolution ended more than 40 years of communist rule in Czechoslovakia and catalysed the process of democratization in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

32. What was the theme of 6th National Naturopathy Day, observed across India on 18th November 2023?

- 1) Naturopathy an Integrative Medicine
- 2) Poshan Aahar & Rog Mukh Bharath
- 3) Nutrition, Diet, and Disease-free India
- 4) Nurturing Vitality Through Naturopathy
- 5) Naturopathy for Holistic Health

Answer- 5) **Naturopathy for Holistic Health**

Explanation:

The **6th National Naturopathy Day 2023** observed across India on **18th November 2023** with the **theme of "Naturopathy for Holistic Health."**

i. The annual observance of the day is led by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India.

ii. The **first-ever** National Naturopathy Day was observed on **November 18, 2018**.

- It was on this day in 1945, when Mahatma Gandhi became lifetime Chairman of the All India Nature Cure Foundation Trust and signed the deed to make the benefits of Nature Cure available to all classes of people.
- Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi (Delhi), the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) Pune (Maharashtra), and the University of Patanjali, Haridwar (Uttarakhand) have jointly organised the 6th Naturopathy day celebration at University of Patanjali on 18th & 19th November 2023.
- For the 2nd time, CCRYN has organised an International Conference on Naturopathy in association with Patanjali Yogpeeth, NIN & World Naturopathic Federation (WNF).

33. When was World AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Awareness Week (WAAW) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of "Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together"?

- 1) 18th to 24th November 2023
- 2) 14th to 20th November 2023
- 3) 17th to 23rd November 2023
- 4) 15th to 21st November 2023

5) 16th to 22nd November 2023

Answer- **1) 18th to 24th November 2023**

Explanation:

World AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Awareness Week (**WAAW**), previously known as “World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (**WAAW**) 2023 was celebrated across the globe from **November 18th to 24th** with the **theme** of “**Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together**”.

- The day also promotes best practices among One Health stakeholders to reduce the emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.
- i.** WHO observed the **first** World Antibiotic Awareness Week from 16th to 22nd November **2015**.
- ii.** In June 2023, the Quadripartite organizations: FAO, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), WHO, and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), announced the rebranding of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week as World AMR Awareness Week.
- The acronym will remain “WAAW”, while all expansions of this acronym will now be re-branded as “World AMR Awareness Week.”

34. When was the World Prematurity Day (WPD) 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 19th November 2023
- 2) 17th November 2023
- 3) 15th November 2023
- 4) 18th November 2023
- 5) 20th November 2023

Answer- **2) 17th November 2023**

Explanation:

World Prematurity Day (WPD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **17th November 2023** with the **theme** of “Small Actions, BIG IMPACT: Immediate Skin-to-Skin Care for Every Baby, Everywhere.”

- The International Prematurity Awareness Day was initiated on 17 November 2008, by the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) and partnering with the European parent organisations.
- 17th November was declared as International Prematurity Awareness Day during the first Parent Organisations Meeting in Rome, Italy.
- Since 2011, the day has been celebrated as World Prematurity Day .
- The Department of Maternal and Child Health of the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Viet Nam, with the support of Kimberly-Clarke, hosted special events in some provinces, including Lao Cai, Lai Chau, etc.

35. When was the United Nations (UN) World Day of Remembrance (WDoR) for Road Traffic Victims 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Justice?

- 1) 18th November 2023
- 2) 16th November 2023
- 3) 19th November 2023
- 4) 17th November 2023
- 5) 20th November 2023

Answer- **3) 19th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) World Day of Remembrance (WDoR) for Road Traffic Victims is annually observed across the globe on the 3rd Sunday in November to pay tribute to all those who have lost their lives or suffered serious and irreversible damage to their health and to their surviving families in road crashes.

i. WDoR for Road Traffic Victims 2023 falls on **19th November 2023** with the **theme** of “Justice” with the slogan, “Remember. Support. Act.”

ii. The day serves as the appropriate acknowledgment for victims of road traffic crashes and their families.

36. The National Integration day 2023 was celebrated across India on 19th November 2023 to commemorate the birth anniversary of _____.

- 1) Indira Gandhi
- 2) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- 3) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- 4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 5) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Answer- **1) Indira Gandhi**

Explanation:

National Integration Day, also known as Quami Ekta Divas, is observed annually on November 19 across India to mark the **birth anniversary** of India’s First Female Prime Minister (PM), Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi, popularly known as **Indira Gandhi** (Iron Lady of India).

i. 19th November 2023 marks the 106th birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi. The Day marks the beginning of National Integration Week (Qaumi Ekta Week) which is observed from November 19 to 25 every year.

- The first ever National Integration Day was observed on 19th November 2013.
- She served as the third PM of Independent India from January 1966 to March 1977 and again from January 14, 1980, till her assassination on October 31, 1984.
- She was India’s second-longest-serving PM after Nehru (August 15, 1947 – May 27, 1964).
- She was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India’s highest civilian award, in 1971 and Lenin Peace Prize in 1984.

37. When was Women’s Entrepreneurship Day (WED) 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 15th November 2023
- 2) 18th November 2023
- 3) 16th November 2023
- 4) 19th November 2023
- 5) 17th November 2023

Answer- **4) 19th November 2023**

Explanation:

The 10th Women’s Entrepreneurship Day (WED) 2023 was observed across the globe on **19th November 2023** to honour female entrepreneurs and acknowledge their achievements. The day also honours the contributions of women in business.

- The annual observance of WED is led by the Women’s Entrepreneurship Day Organisation (WEDO).

- The **first-ever WED** was observed on 19 November 2014 at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York, the United States of America (USA).
 - It was initiated by a Social Entrepreneur Wendy Diamond, Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of WEDO, a non-governmental volunteer organisation.
- i.** On 17 November 2023, WEDO organised some events to commemorate the celebration of 10 years of WED (proclaimed on November 19th) at the Delegates' Dining Room inside the UN headquarters in New York City, USA.
- ii.** The event includes an in-personal/virtual WEDO Summit 2023, and the Pioneer Award Luncheon.

