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- 3) Pankaj Mohan Pawar
- 4) Ranjit Vasant Pandit
- 5) Dipak Chand Jain

Answer- 2) Akhilesh Prasad

Explanation:

About Reliance Retail Limited:

RRL is a subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), the holding company of all the retail companies under Reliance Industries Limited(RIL).

Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Akhilesh Prasad

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 2006

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- Earlier in the year 2018-19 Sri Anandpur Sahib, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib, Ferozepur, Khatkar Kalan, Patiala and Kalanaur were selected in this Scheme.
- The objective of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Union Government is to make the visit of tourists pleasant and memorable by providing better basic facilities in cities of historical and religious importance.
- Under this, 70 crores of rupees will be spent on development works in Amritsar and Kapurthala cities of Punjab.

36. In which state Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Goa**

Explanation:

About Goa:

Chief Minister- Pramod Sawant

Governor- P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

National Park- Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary

Airport- Manohar International Airport(Mopa, North Goa)

Dance Form: Dhalo, Fugdi, Kunbi

37. BIMSTEC is a regional organisation founded in _____ with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.

- 1) 1997
- 2) 1995
- 3) 2000
- 4) 2005
- 5) 2010

Answer- **1) 1997**

Explanation:

BIMSTEC is a regional organisation founded in **1997** with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.

i. It was formerly called BIST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand Economic Cooperation), but it is now known as BIMSTEC and has 7 member countries.

ii. It consists of 5 South Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) and 2 Southeast Asian countries (Myanmar and Thailand).

- BIMSTEC Secretariat is situated in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

38. Gugamal National Park located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

National Park – Gugamal National Park, Tadoba National Park (tiger reserve)

Wildlife Sanctuary – Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

39. In which state 'Govind wildlife sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 5) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

About Uttarakhand:

Uttarakhand was formed on **9th November 2000** as the 27th State of India.

National Park – Nanda Devi National Park, Valley of Flowers National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – Govind wildlife sanctuary, Kedarnath wildlife sanctuary

40. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India?

- 1) Sunil Arora
- 2) Harishankar Brahma
- 3) Rajiv Kumar
- 4) Achal Kumar Jyoti
- 5) Sushil Chandra

Answer- 3) Rajiv Kumar

Explanation:

About Election Commission of India (ECI):

It is a constitutional body established by the Constitution of India to conduct and regulate elections in India. It operates under the authority of Constitution per Article 324

Chief Election Commissioner– Rajiv Kumar

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment– 1950

41. Bhutanese _____ is the currency of Bhutan.

- 1) Ngultrum
- 2) Rupee
- 3) Yen
- 4) Rupiah
- 5) Peso

Answer- 1) Ngultrum

Explanation:

About Bhutan:

Prime Minister(PM)- Lotay Tshering

Currency- Bhutanese Ngultrum

Capital- Thimphu

42. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank?

- 1) Shyam Srinivasan
- 2) Prashant Kumar
- 3) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 4) Sumant Kathpalia
- 5) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer- **3) Sandeep Bakhshi**

Explanation:

About ICICI Bank Limited:

Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Sandeep Bakhshi

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in - 1994

Tagline - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

43. In which state Mrugavani National Park is located?

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

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister- K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor- Tamilisai Soundararajan

National Parks- Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park; Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park; **Mrugavani National Park**

44. Which country has recently (in Nov '23) announced visa free entries for the citizens of India from 10th November 2023 to 10th May 2024?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Vietnam
- 4) Cambodia
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **5) Thailand**

Explanation:

Thailand is taking steps to revitalize its tourism industry by allowing **visa free entries** for the citizens of **India and Taiwan**, from 10th November 2023 to 10th May 2024.

- This move comes as the high season approaches and is part of a broader strategy to attract more visitors to the country. Thailand had previously had visa requirements for Chinese tourists, a significant source of visitors before the pandemic.
- This new policy is expected to attract a significant number of tourists from these regions and give a much-needed boost to the local economy.

45. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- 1) Ravneet Kaur
- 2) Anil Agrawal
- 3) Pawan Kumar
- 4) Sanjay Sood
- 5) Brahm Dutt

Answer- **1) Ravneet Kaur**

Explanation:

Ravneet Kaur is the present Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (**CCI**).

- CCI is launching a **pan-India Market Study on the Cement sector**. Cement is a critical input in crucial sectors of the economy such as housing and infrastructure.
- These sectors have well-known forward and backward linkages with a range of other industries, thereby having the potential to influence the overall growth trajectory of the economy.
- The study will be a combination of secondary research and stakeholder consultation. Qualitative and quantitative information will be collected from secondary and primary sources.
- Designed by the Commission, the study will be implemented by a study team at the Commission with the assistance of an external agency to be engaged for the purpose. The study team will hold consultation with stakeholders throughout the country.

46. _____, an astronaut who helped the Apollo 13 crew return safely back to Earth, passed away in November 2023.

- 1) James Buchli
- 2) Henry Hartsfield
- 3) Charles Duke
- 4) Jack Swigert
- 5) Ken Mattingly

Answer- **5) Ken Mattingly**

Explanation:

Ken Mattingly, an astronaut who is best remembered for his efforts on the ground that helped bring the damaged **Apollo 13 spacecraft** safely back to Earth, has passed away.

i. Apollo 13's story was told in the 1994 book "Lost Moon: The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13," co-authored by Lovell, and in the 1995 movie "Apollo 13," where Gary Sinise played Mattingly.

47. Name the personality who has recently (in Nov '23) assumed charge as Chairperson of the Cochin Port Authority (CoPA).

- 1) Ajay Sharma
- 2) B Kasiviswanathan
- 3) Jayanth Kumar
- 4) V.Thuraipandian
- 5) Rajesh Kumar Yadav

Answer- **2) B Kasiviswanathan**

Explanation:

B Kasiviswanathan has assumed charge as **Chairperson** of Cochin Port Authority (**CoPA**), with effect from November 1.

- i. A gold medalist in Mechanical Engineering (Practicals) from the Govt. College of Technology, Coimbatore, Kasiviswanathan started his career with Bharat Electronics Ltd, followed by Indian Ordnance Factories Service, before joining the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME).
- ii. He has served as Chairman, Railway Recruitment Board, Bangalore, for more than five years.

48. Which of the following countries does not share Boundary with Bolivia?

- 1) Ecuador
- 2) Peru
- 3) Paraguay
- 4) Argentina
- 5) Brazil

Answer- **1) Ecuador**

Explanation:

Bolivia recently announced it had broken diplomatic ties with Israel because of its attacks on the Gaza Strip.

- Bolivia, officially the Plurinational State of Bolivia, is a landlocked country located in western-central South America. It is named after independence fighter Simon Bolivar.
- **Bordering Countries:** It borders the countries of **Argentina**, Brazil, **Chile**, Paraguay, and Peru. The constitutional capital is Sucre, while the seat of government and executive capital is La Paz. Currency: Bolivian boliviano.

49. In which state Dudhwa Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Recently, **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve** (DTR) hosted a two-day consultation workshop on the species recovery plan and monitoring protocols with a special focus on fishing cats.

- It is located on the Indo-Nepal border in the district Lakhimpur-Kheri in **Uttar Pradesh**.

- Rivers: The Sharda River flows by the Kishanpur WL Sanctuary, the Geruwa River flows through the Katarniaghat WL Sanctuary and the Suheli and Mohana streams flow in the Dudhwa National Park, all of which are tributaries of the mighty Ghagra River.
- Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) comprises Dudhwa National Park (DNP) and Kishanpur and Katarniaghat wildlife sanctuaries.

50. In which state Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 2) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Over 50 grass species were recently identified during a two-day workshop and survey on 'Grasses Identification and Grassland Management' at the **Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary**.

- Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the Kurnool district of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- It is located between two important hill passes known as "Mantralamma kanuma" and "Nandi kanuma". It spreads over the Nallamalla hill range. The sanctuary derives its name from the Gundla Brahmeswaram plateau.
- It was declared a wildlife sanctuary on September 18, 1990, and covers an area of around 1,194 kilometres square. The northern part of this Sanctuary forms a major part of the southern boundary for Nagarjunasagar-Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve.