38. What was the theme of 25th International Men's Day, observed across the globe on 19th November 2023?

- 1) Making a Difference for Men and Boys
- 2) Zero Male Suicide
- 3) Helping men and boys
- 4) Better Health for Men and Boys
- 5) Positive Male Role Models

Answer- **2) Zero Male Suicide**

Explanation:

The International Men's Day (IMD) is annually observed across the globe on November 19 to honour the men in our lives and to acknowledge cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements they contribute to our society.

- i.** 19th November 2023 marks the **25th International Men's Day** with the theme of "**Zero Male Suicide**".
- ii.** Celebration of IMD was founded in 1999 by Dr Jerome Teelucksingh, a history lecturer at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago.
- The first ever IMD was observed on 19th November 1999.

39. What was the theme of World Fisheries Day 2023, observed across the globe on 21st November 2023?

- 1) Celebrating the Wealth of Fisheries and Aquaculture
- 2) Investing in social protection to secure equitable Blue Transformation
- 3) Partnerships and Innovation for Climate Change-Resistant Fisheries
- 4) Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain
- 5) Fisheries, Sustainability and Innovation

Answer- **1) Celebrating the Wealth of Fisheries and Aquaculture**

Explanation:

The **26th World Fisheries Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **21st November 2023** with the **theme** of "Celebrating the Wealth of Fisheries and Aquaculture."

- i.** On 21st November 1997, the working fishermen and women representing the World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers met at New Delhi, Delhi and established the World Fisheries Forum (WFF).
- ii.** The first ever World Fisheries Day was observed on 21st November 1998.

40. When was United Nations (UN) World Television Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Accessibility?

- 1) 19th November 2023
- 2) 21st November 2023
- 3) 18th November 2023
- 4) 20th November 2023
- 5) 17th November 2023

Answer- 2) 21st November 2023

Explanation:

The **27th** United Nations (UN)'s **World Television Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **21st November 2023** with the theme of "Accessibility"

- The day recognises television as a symbol for communication and globalisation in the contemporary world.
- The first ever world television day was observed on 21st November 1997.
- 21st November was chosen to commemorate the date on which the 1st World Television Forum was held in 1996.

41. When was World Heritage Week (WHW) 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 17th to 23rd November 2023
- 2) 20th to 26th November 2023
- 3) 19th to 25th November 2023
- 4) 21st to 27th November 2023
- 5) 18th to 24th November 2023

Answer- 3) 19th to 25th November 2023

Explanation:

World Heritage Week (WHW) 2023 was observed across India from **19th to 25th November 2023** to promote the heritage and the culture of monuments and important sites for their conservation.

- WHW events are annually organised by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under the Ministry of Culture, various Museums, and other heritage-conscious organisations across India and WHW was recognised and celebrated heritage sites recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

i. On 20th November 2023, Union Minister Nirmala Sitaraman, Ministry of Finance, inaugurated the WHW Photo Exhibition organised by ASI Trichy Circle (Tamil Nadu) in collaboration with the Thiagarajar College in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

- The exhibition with the theme of "Rock Cut Temples in South Tamil Nadu" (8th century CE – 13th century CE).

Note- UNESCO's World Heritage Day or International Day for Monuments and Sites is annually observed across the globe on April 18. The theme of World Heritage Day 2023 is "Heritage Changes".

42. What was the theme of World Children's Day 2023, observed across the globe on 20th November 2023?

- 1) Inclusion: For Every Child
- 2) A Better Future for Every Child
- 3) Time to focus on impact of climate change
- 4) Children of today, our keepers tomorrow

5) For every child, every right

Answer- **5) For every child, every right**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) Universal Children's Day or **World Children's Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **20th November 2023** with the **campaign theme** of "**For every child, every right.**"

- World Children's Day is the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)'s annual day of action for children, by children.
- ii. On November 20th, the UNGA, UNICEF, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and several specialized agencies hosted events to mark World Children's Day 2023 at the UN Headquarters in New York, the United States of America (USA).
- iii. The State of the World's Children (SoWC) 2023: For every child, vaccination was published in April 2023. This is the 1st UNICEF report with a sole focus on immunisation.
 - It was developed in collaboration with the Vaccine Confidence Project (VCP) and uses Vaccine Confidence Index data from 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2022.

43. When was the Africa Industrialization Day 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) 21st November 2023
- 2) 18th November 2023
- 3) 20th November 2023
- 4) 22nd November 2023
- 5) 19th November 2023

Answer- **3) 20th November 2023**

Explanation:

The **34th Africa Industrialization Day 2023** was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on **20th November 2023** with the **theme** of "Accelerating Africa's Industrialization through the Empowerment of African Women in Processing for an Integrated Market".

- i. The first ever Africa Industrialization Day was observed on 20th November 1990.
- ii. The events of Africa Industrialization Week 2023 was hosted in Cairo, Egypt from 9th to 15th November 2023.

44. What was the theme of World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day 2023, observed across the globe on 15th November 2023?

- 1) Healthy Lungs - Never More Important
- 2) Living Well with COPD - Everybody, Everywhere
- 3) Your Lungs for Life
- 4) Healthy Lungs for All
- 5) Breathing is Life - Act Earlier

Answer- **5) Breathing is Life - Act Earlier**

Explanation:

The World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (**COPD**) **Day** is annually observed across the globe on the 3rd Wednesday of November to raise awareness about COPD, one of the most widespread illnesses across the globe.

- i. 22nd World COPD Day was observed on **15th November 2023** with the theme of “**Breathing is Life – Act Earlier**”
- ii. The theme highlights the importance of early lung health, early diagnosis and early interventions. The theme is chosen by Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD).
- iii. The 1st World COPD Day was observed on 20th November 2002.