51. In which state UNESCO World Heritage Site, ElephantaCaves is located?

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

Answer- 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

A team of researchers recently discovered two rock-cut Shaivite temple caves older than Elephanta near Rajapur, Ratnagiri.

- Elephanta Caves is a specimen of rock-cut art and architecture from the times of medieval India. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The **Elephanta Caves** are located in Western India on Elephanta Island (otherwise known as the Island of Gharapuri), about 7 kms from Mumbai's mainland shore, **Maharashtra**.

52. The Point Calimere Wildlife sanctuary is located in _____ (State).

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

Answer- **5) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Recently, for the first time breeding nests of crab-plovers spotted at Great Vedaranyam Swamp near Point Calimere, Tamil Nadu

- crab-plovers is a long-legged, black and white bird of Indian Ocean coasts, related to plovers and allied species of shorebirds.

i. Point Calimere Wildlife sanctuary was established in the year of 1967 and is situated in the state of **Tamil Nadu**.

ii. It houses the famous bird sanctuary of Vedaranyam and the Talaignayar forests. It is flanked by the Bay of Bengal in the east, and Palk Strait in the south. It is designated as a Ramsar site.

Note- The forest department of Tamil Nadu is preparing to augment water bodies to attract more birds as the migratory season at Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary is set to peak.

53. In which state Amangarh Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The tiger population at the **Amangarh Tiger Reserve** has increased from 21 mature tigers and six cubs in 2021 to 28 mature tigers and four cubs now.

i. Amangarh Tiger Reserve is located in Amangarh in Bijnor district in the state of **Uttar Pradesh**. It is situated in the Terai region and covers an area of around 578 sq km. It shares its boundaries with Jim Corbett National Park of Uttarakhand.

54. Koyna Dam is one of the largest dams in the state of _____ and located at Koyna Nagar in Satara district.

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

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The Koyna dam authorities, owing to the poor storage in dams across Satara district, have proposed cuts in water discharge for both irrigation and power generation.

i. Koyna Dam is one of the largest dams in the state of **Maharashtra** and is located at Koyna Nagar in Satara district.

- It is a rubble-concrete dam constructed on the Koyna River.

ii. The construction of this dam was completed in 1963 and is amongst the chief civil engineering projects built after the independence of India.

55. Rowa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 4) Tripura

Explanation:

About: Tripura

Chief Minister(CM): Manik Saha

Governor: Indrasena Reddy

Wildlife Sanctuary: Rowa Wildlife Sanctuary

National Park(NP): Rajbari(Bison) NP and Clouded Leopard NP

Airport: Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport

56. In which year the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) was established?

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

Answer- 2) 1945

Explanation:

About United Nations General Assembly(UNGA):

President – Dennis Francis (Trinidad and Tobago)

Headquarters – New York, United States of America(USA)

Established – 1945

57. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Chairman and Managing Director (additional charge) of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)?

- 1) C.B. Ananthkrishnan
- 2) S Anbuvelan
- 3) Mihir Kanti Mishra
- 4) Sajal Prakash
- 5) Saket Chaturvedi

Answer- 1) C.B. Ananthkrishnan

Explanation:

About Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL):

HAL is a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Defence which is involved in the design, development, manufacturing, supply, and maintenance of aircraft, helicopters, aerospace systems, and components.

Chairman and Managing Director (additional charge)- C.B. Ananthkrishnan (Director (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer (CFO))

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

HAL was incorporated on 23 December 1940 as Hindustan Aircraft Limited

58. Who has recently (in Nov '23) become the only Indian to win two gold medals in the annual World Masters Powerlifting championship held in Mongolia?

- 1) Deepthi Jeevanji
- 2) Monica Dogra
- 3) Sharvari Inamdar
- 4) Angrej Singh
- 5) Ekta Bhyan

Answer- **3) Sharvari Inamdar**

Explanation:

Dr. **Sharvari Inamdar**, a 40-year-old mother of two from Pune, India, has become the only Indian to win two gold medals in the annual **World Masters Powerlifting championship** held in Mongolia. **i.** Competing in the 57kg category, Inamdar lifted a total of 350kg to secure the gold medal. She also achieved a total of 395kg in the 'equipped' category, earning her the second rank in the International Powerlifting Federation's 'Best Lifters of Masters/Strong Woman' title. Inamdar's mother, Dr. Purna Bharde, also won bronze medals in the 60-plus age category at the championship.

59. Who is the current (as of Feb '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DCB Bank?

- 1) Raj Vikash Verma
- 2) R. Mohan
- 3) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 4) R Subramaniakumar
- 5) Murali Natrajan

Answer- **5) Murali Natrajan**

Explanation:

Murali Natrajan is the present Managing Director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of **DCB Bank**.

- The Bank announced a plan to re-launch secured credit cards by the end of December 2023. However, the bank does not have any immediate plans to launch traditional credit cards.
- The features of a secured credit card are similar to a traditional credit card. But, these secured cards are collateralised, meaning that they are offered against a fixed deposit.
- A secured credit card is especially popular with self-employed customers who may not necessarily be eligible for a traditional credit card.

60. In which state, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Around 50 Odonata species were identified on the first day of the two-day Odonata survey that commenced in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) recently.

i. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located in the Nilgiris District of **Tamil Nadu**, spread over 321 sq. km. at the tri-junction of three states, viz, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

ii. It lies on the Northeastern and Northwestern slopes of the Nilgiri Hills, which are part of the Western Ghats. It is part of the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve, the first Biosphere Reserve in India.

61. Which of the following countries shares the boundary with the Dead Sea?

- 1) Israel & Jordan
- 2) Jordan & Iran
- 3) Lebanon & Syria
- 4) Iran & Israel
- 5) Syria & Jordan

Answer- **1) Israel & Jordan**

Explanation:

Iran-backed 'Islamic Resistance in Iraq' recently claimed an attack against an Israeli target on the Dead Sea Coastline.

- The Dead Sea, also called the Salt Sea, is a salt lake bordering **Jordan to the east and Israel to the west**. However, the western shore's southern half belongs to Israel, while the shore's northern half is in the West Bank, an area claimed by both Israel and Palestine.
- It lies to the east of the Mediterranean Sea and south of the Sea of Galilee. It lies in the Jordan Rift Valley and is fed mainly by the Jordan River, which enters the lake from the north.

62. In which state, 'Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

Recently, researchers discovered a new species of jumping spider from the Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary.

- **Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary** is a protected area located in the Western Ghats of India, in the Kollam district of **Kerala**. This Sanctuary derives its name from Chenkurinji (*Gluta travancorica*), a species endemic to this region. It comes under the control of Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve.

63. Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____.

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

Answer- **2) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

Wildlife Sanctuaries – **Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary**, Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary, Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary

Dams – Hathnikund barrage, Anagpur Dam

64. Every Year, Madhya Pradesh celebrates its foundation day on _____.

- 1) 1st November
- 2) 2nd November
- 3) 21st October
- 4) 29th October
- 5) 31st October

Answer- **1) 1st November**

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh state celebrated its **68th foundation day on 1st November 2023.**

Madhya Pradesh State was formed on November 1, 1956 following the reorganisation of States.

65. Every year, Parumala Perunnal is observed on _____ in Kerala.

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

Answer- **3) 2nd November**

Explanation:

Parumala Perunnal is observed on **2nd November** in **Kerala** every year to remember the death of Bishop Mar Gregorios Metropolitan, the first canonised saint of Indian origin, who belonged to Kerala's Malankara Orthodox community. On this day, the bishop was interred in the church. It is one of the most well-known events celebrated in the southern state and takes place in Parumala town of Pathanamthitta district.

i. Parumala is a small village on the banks of the Pampa River in South India.

66. What is the capital of Lebanon?

- 1) Baghdad
- 2) Beirut
- 3) Bishkek
- 4) Muscat
- 5) Amman

Answer- **2) Beirut**

Explanation:

Lebanon consists of a narrow strip of territory and is one of the world's smaller sovereign states. The **capital** is **Beirut** & **Lebanese Pound** is the currency.

67. In which state Palamau Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **4) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister (CM) – Hemant Soren

Governor – C.P. Radhakrishnan

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary; Mahuadanr Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve- Palamau Tiger Reserve

68. In which state Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

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

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

69. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Managing Directors (MDs) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)?