45. When was the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 18th November 2023
- 2) 19th November 2023
- 3) 20th November 2023
- 4) 21st November 2023
- 5) 22nd November 2023

Answer- **1) 18th November 2023**

Explanation:

The **2nd** World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence 2023 was observed across the globe on **18th November 2023** to create awareness about the impact of child sexual exploitation, abuse, and violence.

- i. On 7th November 2022, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution and proclaimed the 18th November of every year as the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence.
- ii. The resolution was sponsored by Sierra Leone and Nigeria, and co-sponsored by more than 120 countries.
- iii. The day was **first** observed on 18th November **2022**.

46. When was the United Nations (UN) World Toilet Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Accelerating Change?

- 1) 23rd November 2023
- 2) 21st November 2023
- 3) 19th November 2023
- 4) 22nd November 2023
- 5) 20th November 2023

Answer- **3) 19th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**) **World Toilet Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **19th November 2023** with the global campaign theme of “**Accelerating Change**”.

- The day is observed to raise awareness about 3.5 billion people without access to safe sanitation and to encourage action to address the global sanitation crisis.
 - Every year, the theme of World Toilet day is chosen by UN-Water, the UN’s coordination mechanism on water and sanitation.
- i. The hummingbird is the symbol of World Toilet Day 2023, because a toilet is small but mighty, just like a hummingbird.
 - ii. The 1st UN recognised World Toilet Day was observed on 19 November 2013.

47. When was United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 25th November 2023
- 2) 22nd November 2023
- 3) 24th November 2023
- 4) 21st November 2023
- 5) 23rd November 2023

Answer- **1) 25th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women **2023** was observed across the globe on **25th November 2023** to raise public awareness about the global problem of violence against women.

- The Day also aims to prevent violence against women and promote basic human rights and gender equality.

i. The **first-ever** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was observed on **25 November 2000**.

ii. The observance marks the launch of the UNiTE campaign, a 16 days ((25th November – 10th December) of activism against Gender-based Violence (GBV), which concludes on International Human Rights Day (10 December).

- The **2023 global theme** of the UNiTE campaign is, “**UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls**”.

iii. The UNiTE campaign has proclaimed the 25th of each month as “Orange Day”, a day to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls (VAWG).

48. When was the National Constitution Day /Samvidhan Divas 2023 observed across India?

- 1) 25th November 2023
- 2) 23rd November 2023
- 3) 26th November 2023
- 4) 24th November 2023
- 5) 27th November 2023

Answer- **3) 26th November 2023**

Explanation:

National Constitution Day also known as ‘Samvidhan Divas’, is annually observed across India on **26 November** to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly of India on **26th November 1949**.

- The Constitution of India was enacted on 26th January 1950, celebrated as Republic Day. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) is the Nodal Ministry for the celebration of Constitution Day.
- **26 November 2023** marks the 74th Anniversary of adopting the Constitution of India. The first-ever Constitution Day was observed on 26 November 2015.’

i. President Droupadi Murmu commemorated National Constitution Day on 26 November 2023 by revealing a 7-foot statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar at the Supreme Court premises in New Delhi, Delhi.

ii. The Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud in commemoration of Constitution Day, introduced 2 new initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency of the judicial system.

- During an event, he launched the Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records (FASTER) 2.0 portal and a Hindi version of the e-SCR (Supreme Court Reports) portal.

49. Which of the following points is/are “correct” with respect to the National Milk Day 2023?

A) The 10th National Milk Day was observed across India on 26th November 2023 to

commemorate the 102nd birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien, the Father of the White Revolution in India.

B) On the occasion of National Milk Day 2023, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala released the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023 in Guwahati, Assam.

C) Under Milk production, a growth of 43.91% over the past five years witnessed in India’s milk production and Gujarat secured 1st as the highest milk producing State.

1) Only A

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- 2) Only A & B

Explanation:

The **10th National Milk Day** was observed across India on **26th November 2023** to commemorate the **102nd birth anniversary** of Dr **Verghese Kurien**, the Father of the White Revolution in India.

- The day is annually organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. The 1st National Milk Day was observed on 26th November 2014.

i. On the occasion of National Milk Day 2023, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying released the **Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023** (milk, egg, meat and wool production 2022-23) in Guwahati, Assam.

- **India’s milk production** witnessed a growth of **22.81%** over the past five years. It reached an estimated 230.58 million tonnes in 2022-23 against 187.75 million tonnes in 2018-19.
- **Uttar Pradesh** secured **1st** in as the **highest milk producing State** and Karnataka is the top performing state with respect to Annual Growth Rate (AGR).

ii. The **National Gopal Ratna Awards 2023**, one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector, has been conferred during the National Milk Day event.

- Ram Singh, Karnal, Haryana secured 1st rank in the National Gopal Ratna Awards 2023 under the Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds Category.

50. The 75th Raising Day of National Cadet Corps (NCC) was observed across India on

_____.

1) 25th November 2023

2) 27th November 2023

3) 23rd November 2023

4) 26th November 2023

5) 24th November 2023

Answer- 4) 26th November 2023

Explanation:

The National Cadet Corps (**NCC**), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world annually celebrates its raising day on the 4th Sunday of November, underscoring the NCC's commitment to shaping youth with core values such as discipline, leadership, and unwavering patriotism.

i. The **26th November 2023** marks the observance of **NCC's 75th Raising Day**. This day is traditionally celebrated as the "**NCC day**".

- This day is celebrated all over India, with cadets participating in blood donation camps and social development programs.
- NCC can be termed as a Tri-Services Organization as it comprises the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Giridhar Aramane, Secretary of the Ministry of Defence paid tribute to fallen heroes at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, Delhi on November 25, 2023.
- As an integral part of the event, the All Girls Cadets Band (26 girls) from the NCC Wing of Kamla Nehru College, New Delhi, Delhi played patriotic themes.