- 1) A S Rajeev
- 2) Atanu Kumar Das
- 3) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- 4) Atul Kumar Goel
- 5) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Answer- **1) A S Rajeev**

Explanation:

About Bank of Maharashtra (BoM):

Managing Directors (MDs) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – A S Rajeev

Headquarters – Pune, Maharashtra

Established in – 1935

Tagline – Ek Parivaar, Ek Bank (One Family One Bank)

70. In which state Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Uttarakhand

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh (HP):

Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla

Wildlife Sanctuary- Kanawar Wildlife Sanctuary; **Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary**

Airports- Kullu Manali Airport; Shimla Airport; Kangra Airport

71. Where is the Headquarters of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO) located?

1) Geneva, Switzerland

2) Rome, Italy

3) Paris, France

4) Beijing, China

5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **3) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO):

Executive Secretary- Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin

Member States- 150

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established in- 1960

72. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

1) Inger Andersen

2) Radhika Ochalik

3) Alexander Juras

4) Sianga Abilio

5) Gabriela Martinic

Answer- **1) Inger Andersen**

Explanation:

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

Executive Director- Inger Andersen

Headquarters - Nairobi, Kenya

Established in - 1972

73. In which state Guindy National Park is located?

1) Telangana

2) Karnataka

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Kerala

Answer- 4) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Guindy National Park teeming with blackbuck and birds which is one of the very few national parks situated in an Indian city.

- Guindy National Park is India's eighth-smallest national park and one of the very few national parks located inside a city. It is located in the heart of Chennai's metropolitan area of **Tamil Nadu**.

74. In which state Panna Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- 1) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Recently, a delegation of senior forest officers and frontline staff from Cambodia came for training at **Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR)** and studied India's tiger reintroduction programme and all its aspects.

- Panna Tiger Reserve is a critical tiger habitat located in the Vindhya mountain range in the northern part of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- It was declared a Project Tiger Reserve by the Government of India in 1994.

75. In which state Keetham Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

Airport- Kushinagar International Airport, Gorakhpur airport, Agra Airport (Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport)

Heritage site - Agra fort (1983) , Taj Mahal (1983), Fatehpur Sikri (1986)

Bird Sanctuary- Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, **Sur Sarovar (Keetham) Bird Sanctuary**

76. Which of the following Indian rivers is also known as "Salt River"?

- 1) Damodar River
- 2) Subansiri River
- 3) Luni River
- 4) Kameng River
- 5) Lohit River

Answer- 3) Luni River

Explanation:

The **Luni River** is also known as the Lavanavari or Lavanavati, which means "**salt river**" in Sanskrit, due to the high salinity of its water.

- The Luni River is the only inflowing river in India. Luni is also called Lavanavati. This river originates from Anasagar (Nag Pahar 'Ajmer') near the Aravalli Mountains and flows in the southwest region, and joins the Rann of Kutch. The total length of this river is 495 km.
- The Luni river originates from Ajmer and flows in southwestern Rajasthan.

77. In which state Changu Lake is located?

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

Answer- **1) Sikkim**

Explanation:

Tsomgo Lake, also known as **Changu Lake**, is a glacial lake in the East Sikkim district of the Indian state of **Sikkim**.

78. What is the Tagline of State Bank of India (SBI)?

- 1) India's International Bank
- 2) Prosperity for All
- 3) Good People to Grow With
- 4) Together We Can
- 5) Pure Banking Nothing Else

Answer- **5) Pure Banking Nothing Else**

Explanation:**About State Bank of India (SBI):**

Chairman- Dinesh Kumar Khara

Founded- 1st July, 1955

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Pure Banking Nothing Else

79. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairman of Bharti Airtel?

- 1) Subrahmanyam
- 2) Anupriya Patel
- 3) Sunil Mittal
- 4) Aman Mittal
- 5) Samkit Shah

Answer- **3) Sunil Mittal**

Explanation:**About Bharti Airtel:**

Chairman- Sunil Mittal

MD and CEO- Gopal Vittal

Founded- 7 July 1995

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

80. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- 1) Anand Kumar Prasad
- 2) Rajesh Bhushan
- 3) Manish Kumar Mishra
- 4) Rajeev Kumar Jain
- 5) Ajit Kumar Das

Answer- 2) **Rajesh Bhushan**

Explanation:

About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI):

Chairperson- Rajesh Bhushan

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 2008

81. Who has been recently (in Nov '23) appointed as the additional secretary of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology?

- 1) Alkesh Kumar Sharma
- 2) Magesh Ethirajan
- 3) Jayanth Kumar
- 4) Abhishek Singh
- 5) S. Krishnan

Answer- 4) **Abhishek Singh**

Explanation:

Clearing key appointments at the Centre, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced new responsibilities for as many as 21 senior IAS officers at the Centre.

- Among the key new roles announced include that of Nagaland cadre IAS officer **Abhishek Singh**, currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the National e-Governance Division in the ministry of electronics & information technology as **additional secretary, ministry of electronics & information technology**.

82. In Which state Chandubi Lake is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Tripura
- 3) Assam
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 3) **Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor- Gulab Chand Kataria

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

River – Kopili river, Iril river

Lake-Chandubi Lake, Haflong Lake

83. In which state Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Madhya pradesh
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The **Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve** is a wildlife sanctuary in Chandrapur district of **Maharashtra** state in India.

- The origin of the name "Tadoba" lies with the name of the God "Tadoba" or "Taru", worshipped by the tribes who live in the dense forests of the Tadoba and Andhari region. While "Andhari" refers to the Andhari River that meanders through the forest. The total area of the reserve is 625.4 sq. KM.
- This includes Tadoba National Park, covering 116.55 sq. KM and Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary of 508.85 sq. KM.

84. In which state Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister- M. K. Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuary- Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, **Nellai**

Wildlife Sanctuary

Festival- Chithirai Thiruvizha, Karthigai Deepam

85. What is the base year for calculating India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

- 1) 2019-20
- 2) 2011-12
- 3) 2004-05
- 4) 2017-18
- 5) 2010-11

Answer- **2) 2011-12**

Explanation:

The base year for India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) calculation is **2011-12**. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) wants to revise it for 2017-18.

86. In which state Samaspur Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Samaspur Bird Sanctuary is a protected area situated near Salon in Raebareli district, **Uttar Pradesh**, India. It lies at about 122 km from Lucknow on Lucknow-Varanasi highway. It was established in 1987.

Note- It is the one of the 9 Ramsar site in Uttar Pradesh

87. Where was the Ramsar Convention (Treaty) adopted in 1971?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Saudi Arabia
- 3) Iran
- 4) Qatar
- 5) Syria

Answer- 3) Iran

Explanation:

The Ramsar Convention is the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. The Convention was adopted in the **Iranian city of Ramsar** in 1971 and came into force in **1975**.

88. Blackbuck National Park is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 4) Gujarat

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Governor – Acharya Devvrat

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Wild Ass Sanctuary, Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary

National Park – Gir National Park, Blackbuck National Park

89. Which Indian company recently (in Nov '23) announced a multi-year agreement with Singapore Airlines Limited (SIA) to transform the airline's communications?

- 1) Tata Communications
- 2) Doordarshan
- 3) NDTV
- 4) Reliance Communications
- 5) Sony Pictures Networks

Answer- 1) Tata Communications

Explanation:

Tata Communications, a global digital ecosystem enabler and Singapore Airlines Limited (SIA), the national carrier of Singapore, announced a multi-year agreement to transform the airlines communications and collaboration tools to enhance employee productivity and boost user experience.

- SIA and Tata Communications have a successful, long-standing association that has been strengthened over several years. This new transformative initiative delivered on Tata Communications GlobalRapid platform enables SIA users to be connected and collaborative anytime and anywhere globally.

90. What is the capital of Gabon?

- 1) Moroni
- 2) Banjul
- 3) Bissau
- 4) Libreville
- 5) Malabo

Answer- 4) Libreville

Explanation:

About Gabon:

Capital- Libreville

Currency- Central African CFA franc

91. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- 1) Raama Sreenivasan
- 2) Urvish Shah
- 3) Revathy Iyer
- 4) Shaji K V
- 5) Ravindra H Dholakia

Answer- 4) Shaji K V

Explanation:

About National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD):

Chairman- Shaji K V

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1982

92. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?

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

Answer- 3) Neelam Shami Rao

Explanation:

About Employees' Provident Fund Organistaion (EPFO):

Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC)- Ms. Neelam Shami Rao

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established in- 1952

Note: CPFC is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of EPFO and is the ex-officio Member Secretary of the Central Board of EPF.

93. In which year the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was established?

- 1) 1943
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1920
- 4) 1928
- 5) 1934

Answer- 4) 1928

Explanation:

About the Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI):

President - Roger Binny

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established - 1928

94. Match the following Ramsar Wetland sites in India with their respective location:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| i. Keetham Lake | a. Uttar Pradesh |
| ii. Pong Dam Lake | b. Rajasthan |
| iii. Rudrasagar Lake | c. Himachal Pradesh |
| iv. Sambhar Lake | d. Tripura |

- 1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
- 2) i-d, ii-c, iii-a, iv-b
- 3) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
- 4) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
- 5) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b

Answer- 5) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b

Explanation:

Ramsar Wetland site	Location
Keetham Lake	Uttar Pradesh
Pong Dam Lake	Himachal Pradesh
Rudrasagar Lake	Tripura
Sambhar Lake	Rajasthan

95. Rohtang La is a mountain pass located in _____ (State/UT).

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Ladakh
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- 2) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Rohtang La is a mountain pass that connects the Kullu Valley with the Lahaul and Spiti Valleys of **Himachal Pradesh.**

96. In which state Kharmor Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Governor- Mangubhai C. Patel

UNESCO World Heritage Site- Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003)

Bird Sanctuary- Kharmor Bird Sanctuary

97. What is the Tagline of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- 1) Let's Make Money Simple
- 2) India's International Bank
- 3) Together We Can
- 4) Support All the Way
- 5) Always You First

Answer- 1) Let's Make Money Simple

Explanation:

About Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd:

Establishment - 2003

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO - Dipak Gupta

Tagline - "Let's Make Money Simple"

98. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) located?

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

Answer- 1) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): Establishment- 1964

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Member Countries - 195 Members

99. _____ is the shortfall between the money flowing in on exports, and the money flowing out on imports.

- 1) Revenue Deficit
- 2) Trade Deficit
- 3) Twin Deficit
- 4) Current Account Deficit
- 5) Fiscal Deficit

Answer- 4) Current Account Deficit

Explanation:

Current Account Deficit or **CAD** is the shortfall between the money flowing in on exports, and the money flowing out on imports.

i. Current Account Deficit (or Surplus) measures the gap between the money received into and sent out of the country on the trade of goods and services and also the transfer of money from domestically-owned factors of production abroad.

100. Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, Farmers will receive an amount of _____ per year in 3 equal installments directly into their bank accounts.

- 1) Rs. 12,000
- 2) Rs. 10,000
- 3) Rs. 6000
- 4) Rs. 3000
- 5) Rs. 8000

Answer- 3) Rs. 6000

Explanation:

(PM-KISAN) Scheme was launched on 24th February in 2019 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

i. It is 100% Funded by the central government under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (**MoAFW**) to provide income support to all landholding farmer's families irrespective of the land size in order to meet their expenses related to agriculture and domestic needs.

ii. Under the Scheme, Farmers will receive an amount of **Rs.6000** per year in **3** equal installments of **Rs.2000** directly into their bank accounts.

101. In which state Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 2) Rajasthan

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Governor- Kalraj Mishra

National Park- Desert National Park, Keoladeo Ghana National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuary, **Sajjangerh Wildlife Sanctuary**, Phulwari ki nal Sanctuary

102. Name the personality who has recently (in Nov '23) appointed as the Administrator of the Universal Service Obligation Fund within the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Telecommunications.

- 1) Niraj Verma
- 2) Sunil Kumar Verma
- 3) Yashashri Shukla
- 4) Rajesh Gupta
- 5) Sanjay Kumar Varshney

Answer- 1) Niraj Verma

Explanation:

Clearing key appointments at the Centre, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced new responsibilities for as many as 21 senior IAS officers at the Centre.

i. Niraj Verma, a 1994-batch IAS officer from the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has been appointed as the Administrator of the **Universal Service Obligation Fund** within the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Telecommunications.

103. According to International Labour Organisation (ILO) data in 2023, Indians are _____ Most Hard-Working Globally.

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

Answer- 2) 6th

Explanation:

Infosys co-founder **Narayana Murthy** triggered a debate recently when he said youths should work 70 hours a week, however, Indians are already the sixth most hardworking out of 163 countries in the world.

- According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) data (April 2023), the ranking is based on taking the average number of hours per week for each employed person in India, which works out to 47.7 hours.
- This figure shows that Indians work longer than workers in China (46.1 hours), Vietnam (41.5 hours), Malaysia (43.2 hours), the Philippines (39.2 hours), Japan (36.6 hours), the United States (36.4 hours) and the United Kingdom (35.9 hours).
- But Indians work less than in smaller countries with small populations such as Bhutan, the Congo, Lesotho, and Gambia.

104. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Chairman of National Cooperative Organics Ltd (NCOL)?

- 1) Amrita Patel
- 2) Dilip Rath
- 3) Varsha Joshi
- 4) Meenesh Shah
- 5) Nadan Kumar

Answer- **4) Meenesh Shah**

Explanation:

About the National Cooperative Organics Ltd (NCOL):

Chairman – Meenesh Shah

Headquarters – Anand, Gujarat

Established – January 2023

105. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Bank?

- 1) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 2) A S Rajeev
- 3) Sanjiv Chadha
- 4) Atanu Kumar Das
- 5) Rakesh Sharma

Answer- **1) Amitabh Chaudhry**

Explanation:

About Axis bank Limited:

Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Amitabh Chaudhry

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 1993

Tagline – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

106. In which year National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was established?

- 1) 1993
- 2) 1992
- 3) 1997
- 4) 1995
- 5) 1990

Answer- **4) 1995**

Explanation:

About National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

Patron-in-Chief- Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud (Chief Justice of India)

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1995

107. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- 1) Rishikesha Krishnan
- 2) Dilip Asbe

3) Biswamohan Mahapatra

4) Shailendra Trivedi

5) Amitha Sehgal

Answer- **2) Dilip Asbe**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

NPCI is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India. It is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer- Mr. Dilip Asbe

Non-Executive Chairman- Mr. Biswamohan Mahapatra

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated in- 2008

108. Where is the Headquarters of the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI) located?

1) New York City, United States of America

2) Paris, France

3) London, The United Kingdom

4) Rome, Italy

5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **3) London, The United Kingdom**

Explanation:

About Chartered Quality Institute (CQI):

The CQI is the professional body for experts in improving product, project, and service quality and is incorporated by Royal Charter.

President- Lord Jamie Lindsay

Headquarters- London, The United Kingdom(UK)

Established in- 1919

109. In which Indian state, Lipulekh Pass was located?

1) Uttarakhand

2) West Bengal

3) Assam

4) Arunachal Pradesh

5) Sikkim

Answer- **1) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Lipulekh pass is located in **Uttarakhand**, India.

- Lipulekh is a Himalayan pass on the border between Uttarakhand, India and Tibet, China. This pass is an important border pass for trade with China.
- The southern side of the pass is controlled by India but claimed by Nepal.

110. Match the following National Parks with their respective state:

i. Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park

a. Chhattisgarh

ii. Papikonda national park

b. Assam

iii. Marine National Park

c. Andhra Pradesh

iv. Indravati National Park**d. Gujarat**

- 1) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- 2) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
- 3) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
- 4) i-b, ii-c, iii-d, iv-a
- 5) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b

Answer- **4) i-b, ii-c, iii-d, iv-a**

Explanation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park	Assam
Papikonda national park	Andhra Pradesh
Marine National Park	Gujarat
Indravati (Kutru) National Park	Chhattisgarh

111. In which state Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary and an elephant reserve situated in **Andhra Pradesh**, India.

- This Sanctuary comes under Project elephant - a country-wide Elephant Conservation Project taken up by the Government of India.