51. When was the first United Nations (UN) World Sustainable Transport Day observed across the globe?

- 1) 25th November 2023
- 2) 28th November 2023
- 3) 26th November 2023
- 4) 24th November 2023
- 5) 27th November 2023

Answer- **3) 26th November 2023**

Explanation:

The **first-ever** United Nations (**UN**) **World Sustainable Transport Day** was observed on **26th November 2023** to recognise the pivotal role of safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable transport systems for all.

i. The observance is led by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (**UNDESA**), in collaboration with the UN regional economic commissions.

ii. On 16th May 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/77/286 and proclaimed the 26 November of every year as the World Sustainable Transport Day.

- The resolution was initiated by Turkmenistan, and co-sponsored by 66 other countries.

iii. Why November 26: It was on this day in 2016, the first UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 26 and 27 November 2016.

- To commemorate the inaugural World Sustainable Transport Day, a series of Panel discussion sessions were organised on 24 November 2023 in Palais des Nations Geneva Switzerland.
- The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) commemorated November 26, 2023, as the 1st World Sustainable Transport Day with the launch of knowledge products and awareness-raising tools.

52. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2023 observed across the globe?

- 1) 29th November 2023
- 2) 26th November 2023

3) 28th November 2023

4) 25th November 2023

5) 27th November 2023

Answer- **1) 29th November 2023**

Explanation:

The United Nations **(UN) International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2023** was observed across the globe on **29th November 2023** to provide an opportunity for the international community to show its support for the Palestinian people, who are still striving for fundamental rights.

- The **first** International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was observed in **1978**.

i. UN Geneva (Switzerland) hosted the commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November 2023 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

ii. An exhibit entitled "Palestine – a Land with a People " was inaugurated on November 29, 2023, and remains on display at UN HQ in New York until January 8th, 2023.

Note- The 2023 observance gains added significance due to Israel's attack on Gaza following the October 7 2023 attack on Israel by Hamas, the Islamic militant organisation.

ENVIRONMENT

1. In which state, Scientists of Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) have discovered a new species of mushroom, "Candolleomyces albosquamosus" in October 2023?

1) Telangana

2) Tamil Nadu

3) Kerala

4) Maharashtra

5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Kerala**

Explanation:

Scientists at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute **(JNTBGRI)** have discovered a new species of **mushroom, "Candolleomyces albosquamosus"** on the campus of JNTBGRI at Palode, Thiruvananthapuram, **Kerala**.

i. Specimens of the new species were collected from the forests on the JNTBGRI campus, which forms a part of the Western Ghats in **Kerala**.

ii. Genus Candolleomyces is a relatively small genus with just 35 species recognised worldwide.

iii. Candolleomyces albosquamosus is the mushroom that can grow upto a height of 58 millimeters(mm).

iv. The cap is bell shaped and its diameter will range from 12 mm to 38.5 mm & it has the white woolly scale-like structures on its honey-yellow pileus or cap.

2. In which state, Researchers have recently (in Oct '23) discovered a new species of edible fish named 'Awaous motla' in the Mahanadi River?

1) Jharkhand

2) Odisha

- 3) Chhattisgarh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 2) **Odisha**

Explanation:

Researchers have discovered a new species of **edible fish** named '**Awaous motla**' in the **Mahanadi River** near Sonepur, Subarnapur district and Boudh Bridge, Boudh district in **Odisha**. The fish was named "motla" by the Fishermen of the Sonepur region

- i. The new species was discovered as a part of the project undertaken by the Zoology Department of Berhampur University of Odisha and Zoological Survey of India(ZSI), Gopalpur(Odisha).
- ii. The details on the new species were published in the Journal of Fish Biology, a leading international, peer-reviewed journal, in October 2023.

3. In November 2023, a new species of gecko named 'Cnemaspis rashidi' was discovered by the team of researchers led by Amit Sayyed, Founder and Director of the Wildlife Protection and Research Society, in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 4) **Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The team of researchers led by **Amit Sayyed**, Founder and Director of the Wildlife Protection and Research Society, have discovered a **new species of gecko** named '**Cnemaspis rashidi**' in the Western Ghats, Kottamalai estate near Rajapalayam in Virudhunagar district, **Tamil Nadu (TN)**.

- The new species was named after Prof. Rashid Sayyed, father of Amit Sayyed.
- The research paper on the new species was published in Asian Journal of Conservation Biology (**AJCB**), an international peer-reviewed journal of conservation research.

About Cnemaspis rashid:

- i. The new species rashidi belongs to the genus Cnemaspis, which is a genus of diurnal (day) geckos found in Asia and is one of the most diverse genera of geckos.
- ii. The suggested common name of the new species is Rashid's dwarf gecko, as it is the smallest among the genus.
 - It is approximately 2 inches long from its snout to vent.

4. In which state, Scientists have recently (in Nov '23) discovered a new species of epiphytic plant named 'Lysionotus namchoonii'?

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

Answer- 1) **Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Scientists at the Arunachal Pradesh Regional Center of the Botanical Survey of India (**BSI**) have discovered a new species of epiphytic plant named as **Lysionotus namchoonii**, from the Pakke-Kessang district of **Arunachal Pradesh**, in the eastern Himalayas.

- The new species is named after Late Chau Phunckyoo Nomchoon, a renowned Social Reformer from the Khampti community in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The findings were described in the international peer reviewed journal, Turczaninowia.
- The new species namchoonii belongs to the genus Lysionotus, which is a genus of flowering plants in the family Gesneriaceae.
- Lysionotus species are primarily epiphytic, lithophytic, or terrestrial evergreen erect or climbing shrubs.

Note- An epiphyte, also called air plant, is a plant which grows on another plant, without being a parasite.

5. In which state, Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has recently (in Nov '23) discovered a new species of Taeniogonalos Schulz (wasp - a winged insect) named Taeniogonalos dhritiae ?