112. In which state Sahyadri Tiger reserve is located?

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

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:**About Maharashtra:**

Governor – Ramesh Bais

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Malvan (marine) Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves – **Sahyadri tiger reserve**, Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba-Andhari, Navegaon – Nagzira

113. Which company has recently (in Nov '23) partnered with Reliance Beauty and Personal Care Limited to develop beauty retail in India?

- 1) Violet Grey
- 2) Sephora
- 3) Credo Beauty
- 4) Revolve
- 5) Moda Operandi

Answer- **2) Sephora**

Explanation:

Sephora, the world's leading omnichannel prestige beauty retailer, announced a partnership with **Reliance Beauty and Personal Care Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) to advance their shared ambition to develop and define the future of prestige beauty retail in India.

- The partnership gives RRVL exclusive rights to build and enhance Sephora's presence in India across channels.
- Since its first foray into India in 2012, Sephora has leveraged its unique brand and product curation capabilities and strong point of view on beauty and experiential retail to cater to the beauty needs of India's vast consumer base.

114. In which state Mundra Port is located?

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

Answer- **3) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Mundra Port, owned by the Adani Group, has set a new milestone by handling 16.1 million metric tonnes of cargo in October 2023, making it the highest volume ever handled by any port in India. The port has witnessed double-digit growth in handling containers, liquids, and gas, and has expanded its cargo portfolio.

i. Mundra Port, which is the largest port in the country, located in **Gujarat** has handled a total of 102 million metric tonnes of cargo so far this year, showing a growth rate of 9% compared to the previous year.

115. Name the personality who has recently (in Nov '23) appointed as the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Coal.

- 1) Niraj Verma
- 2) Rajesh Gupta
- 3) Yashashri Shukla
- 4) Rupinder Brar
- 5) Sunil Kumar Verma

Answer- **4) Rupinder Brar**

Explanation:

Clearing key appointments at the Centre, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced new responsibilities for as many as 21 senior IAS officers at the Centre.

i. Rupinder Brar will assume the role of **Additional Secretary** in the **Ministry of Coal**.

116. In which state Hirakud Dam is located?

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

Answer- **4) Odisha**

Explanation:

Hirakud Dam is located north of Sambalpur, **Odisha**. It is the longest earthen dam of the world standing in its lone majesty across the great river Mahanadi, which drains an area of 1,33,090 Sq. Kms.

i. The bulk of Hirakud dam contains earth, concrete and masonry materials sufficient to make a road 8 meters wide and pave it from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and Amritsar to Dibrugarh in Assam.

117. Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary located is _____ (state).

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

Answer- **3) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh(UP):

Governor – Anandiben Patel

Bird Sanctuary – **Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary**, Hathinala Renukut (Sonbhadra)

Festival – Ganga Dussehra, Buddha Purnima

118. Where is the Headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO) located?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Montreal, Canada
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **2) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Labour Organisation (ILO):

Director-General– Gilbert Houngho

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Member Nations– 187

119. Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve is located in _____ (state).

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- 4) Rajasthan

Explanation:

Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve is a national park in **Rajasthan**, India .It was established in 2004.

- Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, popularly known as Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary, is spread across 4 districts – Bundi, Kota, Jhalawar & Chittorgarh in Rajasthan.
- The park is situated in a valley formed by two parallel mountains viz. Mukundra and Gargola.
- It consists of three wildlife sanctuaries: Darrah wildlife sanctuary, Chambal wildlife sanctuary and Jaswant Sagar wildlife sanctuary.

120. In which state Van Vihar National Park is located?

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

Answer- 3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Van Vihar National Park is located in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. Van Vihar National Park and Zoo is one of the most revered National Parks and Zoo in Central India.

121. In which state, Nugu Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 3) Karnataka

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Melkote Wildlife Sanctuary, Mookambika wildlife sanctuary, **Nugu Wildlife Sanctuary**

Airports – Hubballi domestic Airport, Belgaum domestic Airport, Bellary domestic Airport, Mysore Airport (Mandakalli airport)

122. In which state Gandhi Sagar Dam is located?

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tehri, Uttarakhand

4) Bharatpur, Rajasthan

5) Jajpur, Odisha

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

Explanation:

Gandhi Sagar Dam is a masonry gravity dam on Chambal River in the Mandsaur district of **Madhya Pradesh**.

- The dam was constructed in 1960 to provide drinking water to several areas of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, and generate 115 megawatts of electricity.
- It is one of the four major dams built on the Chambal River. It is also one of the five water reservoirs of national importance.

123. In which state/UT Zoji La pass is located?

1) Sikkim

2) Arunachal Pradesh

3) Himachal Pradesh

4) Ladakh

5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Ladakh**

Explanation:

Zoji La is a high mountain pass located in the **Kargil district of Ladakh**. The pass links Leh and Srinagar and provides an important link between Union Territories of Ladakh and Kashmir.

124. In which state Kanger Valley National Park is located?

1) Nagaland

2) Chandigarh

3) Assam

4) Chhattisgarh

5) Mizoram

Answer- **4) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

Chief Minister (CM) – Bhupesh Baghel

National Parks – Indravati (Kutru) National Park, **Kanger Valley National Park**

125. In which state Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park is located?

1) Karnataka

2) Jharkhand

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park is located in Ranchi, **Jharkhand**.

- Visitors can now see 88 butterfly species ranging from the rare Blue Pansy to sun-loving Common Leopard Butterfly at eastern India's biggest open-air butterfly park at Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park (BBBP).
- i. The park, which was thrown open for the public in November 2023, has been built on a sprawling 20 acres opposite to the aquariums in Birsa zoo on BBBP campus.
- ii. The park was inaugurated by L Khiangte, additional chief secretary, department of forest, environment and climate change.

126. In which year RailTel Corporation of India Limited was established?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1995
- 3) 1997
- 4) 2000
- 5) 1992

Answer- **4) 2000**

Explanation:

About RailTel Corporation of India Limited:

It is a "Mini Ratna (Category-I)" PSU and one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure providers.

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

Established - 2000

127. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?

- 1) Ajay Sharma
- 2) Navneet Munot
- 3) N.S.Venkatesh
- 4) Anthony Heredia
- 5) Jayanth Kumar

Answer- **2) Navneet Munot**

Explanation:

About Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI):

Chairman- Mr. Navneet Munot

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

- AMFI is the association of all the Asset Management Companies of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-registered MFs in India and was incorporated on August 22, 1995, as a non-profit organisation.
- As of November 2023, 45 Asset Management Companies that are registered with SEBI, are its members.

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

- 1) 1945
- 2) 1958

3) 1956

4) 1948

5) 1950

Answer- **1) 1945**

Explanation:

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

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Establishment- 1945 (came into force in 1946)

Members - 193 Members and 11 Associate Members

129. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairman of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)?

1) Jayanth Kumar

2) Praveen Jain

3) Abhisek Dev

4) Atish Mathur

5) Ajay Agrawal

Answer- **3) Abhisek Dev**

Explanation:

About Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA):

APEDA is an apex body authorised under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI).

Chairman- Dr. Abhisek Dev

Formation- 1986

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

130. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)?

1) Sivasubramanian Ramann

2) Devendra Kumar Singh

3) Ashish Gupta

4) Pankaj Jain

5) Sudatta Mandal

Answer- **1) Sivasubramanian Ramann**

Explanation:

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) - Sivasubramanian Ramann

Headquarters - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Established in - 1990

131. Name the personality who has recently (in Nov '23) appointed as the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

1) Yashashri Shukla

2) Rajesh Gupta

3) Niraj Verma

4) Rupinder Brar

5) Sudeep Jain

Answer- **5) Sudeep Jain**

Explanation:

Clearing key appointments at the Centre, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced new responsibilities for as many as 21 senior IAS officers at the Centre.

- **Sudeep Jain** will take on the position of Additional Secretary in the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**.