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

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India (**ZSI**) have discovered a new species of **Taeniogonalos Schulz** (wasp - a winged insect) named Taeniogonalos dhritiae, in the Western Ghat Ranipuram Hills area of **Kerala**. The species is named after Dr Dhriti Banerjee, a noted entomologist and the 1st Woman Director of ZSI.

- The new species Taeniogonalos dhritiae belongs to the genus Taeniogonalos, which is a genus of wasps in the family Trigonalidae.
- Trigonalidae is a small family of Hymenoptera, a large order of insects, comprising sawflies, wasps, bees, and ants.
- There are approximately 122 known species of Trigonalidae, distributed across 16 genera worldwide of which 8 species are from India.

i. The research was conducted by P Girish Kumar and VD Hegde, scientists of Western Ghats Regional Centre, ZSI, Kozhikode (Kerala), and was published in the international journal 'Zootaxa' on 3 November 2023.

6. Name the Institution of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) that has recently (in Nov '23) discovered two new species of seer fish: Scomberomorus avirostrus (Arabian Sparrow seer fish) and Scomberomorus leopardus (Russell's Spotted Seer Fish) in Indian Waters.

- 1) Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture
- 2) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
- 3) Central Institute Brackishwater Aquaculture
- 4) Central Institute on Fisheries Education

5) Central Institute of Fisheries Technology

Answer- **2) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute**

Explanation:

Researchers from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**)-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (**CMFRI**) have discovered two new species of seer fish: *Scomberomorus avirostrus* (**Arabian Sparrow seer fish**) and *Scomberomorus leopardus* (**Russell's Spotted Seer Fish**) in **Indian Waters**.

i. This discovery brings the total number of seer fish species in Indian waters to 6 from the existing 4 species.

ii. These 3 species are:

- The newly discovered seer fish (Arabian sparrow)
- The resurrected seer fish (Russell's spotted)
- The existing spotted seer fish

7. In November 2023, the Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) passed a resolution to adopt a collective target of 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) use by _____ (year).

- 1) 2030
- 2) 2025
- 3) 2027
- 4) 2028
- 5) 2026

Answer- **1) 2030**

Explanation:

The Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (**AAPA**) has passed a resolution to adopt a collective target of **5%** sustainable aviation fuel (**SAF**) use by **2030** among its **14 member airlines**.

- The resolution was made in its 67th Assembly of Presidents of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines which was held in Singapore.
- This aims to reduce the aviation industry's carbon footprint, as SAF can reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by up to 80% compared to fossil-based jet fuels.
- The adoption of SAF is a critical step in the aviation industry's journey towards net-zero emissions by 2050.

8. In which state, a new species of music frog 'Nidirana Noadihing' (Noa-Dihing music frog) was discovered in November 2023?

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

Answer- **5) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

A new species of music frog '**Nidirana Noadihing**' (Noa-Dihing music frog) was discovered near the Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Gandhigram, **Arunachal Pradesh**.

- i. The discovery was made by a team of scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India (Uttarakhand), the University of Wolverhampton (United Kingdom – UK), and the Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department.
- ii. The scientists claimed in an article published in the November 15 edition of the journal Zootaxa.
- iii. The new species was named after the Noa-Dihing River, where the specimens were discovered.
- iv. The discovery of the Noa-Dihing music frog validates the presence of the genus Nidirana from India.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Which state government has recently (in Nov '23) launched its mobile app based cab services and Unified Payments Interface (UPI) backed digital payment solutions to book cabs, track their rides in real-time?

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

Answer- 5) Assam

Explanation:

The **Assam** State Transport Corporation (ASTC) has launched its **mobile application(app)** – based city cab services and Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) – **backed** digital payment solutions to book cabs, track their rides in real-time, and make payments digitally.

- i. The new services were inaugurated by Assam Transport Minister Parimal Suklabaidya.
- ii. With 9,000 city cab service taxis, ASTC aims to provide commuters a convenient, affordable, and safe mode of travel.
- iii. The ASTC has partnered with PhonePe Private Limited to provide UPI-based digital payment solutions for its city cab services. ASTC city cabs will start online cab bookings in Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, in Guwahati (Assam).

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

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

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

Answer- 2) Relationship Beyond Banking

Explanation:

About Bank of India (BoI):

MD & CEO – Rajneesh Karnatak

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline – Relationship Beyond Banking

2. Which among the following are the first payment banks of India?

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

Answer- 2) Airtel Payments Bank

Explanation:

Airtel Payments Bank Limited is India's first payment bank, with its license issued on April 11, 2016 and operational since January 2017.

- Payment banks are a new type of financial institution in India. They provide basic banking services to people who are currently unbanked or underbanked. Payment banks cannot offer loans or credit cards.
- They can only offer savings accounts, current accounts, and mobile banking services. The introduction of payment banks is a significant development in the Indian financial sector.

3. Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) is a _____ digit unique code used to identify the particular branch of a particular bank.

- 1) 8
- 2) 9
- 3) 11
- 4) 12
- 5) 10

Answer- 2) 9

Explanation:

Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) is a unique code used to identify the particular branch of a particular bank. It is used mainly by the banking industry to ease the processing and clearance of cheques and other documents. **It is a 9-digit code.**

i. The first three digits represent the city code of the bank branch – generally the pin code initials, The next three digits represent the bank code, and The last three digits represent the bank branch.

4. Which of the following is 'Not' a type of prospectus according to the companies act 2013?

- 1) Abridged Prospectus
- 2) Deemed Prospectus
- 3) Red Herring Prospectus
- 4) Shelf Prospectus
- 5) Statutory Prospectus

Answer- 5) Statutory Prospectus

Explanation:

The prospectus is a legal document for market participants and investors to pursue, detailing the features, prospects, and promise of a financial product. It is mandated by the law to be supplied to prospective customers.

i. According to the companies act 2013, there are **four** types of prospectus, Abridged Prospectus, Deemed Prospectus, Red Herring Prospectus, and Shelf Prospectus.