132. In which year the Asian Development Bank was established?

1) 1952

2) 1939

3) 1948

4) 1956

5) 1966

Answer- **5) 1966**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank:

President – Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters – Manila, Philippines

Establishment– 1966

133. Where is the Headquarters of the World Health Organization (WHO) located?

1) Geneva, Switzerland

2) Rome, Italy

3) Paris, France

4) Vienna, Austria

5) The Hague, Netherlands

Answer- **1) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Health Organization (WHO):

Director-General– Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Established on– 7 April 1948

134. In which year Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was established?

1) 1959

2) 1940

3) 1938

4) 1949

5) 1956

Answer- **2) 1940**

Explanation:

About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):

Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) – R Madhavan

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established in – 1940

135. In Which state 'Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 1) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister– Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor– Shiv Pratap Shukla

Wildlife Sanctuary– Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary, Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary

136. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Ashok Leyland?

- 1) Jayanth Kumar
- 2) Atish Mathur
- 3) Shenu Agarwal
- 4) Ajay Kumar
- 5) Praveen Jain

Answer- 3) Shenu Agarwal

Explanation:

About Ashok Leyland:

Ashok Leyland is an Indian multinational commercial vehicle manufacturer; It is owned by the Hinduja Group Limited.

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

Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Established in – 1948(Established as Ashok Motors; Became Ashok Leyland in 1955)

137. In which state Corbett Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- 1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister– Pushkar Singh Dhama

Governor– Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Binsar wildlife sanctuary, Mussoorie wildlife sanctuary

Tiger Reserves– Corbett Tiger Reserve, Rajaji Tiger Reserve

138. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- 1) Rakesh Joshi
- 2) S. N. Rajeswari
- 3) Parmod Kumar Arora
- 4) Suchindra Misra
- 5) Debasish Panda

Answer- **5) Debasish Panda**

Explanation:

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

Chairman- Debasish Panda

Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana

Established in – 1999

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

139. The Karikili Birds Sanctuary is located in _____ (State).

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister- M. K. Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

Airports- Tuticorin or Thoothukudi Airport; Salem airport

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

140. In which state 'Badalkhol Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **5) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Governor – Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

Chief Minister (CM) – Bhupesh Baghel

National Parks – Indravati (Kutru) National Park, Kanger Valley National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary, **Badalkhol Wildlife Sanctuary**

141. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Director-General (DG) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)?

- 1) Audrey Azoulay
- 2) Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo
- 3) Tedros Adhanom
- 4) Klaus Schwab
- 5) Guy Ryder

Answer- **2) Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo**

Explanation:

About International Labour Organisation (ILO):

Director-General – Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment – 1919

142. The Ramgarh Visdhari Tiger Reserve is located in _____ (state)

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

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Ramgarh Visdhari Tiger Reserve lies in the southeastern part of **Rajasthan** in Bindi district with representation of both Vindhyan and Aaravalli elements.

i. It is in continuation with the buffer area of Ranthambore tiger reserve in the North-eastern side and Mukundara Hills tiger reserve in the southern side. Mez, a tributary of Chambal river, passes through the tiger reserve.

143. What is the currency of Sweden?

- 1) Peso
- 2) Krona
- 3) Dinar
- 4) Leu
- 5) Dollar

Answer- **2) Krona**

Explanation:

About Sweden

Prime Minister – Ana Brnabic

Currency – Swedish **Krona**

Capital – Stockholm

144. In which state 'Nameri National Park' is located?

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

Answer- **5) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma

National Parks – Manas National Park, **Nameri National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary

145. Name the personality who has recently (in Nov '23) reappointed as the non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team until December 31, 2024.

- 1) Mahesh Bhupathi
- 2) Nandan Bal
- 3) Rohit Rajpal
- 4) Anand Amritraj
- 5) Prakash Amritraj

Answer- **3) Rohit Rajpal**

Explanation:

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) reappointed **Rohit Rajpal** as the non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team until December 31, 2024. The decision was taken after careful consideration and evaluation of Rajpal's successful tenure as captain.

146. Who has been recently (in Nov '23) appointed as Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor of the Ministry of Textiles?

- 1) Hitesh Kumar
- 2) Shakil P Ahamed
- 3) Atish Matur
- 4) Jayanth Kumar
- 5) Abhishek Jain

Answer- **2) Shakil P Ahamed**

Explanation:

Clearing key appointments at the Centre, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced new responsibilities for as many as 21 senior IAS officers at the Centre.

- **Shakil P Ahamed** has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor of the Ministry of Textiles.

147. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

- 1) Anil Kapoor
- 2) Santosh Kumar Yadav
- 3) Umesh Taneja
- 4) Baldev Kumar
- 5) Ajay Ahluwalia

Answer- 2) Santosh Kumar Yadav

Explanation:

About National Highways Authority of India (NHAI):

Chairperson- Santosh Kumar Yadav

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established – NHAI was constituted by an Act of Parliament in 1988, the authority became operational in 1995

148. Where is the Headquarters of the International Cricket Council (ICC) located?

- 1) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2) Mandaluyong, Philippines
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- 1) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Explanation:

About International Cricket Council (ICC):

Chairman – Greg Barclay

Headquarters – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Established in -1909

149. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Federal Bank?

- 1) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 2) Prashant Kumar
- 3) Shyam Srinivasan
- 4) Sumant Kathpalia
- 5) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer- 3) Shyam Srinivasan

Explanation:

About Federal Bank Limited:

Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Shyam Srinivasan

Headquarters – Aluva, Kerala

Established in 1931

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150. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Director General of All India Radio (AIR)?

- 1) Kishan Meena
- 2) Maushumi Chakravarty
- 3) Vivek Gaur
- 4) Anubhav Bairwa
- 5) Vasudha Gupta

Answer- 5) Vasudha Gupta

Explanation:

About All India Radio (AIR):

Akashvani Mysore (Karnataka), a private radio station, was set up in September 1935. On June 8, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service transformed into AIR.

Director General – Dr. Vasudha Gupta

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

151. In November 2023, the Union government notified the transfers of Justice Vivek Kumar Singh from Allahabad High Court (HC) to _____.

- 1) Meghalaya HC
- 2) Delhi HC
- 3) Bombay HC
- 4) Madras HC
- 5) Calcutta HC

Answer- 4) Madras HC

Explanation:

Days after the Supreme Court of India came down heavily on the Centre over continuous 'delay' in implementing the recommendations by SC collegium, the Union government notified the transfers of as many as five High Court judges.

- According to the notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, while **Justice Vivek Kumar Singh** is transferred from Allahabad High Court to **Madras High Court**, Justice Shekhar B. Saraf will move from Calcutta High Court to Allahabad High Court.
- Justice Bibek Chaudhuri, currently serving at Calcutta High Court, will assume charge at Patna High Court. Among other changes notified also include that of Justice M. Sudheer Kumar who is shifted from Telangana High Court to Madras High Court and Justice C. Sumalatha who will move from Telangana High Court to Karnataka High Court.
- The Union government notified these changes on the recommendations of the Supreme Court collegium led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud and comprising Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justice BR Gavai, and Justice Surya Kant.

152. Which company has recently (in Nov '23) appointed Mika, an AI-powered humanoid robot, as its experimental Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

- 1) Parle Agro
- 2) Orient Beverage
- 3) Dictador
- 4) Kweichow Moutai
- 5) Pearl Drinks

Answer- 3) Dictador

Explanation:

Dictador, a Polish beverage company, appointed **Mika**, an AI-powered humanoid robot, as its experimental Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) in August of the previous year. This decision highlights a growing trend in integrating artificial intelligence into leadership roles.

- Mika, described as a more sophisticated version of the well-known AI robot Sophia, shared in a Reuters video interview that she operates tirelessly, being “always on 24/7” and working seven days a week.
- Her responsibilities range from identifying potential clients to selecting artists for designing bottles for the rum producer.

153. As of November 2023, the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) gold reserves touched _____ metric tonnes in fiscal 2023, an increase of nearly 5 per cent over fiscal 2022.

- 1) 598.15
- 2) 820.12
- 3) 692.49
- 4) 794.64
- 5) 839.45

Answer- **4) 794.64**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India’s (**RBI**) gold reserves touched **794.64 metric tonnes** in fiscal **2023**, an increase of nearly 5 per cent over fiscal 2022, when it held 760.42 metric tonnes of gold.

- Because, as part of the diversification process, the RBI has been adding gold to its reserves, which is considered a more safe, secure, and liquid asset, to safeguard its returns amid global uncertainty and a rising inflation scenario.
- The RBI bought 34.22 tonnes of gold in fiscal 2023; in fiscal 2022, it had accumulated 65.11 tonnes of gold. Between the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 (the RBI used to follow the July-June accounting year then; this was changed to April-March starting 2020-21) and fiscal 2023, the RBI’s gold reserves swelled by 228.41 tonnes.

154. Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has recently (in Nov ‘23) established a Center of Excellence (CoE) named ATMAN (Advanced Technologies for Monitoring Air-quality iNdicators).

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

Answer- **3) IIT Kanpur**

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (**IITK**) has established a Center of Excellence (**CoE**) named ATMAN (Advanced Technologies for Monitoring Air-quality iNdicators).

- The CoE is a significant step towards the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative of the Government of India, focusing on building indigenous low-cost sensor manufacturing and Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) capabilities to enhance air quality across urban and rural areas of India.

- The CoE ATMAN aims to translate sustainable technologies and business models into practical products and services accessible to millions globally. It represents a pivotal move towards achieving self-reliance in air quality monitoring and management.

155. In November 2023, the district court of The Hague, Netherlands, rejected India's request to cancel a USD 111 million compensation award to foreign investors in _____ (Indian City)based company Devas Multimedia.

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

The district court of The **Hague, Netherlands**, rejected **India's request** to cancel a **USD 111 million compensation award** to foreign investors in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** based company **Devas Multimedia**.

- The payment was awarded by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) tribunal because a satellite deal from 2005 with India's ISRO's Antrix Corporation and Devas Multimedia was cancelled in 2011.
- The Court of Netherlands refused to overturn the award, finding the Indian government liable for improperly terminating the deal.
- In 2005, Antrix Corporation, the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), entered a satellite deal with Devas Multimedia, a Bengaluru start-up.
- In 2011, the Indian government abruptly cancelled the deal, citing national security reasons. The decision was taken in the midst of the 2G scam and allegations that the Devas deal involved the handing over of a communication spectrum valued at nearly Rs 2 lakh crore for a pittance.
- Legal Battles and Compensation Awards: Foreign investors in Devas Multimedia, pursued compensation through international tribunals. In 2015, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration tribunal, awarded Devas Multimedia USD 1.2 billion in compensation.

156. Central Pollution Control Board is a Statutory Organisation which was constituted under _____.

- 1) Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
- 2) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- 3) Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- 4) Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1985
- 5) National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995

Answer- 3) Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

Explanation:

The Central Pollution Control Board (**CPCB**), statutory organisation, was constituted in September, 1974 under the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974**.

- Additionally, it was given powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981.
- The CPCB functions as a field formation and offers technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in line with the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provisions.
- Its primary roles, as defined in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, include: Promoting the cleanliness of streams and wells in various regions by preventing, controlling, and mitigating water pollution. Enhancing air quality and preventing, controlling, or mitigating air pollution nationwide.

157. The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was established under the National Commission for Minorities Act ,_____.

- 1) 1988
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1992
- 4) 1995
- 5) 1997

Answer- **3) 1992**

Explanation:

About National Commission for Minorities (NCM):

- The establishment of the Minorities Commission has been envisaged in the Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution dated 12th January 1978.
- The NCM was established under the National Commission for Minorities Act, **1992**.

158. Where is the Headquarters of the World Wide Fund for Nature located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Virginia, United States
- 3) Gland, Switzerland
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **3) Gland, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Wide Fund for Nature:

Founded: 1961

Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland

Purpose: Environment and Wildlife Conservation

159. In which state Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Governor – Acharya Devvrat

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Wild Ass Sanctuary, Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary

National Park – Gir National Park, Blackbuck National Park

160. Where is the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) located?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Montreal, Canada
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **4) Vienna, Austria**

Explanation:

About International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):

It is the world's foremost intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Director General– Rafael Mariano Grossi

Headquarters– Vienna, Austria

Establishment– 1957

161. Which of the following States is Not mentioned in the sixth schedule of the Indian Constitution?

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

Answer- **1) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

The sixth schedule contains provisions related to the Administration of Tribal Areas in the States of **Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura** and **Mizoram**.

- The Sixth Schedule provides for the administration of certain tribal areas as autonomous entities.
- The provisions of the sixth schedule are provided under **Articles 244(2)** and **275(1)** of the Indian Constitution.

162. In which state 'Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Bihar
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **1) Tripura**

Explanation:

About Tripura:

Governor- Indra Sena Reddy Nallu

Chief Minister- Manik Saha

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

163. As of November 2023, what is the Death benefit provided under “Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)”?

- 1) Rs. 1 lakh
- 2) Rs. 2 lakh
- 3) Rs. 5 lakh
- 4) Rs. 10 lakh
- 5) Rs. 20 lakh

Answer- 2) Rs. 2 lakh

Explanation:

The Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) is a yearly renewable term insurance policy launched by the central government of India. In case of the death of the insurance holder, the death benefit of Rs 2 lakh is offered by the PMJJBY to the nominee of the policy.

164. Daporijo Airport is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 3) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

About Arunachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Pema Khandu

Governor - Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

Wildlife Sanctuaries - Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary, Yordi-Rabe Supse

Airports - Along Airport, **Daporijo Airport**

165. In which state Valmiki Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- 3) Bihar

Explanation:

About Bihar:

Chief Minister - Nitish Kumar

Governor- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Wildlife Sanctuary – Rajgir Wildlife Sanctuary, Udaypur Wildlife Sanctuary, Valmiki Wildlife Sanctuary, Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve – Valmiki Tiger Reserve

166. Which is the 1st Wetland in India to be designated as a Ramsar Site?

- 1) Chilika Lake
- 2) Loktak Lake
- 3) Wular Lake
- 4) Kolleru Lake
- 5) Vembanad Lake

Answer- **1) Chilika Lake**

Explanation:

The population of dolphins in **Chilika Lake**, India's largest brackish water lake, along the Odisha coast has doubled in 2021 compared with last year, jumping from 146 to 162.

- **Chilika Lake** is the **1st Wetland** in India to be designated as a Ramsar Site in **1981**.

167. In Which state Haflong Lake is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Tripura
- 3) Assam
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor- Gulab Chand Kataria

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

River – Kopili river, Iril river

Lake-Chandubi Lake, **Haflong Lake**

168. Which of the following personalities is not appointed as the Distinguished Fellows for a period of one year by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog?

- 1) S. Venkatasubramanian
- 2) V. Lakshmikumaran
- 3) O.P Agarwal
- 4) Anoop Singh
- 5) Ajai Chowdhry

Answer- **1) S. Venkatasubramanian**

Explanation:

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, recently appointed four Distinguished Fellows for a period of one year. The four new members of NITI Aayog will bring along significant work experience, coupled with their understanding and expertise of key social, economic and technical issues. The **four distinguished individuals** joining the ranks of NITI Aayog are:

- Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Singh

- Dr. O.P Agarwal
- Dr. Ajai Chowdhry
- Sh. V. Lakshmikumaran

169. In which year Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was established?

- 1) 2017
- 2) 2008
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2010
- 5) 2014

Answer- **2) 2008**

Explanation:

Rajesh Bhushan is the present Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**). The Headquarters of FSSAI is located in New Delhi, Delhi and **established in 2008**.

- Recently Widening the accessibility of key online services, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has now launched its Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) portal in four regional languages.
- The move comes shortly after the food safety authority launched its services in Hindi language in September earlier this year.
- Now apart from English and Hindi, the FSSAI portal will also be accessible in four regional languages including Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, and Marathi.
- According to the food regulatory body, the move looks to improve the user experience for local food businesses and provide a more accessible platform to connect with the FSSAI's online compliance portal, FoSCoS.

170. Who is the present (as of Nov '23) Chief Justice of India (CJI)?

- 1) Ranjan Gogoi
- 2) Uday Umesh Lalit
- 3) D.Y. Chandrachud
- 4) Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana
- 5) Dipak Misra

Answer- **3) D.Y. Chandrachud**

Explanation:

Chief Justice of India (CJI) **DY Chandrachud**, inaugurated a café, completely managed by specially-abled staff, in the premises of the Supreme Court. Other judges of the apex court were also present on the occasion.

- The '**Mitti Cafe**' is an initiative to empower people with special needs by providing them employment and livelihood opportunities.
- Ayesha Alam, the CFO of Mitti Cafe said, "Mitti Café is the dream of a 23-year old, who wanted to show the world the magic of abilities."
- Alina Alam, the Founder and CEO of Mitti Cafe emphasised the significance of having a Mitti Café operated by adults with physical, intellectual, and psychiatric disabilities at the apex justice institution of India, conveying a powerful message about the essence of inclusive development.

171. As of November 2023, India has become the _____ largest manufacturer of mobile phones in the world.

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

Answer- 4) 2nd

Explanation:

India has become the **second largest** manufacturer of mobile phones in the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said during his address at the public meeting in Jharkhand in November 2023.

- He also stated that the Centre will launch a scheme worth Rs 24,000 crore for the welfare of tribals in the country on 15th November 2023 when the entire nation will celebrate Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary.

172. In which state Koundinya wildlife sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 2) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Koundinya wildlife sanctuary is located in Chittoor district of **Andhra Pradesh**.

i. This Sanctuary comes under Project elephant - a Countrywide Elephant Conservation Project taken up by the Government of India.

173. What is the capital of Mongolia?

- 1) Pyongyang
- 2) Vientiane
- 3) Ulaanbaatar
- 4) Baghdad
- 5) Nicosia

Answer- 3) Ulaanbaatar

Explanation:

About Mongolia:

Capital- Ulaanbaatar

Prime Minister- Luvsannamsrai Oyun-Erdene

Currency- Mongolian Tugrik

174. In which state 'Betla National Park' is located?

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

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

About Jharkhand

Chief Minister- Hemant Soren

Governor- C. P. Radhakrishnan

Capital- Ranchi

National Parks- Betla National Park

175. In which year the International Energy Agency (IEA) was established?

1) 1958

2) 1974

3) 1983

4) 1994

5) 1948

Answer- **2) 1974**

Explanation:

About International Energy Agency (IEA):

Executive Director- Dr Fatih Birol

Headquarters- Paris, France

Establishment- 1974

176. Who is the current (as of Nov' 23) President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

1) Subhrakant Panda

2) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

3) Anish Shah

4) Sanjiv Mehta

5) Sudarshan Kumar Birla

Answer- **1) Subhrakant Panda**

Explanation:

About Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI):

President - Subhrakant Panda

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

Established in - 1927

177. Where is the Headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) located?

1) New York City, United States of America

2) Vienna, Austria

3) London, United Kingdom

4) Paris, France

5) Lausanne, Switzerland

Answer- **5) Lausanne, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Olympic Committee (IOC):

President- Thomas Bach

Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland

Establishment- 1894

178. Who is the current Chairman (as of Nov '23) of the Press Council of India(PCI)?

1) Devdutt Pattanaik

2) N Ram

3) Gulab kothari

4) Ranjana Prakash Desai

5) Bhavani Koteswara Prasad

Answer- 4) Ranjana Prakash Desai

Explanation:

About Press Council of India(PCI):

PCI is a statutory, quasi-judicial authority functioning as a watchdog of the press, for the press and by the press.

Chairman- Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established in - 1966

179. In which state Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

1) Tripura

2) Assam

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Gujarat

Answer- 2) Assam

Explanation:

About Assam:

National Park- Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park; Kaziranga National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary; Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary

180. In which state Nahar Singh Stadium is located?

1) Odisha

2) Haryana

3) Gujarat

4) Uttarakhand

5) Rajasthan

Answer- 2) Haryana

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Stadium- Tau Devi Lal Stadium, **Nahar Singh Stadium** (Mayur Stadium)

Festival- Gangore, Baisakhi, Teej

181. Papikonda National Park is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- 1) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Governor – Abdul Nazeer

National Parks – Rajiv Gandhi National Park, **Papikonda national park**, Sri Venkateswara National Park(biosphere reserve)

Wildlife sanctuaries – Sri Lankamalleswara WildLife Sanctuary, Krishna Wildlife sanctuary, Kaundinya WildLife Sanctuary

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

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

Answer- 5) New York, United States of America (USA)

Explanation:

About United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):

Executive Director – Catherine Russell

Headquarters – New York, United States of America (USA)

183. In which state Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

Bird Sanctuary – **Vettangudi birds Sanctuary**, Karikili Birds Sanctuary

Festival – Pongal, Thiruvaiyaru Festival, Thaipusam

184. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) of India celebrated its _____ anniversary on 15th November 2023.

- 1) 40th
- 2) 35th
- 3) 30th

4) 25th

5) 50th

Answer- **1) 40th**

Explanation:

India's nuclear regulator, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), celebrated its ruby jubilee anniversary on November **15 2023** to mark **40 years** of its existence.

- It was on this day that the national regulatory authority was constituted in 1983 to enforce nuclear and radiation safety regulations in the country.
- Stalwarts of the Indian nuclear fraternity including Dr A.K. Mohanty, Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, and Vivek Bhasin, Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BERC), among others, came together to extend their wishes to AERB on this momentous occasion.

185. Which state has recently (in Nov '23) set a new Guinness world record by lighting over 22 lakh diyas (lamps)?

1) Gujarat

2) Jharkhand

3) Bihar

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh has set a new Guinness world record by lighting over 22 lakh diyas (lamps) in Ayodhya.

- Ayodhya began the Deepotav festival with the formation of the Yogi Adityanath government in 2017. The government lit up around 51,000 diyas in 2017, and then 4.10 lakh diyas in 2019.
- The number then every year goes up with over 6 lakh diyas in 2020, and 9 lakh diyas illuminated in 2021. In 2022, over 17 lakh diyas were lit up across the Ram ki Pairi ghats. However, that year Guinness Book of World Records considered only those diyas which remained lit up for at least five minutes, hence the record was set at 15,76,955 diyas.

186. Name the bank that has recently (in Nov '23) stopped online Immediate Payment System (IMPS) transfers as funds from transactions.

1) State Bank of India

2) UCO Bank

3) Bank of Maharashtra

4) Bank of India

5) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer- **2) UCO Bank**

Explanation:

The government-owned **UCO Bank** has temporarily stopped online Immediate Payment System (**IMPS**) transfers as funds from transactions initiated by customers of other banks were credited to account holders of UCO Bank, but the bank did not actually receive the money.

- The incidents occurred between November 10 and 13, The bank, as a precautionary measure, has made the IMPS channel offline and is working closely with stakeholders to resolve the issue and restore the IMPS services at the earliest.

187. Which company has recently (in Nov '23) collaborated with Amadeus to drive travel experience with Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- 1) BharatPe
- 2) PhonePe
- 3) Paytm
- 4) Razorpay
- 5) Freecharge

Answer- **3) Paytm**

Explanation:

Paytm(One97 Communications Limited) announced a partnership with **Amadeus**, under which it will integrate Amadeus' travel platform and optimise travel experience from search to booking, and payment.

- The company has partnered with global travel technology company Amadeus to redefine travel experience with Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- This partnership brings together Paytm's vast user base and Amadeus's expertise to provide travellers with a more seamless and efficient booking experience

188. In which State Bhitarkanika Mangroves is located?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Assam

Answer- **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

About Odisha:

Ports – Gopalpur port, Paradip Port, Dhamra Port

Ramsar sites – Bhitarkanika Mangroves

Stadium – Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium (Multipurpose- indoor), East Coast Railway Stadium (cricket – outdoor)

189. Who is the current (as of Nov '23) Chairman & Managing Director of SJVN Limited?

- 1) Naveen Kumar Gupta
- 2) Amarjit Singh Juneja
- 3) Sanjeev Dutt Sharma
- 4) Nand Lal Sharma
- 5) Ajay Kumar Sharma

Answer- **4) Nand Lal Sharma**

Explanation:

About SJVN Limited (formerly known as Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam) :

It is a joint venture between the government of India and the Government of Himachal Pradesh. It is a Mini Ratna & Schedule 'A' Public Sector Undertaking (PSU).

Chairman & Managing Director– Nand Lal Sharma

Headquarters– Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (HP)

Incorporated – May 24, 1988