5. What is the share of sponsor banks in the regional rural banks?

- 1) 15%
- 2) 35%
- 3) 20%
- 4) 50%
- 5) 25%

Answer- **2) 35%**

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) is an apex Development Bank by the Government of India. In RRBs, 15% share is held by the State Government, 50% by the Central Government, and **35%** by the Sponsor Bank.

6. Which of the following Small Finance Bank (SFB) was the 1st Small Finance Bank in India?

- 1) Jana SFB
- 2) Utkarsh SFB
- 3) Capital SFB
- 4) Ujjivan SFB
- 5) AU SFB

Answer- **3) Capital SFB**

Explanation:

Capital Small Finance Bank (erstwhile Capital Local Area Bank) is **India's first** small finance bank founded in April **2016** as a microfinance lender, with its headquarters in Jalandhar, India.

7. Scheduled Commercial Banks are included under _____ (schedule) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

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

Answer- **3) 2nd**

Explanation:

Scheduled Commercial Banks and Scheduled Co-operative Banks which are included in the **Second Schedule** to the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**.

8. "Yogakshemam Vahamyaham" is the tagline of _____ (organization).

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India

- 3) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- 5) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

Answer- **3) Life Insurance Corporation of India**

Explanation:

“**Yogakshemam Vahamyaham**” is the tagline of Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**). “Your welfare is our responsibility” is the English translation of the tagline.

9. In which year India’s 1st ATM was introduced by HSBC?

- 1) 1967
- 2) 1969
- 3) 1987
- 4) 1976
- 5) 1992

Answer- **3) 1987**

Explanation:

First ATM in India was introduced by HSBC in **1987**. The first ATM was launched by Barclays Bank in **1967** in **London**.

10. Which of the following is not a Negotiable Instrument as per the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881?

- 1) Bank Note
- 2) Fixed Deposit Receipt
- 3) Bill of exchange
- 4) Promissory Note
- 5) Cheque

Answer- **2) Fixed Deposit Receipt**

Explanation:

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

11. MCLR is the minimum lending rate below which a bank is not permitted to lend.

What does ‘L’ Stand for?

- 1) Lending
- 2) Linking
- 3) Liquidity
- 4) Loan
- 5) Listed

Answer- **1) Lending**

Explanation:

Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR) is the minimum lending rate below which a bank is not permitted to lend.

i. MCLR replaced the earlier base rate system to determine the lending rates for commercial banks.

ii. RBI implemented MCLR on **1 April 2016** to determine rates of interest for loans.

12. Name the Insurance company that has recently (in Nov '23) partnered with the Finconvenio Services Private Limited to provide easy access to get health insurance.

- 1) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- 2) Aditya Birla Health Insurance
- 3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- 4) Niva Bupa Health Insurance
- 5) Max Life Insurance

Answer- **1) Star Health and Allied Insurance**

Explanation:

Star Health and Allied Insurance has announced a partnership with Finconvenio Services Private Limited, (**Finequs**) a technology-driven financial services distribution company, to enhance its presence across India.

- This partnership would provide easy access to standalone health insurer's products to people living in small towns and cities, empower over a million local kirana and neighborhood retail stores owners to provide health insurance to their customers.
- This tie-up would provide easy access to health insurance in more than 2,500 pin codes in the country

13. What is the Full form of 'LTRO'?

- 1) Liquidity Term Reserve Operations
- 2) Liquidity Time Repo Operations
- 3) Long-Term Repo Operations
- 4) Long-Term Reserve Operations
- 5) Long-Time Repo Operations

Answer- **3) Long-Term Repo Operations**

Explanation:

LTRO is **Long-Term Repo Operations**.

- LTRO is a tool that allows banks to borrow one to three years of funds from the Central Bank at the Repo rate. It is called "**Targeted**" LTRO if the Central Bank wants banks opting for funds under this option to be specifically invested in investment-grade corporate debt.
- LTRO was first introduced by the European Central Bank (ECB) during its sovereign debt crisis that began in 2008.

14. What is the Tagline of IndusInd Bank?

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

Answer- **2) We Make You Feel Richer**

Explanation:

About IndusInd Bank:

Establishment - 1994

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia

Tagline – We Make You Feel Richer

15. In November 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permitted AD Category-I banks to allow Qualified Jewellers to remit advance payment for _____ days for silver import through International Bullion Exchange IFSC Ltd (IIBX).

- 1) 20
- 2) 11
- 3) 14
- 4) 10
- 5) 15

Answer- **2) 11**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permits that **AD Category-I banks** may allow Qualified Jewellers to remit advance payment for **11 days** for silver import through International Bullion Exchange IFSC Ltd (IIBX).

- Earlier this facility was available for the import of gold only. The same has been extended to the import of silver as well.
- Further, the guidelines notified on the import of gold by Qualified Jewellers shall also apply to the import of silver also.

16. Name the Committee that recommended the formation of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

- 1) Kasturirangan Committee
- 2) Narayan K. Seshadri Committee
- 3) C Rangarajan Committee
- 4) Bimal Jalan Committee
- 5) Sivaramman Committee

Answer- **5) Sivaramman Committee**

Explanation:

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is a development bank focussing primarily on the rural sector of the country. It is the apex banking institution to provide finance for Agriculture and rural development.

- Its headquarter is located in Mumbai, the country's financial capital.
- i.** It is a statutory body established in 1982 under the Parliamentary act-National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981.
 - ii.** The formation was recommended by the **Sivaramman Committee** under the Chairmanship of Sivaramman, former member of Planning Commission.

CA STATIC GK

1. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AU Small Finance Bank (SFB)?

- 1) Samit Ghosh
- 2) V. Vaidyanathan
- 3) Ajay Kanwal
- 4) Ittira Davis
- 5) Sanjay Agarwal

Answer- **5) Sanjay Agarwal**

Explanation:

About AU Small Finance Bank Limited:

Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Sanjay Agarwal

Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan

Established in – 1996

Tagline – Badlaav Humse Hai

2. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme(UN-Habitat) located?

- 1) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2) Nairobi, Kenya
- 3) Madrid, Spain
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Copenhagen, Denmark

Answer- **2) Nairobi, Kenya**

Explanation:

About United Nations Human Settlements Programme(UN-Habitat):

Executive Director – Maimunah Mohd Sharif

Headquarters – Nairobi, Kenya

Established in – 1977

3. In which year, World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI) was established?

- 1) 1960
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1924
- 4) 1938
- 5) 1956

Answer- **3) 1924**

Explanation:

About the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI):

The World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI) helps savings and retail banks around the world to thrive.

President- Isidro Fainé

Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium

Establishment in – 1924

Members & Countries- 96 Members & 69 Countries

4. In which state Bardhaman Zoological Park is located?

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

Answer- 1) West Bengal

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister- Mamata Banerjee

Governor- C. V. Ananda Bose

Zoological Parks- Alipore Zoological Garden and **Bardhaman Zoological Park**

5. In October 2023, President Draupadi Murmu terminated the services of an Indian Army Major posted with a Strategic Forces Command (SFC) unit by exercising powers Section 18 of the Army Act, _____(year).

- 1) 1955
- 2) 1950
- 3) 1953
- 4) 1947
- 5) 1952

Answer- 2) 1950

Explanation:

- President Draupadi Murmu has terminated the services of an Indian Army Major posted with a Strategic Forces Command (SFC) unit. An Army inquiry had earlier found that the Major was involved in several lapses which comprised national security.
- The President, exercising powers conferred by **Section 18 of the Army Act, 1950**, read with Article 310 of the Constitution and all other powers enabling in this behalf, ordered that the services of the Major be terminated with immediate effect.
- These orders were issued on September 15 and promulgated earlier this month at the Strategic Forces Command Unit where the Major was posted in North India.

6. Which state/UT has recently (in Oct '23) initiated the process to digitally link all land records and segregate it into different categories?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- 1) Delhi

Explanation:

The **Delhi** government has initiated the process to **digitally link all land records** across the national capital and segregate it into different categories.

- i. Under the initiative, the revenue department will integrate the digital records of land and properties into the Delhi Online Registration Information System (DORIS) portal.
- ii. The new portal will be the centralised repository designed to enable property buyers, sellers, and officials to access crucial information.

7. In October 2023, J.P. Morgan has appointed _____ as the new Asia Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its Asia Private Bank.

- 1) Ajay Gupta
- 2) Jayanth Kumar
- 3) Harshika Patel
- 4) Vivek Jain
- 5) Praveen Sharma

Answer- **3) Harshika Patel**

Explanation:

J.P. Morgan has appointed **Harshika Patel** as the new Asia Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of its **Asia Private Bank** and Kam Shing Kwang as its Chairwoman of North Asia. Patel joins the private bank from the J.P. Morgan's corporate and investment banking business in Asia and will succeed Kwang, who has been the CEO of its Asia Private Bank for six and a half years.

- Patel will retain her existing role as CEO of J.P. Morgan Hong Kong, the bank added. She served as Asia's Head of Strategy at J.P. Morgan prior to the appointment.
- Kwang, who has been with the American firm for 25 years, will advise on J.P. Morgan's strategic agenda and continue to strengthen key stakeholder relationships in the region in her new role.

8. In which state Rajaji Tiger Reserves is located?

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

Answer- **2) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

The **Uttarakhand** government decided to establish the **Rajaji Tiger Reserve** Conservation Foundation to accelerate and facilitate ecological, economic, social and cultural development in the landscapes in and around the reserve.

- The foundation will also provide support to local communities in providing alternative livelihood opportunities to reduce dependence on forests, reap the benefits of ecotourism and deal with human-wildlife conflict and related crimes.
- It will provide assistance as needed in filling gaps or providing additional resources for any planned or ongoing conservation effort.

9. Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 4) Kerala

Explanation:

Recently, suspected Maoists reportedly opened fire at Forest department watchers at the **Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary** in Kannur, **Kerala**.

- i.** Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the western slopes of the Western Ghats. It is the northernmost wildlife sanctuary of Kerala which was established in 1984.
- ii.** It is contiguous with Wayanad-Brahmagiri, Wayanad northern slopes and the Protected Areas of Karnataka State namely the Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary and also the forests of Coorg.

10. Which institution of the World Bank Group provides political risk insurance and credit enhancement for cross-border investments?

- 1) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 2) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 3) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- 4) International Development Association (IDA)
- 5) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

Answer: 3) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

Explanation:

Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (**MIGA**) is a member of the **World Bank Group** and its primary purpose is to offer political risk insurance and credit enhancement to encourage foreign investments in developing countries, helping to promote economic growth and reduce poverty.

11. In which state Attiveri Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot

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

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

12. Tadoba National Park located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

About: Maharashtra

Chief Minister- Shri Eknath Shinde

Governor- Shri Ramesh Bais

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

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

Dance Form- Dangari Gaja, Bohada and Lavani

13. In which state/UT, Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Goa
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 2) Goa

Explanation:

The Dr. **Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary** is located on western tip of the Island of Chorao along the Mandovi River in **Goa**. The sanctuary is an estuarine mangrove habitat and is named after Salim Ali, the famous Indian ornithologist.

i. The sanctuary is host to little bittern, black bittern, red knot, jack snipe, pied avocet, striated heron, western reef heron, mudskippers, fiddler crabs, etc.

14. What is the capital of Kazakhstan?

- 1) Tehran
- 2) Amman
- 3) Jerusalem
- 4) Baghdad
- 5) Astana

Answer- 5) Astana

Explanation:

About Kazakhstan:

Prime Minister (PM)- Alikhan Smailov

Capital- Astana

Currency- Kazakhstani Tenge

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

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

Answer- **2) 1945**

Explanation:

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

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established in- 1945

16. Which company has recently (in Oct '23) received three gold awards at the International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC-2023)?

- 1) JSW Steel Limited
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 3) Tata Steel Limited
- 4) REC Limited
- 5) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

Answer- **5) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited**

Explanation:

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (**RINL**), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, received **three gold awards** at the International Convention on Quality Control Circles (**ICQCC-2023**), organised by the China Association of Quality (CAQ), held in Beijing.

- RINL's Quality Circle (QC) teams Tesla, Rockers and Abhyuday clinched the awards.

17. Which institution of the World Bank Group focuses on providing financing and advisory services to the private sector for development projects?

- 1) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 2) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 3) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- 4) International Development Association (IDA)
- 5) World Bank

Answer: **1) International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

Explanation:

The International Finance Corporation (**IFC**) is a member of the World Bank Group that focuses on providing financing and advisory services to the private sector for development projects. It aims to promote private sector investment in developing countries.

18. In which state Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Gujarat

4) West Bengal

5) Assam

Answer- **3) Gujarat**

Explanation:

The **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary** is located near **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** & it is the one of 4 more Indian sites that were recognised as Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention.

19. Who is the ex-officio Chairperson of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)?

1) President of India

2) Vice President of India

3) Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

4) Union Minister of Home Affairs

5) Prime Minister of India

Answer- **5) Prime Minister of India**

Explanation:

The National Disaster Management Authority (**NDMA**) is the apex statutory body for disaster management in India.

i. It was formally established on September 27, 2006, in compliance with the Disaster Management Act of 2005.

ii. The Prime Minister (**PM**) of India is the **ex-officio Chairperson** of NDMA.

20. Where is the Headquarters of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) located?

1) Geneva, Switzerland

2) Rome, Italy

3) Paris, France

4) Beijing, China

5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **4) Beijing, China**

Explanation:

About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

President - Jin Liqun

Headquarters - Beijing, China

Establishment - 2016

21. In which state Anshi National Park is located?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Uttar Pradesh

3) Karnataka

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Gujarat

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Chief Minister- Siddaramaiah

Governor- Thaawar Chand Gehlot

National Park- **Anshi National Park**, Bandipur National Park

Wild Life Sanctuary- Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary; Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

22. Kerala celebrated its _____ formation day on 1st November 2023.

- 1) 65th
- 2) 62nd
- 3) 70th
- 4) 67th
- 5) 68th

Answer- **4) 67th**

Explanation:

Kerala celebrates its **67th** formation day on **1st November 2023**, which is also known as 'Kerala Pirayi day'.

i. The State of Kerala was formed on 1st November 1956, amalgamating the erstwhile provinces of Malabar, Cochin and Thiruvithancoor.

23. In which state Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park is located?

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

Answer- **5) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The **Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park**, commonly known as the Rajiv Gandhi Zoo or Katraj Zoo, is located in Katraj, Pune district, **Maharashtra** State, India.

- It is managed by the Pune Municipal Corporation. The 130-acre (53 ha) zoo is divided into three parts: an animal orphanage, a snake park, and a zoo, and includes the 42-acre (17 ha) Katraj Lake.
- The zoo has a collection of reptiles, mammals, and birds. Among mammals, the zoo has a white tiger and a male Bengal tiger named Tanaji.

24. Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) is designed to take individual and collective action for protecting and preserving the environment in the period of 2022 to _____.

- 1) 2027
- 2) 2026
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2024
- 5) 2023

Answer- **1) 2027**

Explanation:

Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) was introduced by PM Narendra Modi during COP26 (Conference of the Parties) at Glasgow, Scotland in November 2021 with the objective to mobilise at least one billion Indians and other global citizens to take individual and collective action for protecting and preserving the environment. The mission is a 5-year program **(2022-2027)**.

i. It will be curated and incubated by NITI Aayog, and then will be implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

25. In which state 'Navegaon National Park' is located?

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister- Eknath Sambhaji Shinde

Governor- Ramesh Bais

National Parks- Navegaon National Park; Chandoli National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary; Bhamragarh Wildlife Sanctuary

26. In which state 'Kawal Tiger Reserve' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

Kawal Tiger Reserve is located in the North Eastern part of **Telangana** (Old Adilabad district), with the Godavari River on one side and the Maharashtra border on the other.

i. It forms part of the Deccan peninsula-central highlands. Rivers: The reserve is the catchment for the rivers Godavari and Kadam, which flow towards the south of the sanctuary.

27. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) President of Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)?

- 1) Majid Rashed
- 2) Nasanbat Oyunbat
- 3) Masayuki Mizuno
- 4) Zhao Su-jing
- 5) Michael Barredo

Answer- **1) Majid Rashed**

Explanation:

About Asian Paralympic Committee (APC):

President - Majid Rashed

Headquarters – Dubai, United Arab Emirates(UAE)

Established – 2002

28. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairman of Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

- 1) Vaibhav Shah
- 2) Samir V Kamat
- 3) Sanjai K Dwivedi
- 4) Y Sreenivas Rao
- 5) M Z Siddique

Answer- **2) Samir V Kamat**

Explanation:

About Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) :

Chairman– Dr. Samir V Kamat

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Motto– Balasya mulam vigyanam (Sanskrit) means “The source of strength is Science”

29. In which year the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was established?

- 1) 1965
- 2) 1948
- 3) 1944
- 4) 1974
- 5) 1961

Answer- **3) 1944**

Explanation:

About International Monetary Fund (IMF):

Managing Director – Kristalina Georgieva

Headquarters– Washington D.C, United States of America (USA)

Establishment– 1944

30. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited?

- 1) Narendra Ostawal
- 2) Rushabh Gandhi
- 3) Debadatta Chand
- 4) RM Vishakha
- 5) Hemant Kaul

Answer- **4) RM Vishakha**

Explanation:

About IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life):

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer(CEO)– RM Vishakha

Incorporated in November 2009

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra.