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5) Sadhguru

Answer- 3) Jagadguru Rambhadracharya

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released three books, including 'Ashtadhyayi Bhashya', 'Ramanandacharya Charitam', and 'Bhagwan Shri Krishna ki Rashtraleela', during his visit to Tulsi Peeth in Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh.

- The three books were written by Jagadguru Rambhadracharya of Tulsi Peeth.
- Tulsi Peeth is a religious and social service institution which was established by **Jagadguru Rambhadracharya** in 1987 and is one of the leading publishers of Hindu religious literature.
- Jagadguru Rambhadracharya awarded **Padam Vibhushan in 2015** in the field of Literature and Education.

## OBITUARY

**1. Padma Shri Awardee Dr. Dahyabhai Karunashankar Shastri, a renowned Indian Sanskrit scholar and founder of Brahmarshi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Nadiad(Gujarat) , passed away in October 2023.**

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

- 1) 2016
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2011
- 5) 2013

Answer- 1) 2016

**Explanation:**

Padma Shri Awardee Dr. **Dahyabhai Karunashankar Shastri**, a renowned Indian Sanskrit scholar and **founder of Brahmarshi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya**, Nadiad(Gujarat) , has passed away at the age of 98 in Nadiad, Gujarat.

**i.** Dr. Shri Dahyabhai Karunashankar Shastri was a distinguished Sanskrit scholar in India, holding titles like Vyakaranacharya, Sahitacharya, and Hindi Visharad.

**ii.** From January 19, 1950, he was engaged in teaching at Petlad Political Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya school in Gujarat.

**iii.** Awards: In 2000, Sandipani Gaurav Awards conferred Dr. Dahyabhai Karunashankar Shastri with one of its category awards named the "Brahmarshi Award".

- Brahmarshi Awards are given to the scholar who has done outstanding work in the field of Vedic literature since 1996.
- In **2016**, he was awarded the '**Padma Shri**' in the field of **Literature and Education**.

**2. In October 2023, \_\_\_\_\_ , who won the Nari Shakti Award in 2020 & topped Akshara Laksham project of Kerala's adult literacy programme, passed away.**

- 1) Radhika Menon
- 2) Pooja Sharma
- 3) Karthyayani Amma
- 4) Madhulika Ramteke



5) Shobha Gasti

Answer- **3) Karthyayani Amma**

**Explanation:**

Nari Shakti Award winner **Karthyayani Amma**, who topped Akshara Laksham project of Kerala's adult literacy programme, **passed away** at the age of 101 in Alappuzha, Kerala. She was born in 1922. In 2018, at the age of 96, Karthyayani Amma topped the Aksharalaksham (Million Letter) literacy examination of the Kerala State Literacy Mission securing the highest mark (98/100). She was the oldest learner under the Kerala State Literacy Mission.

**i.** In 2019, she was also appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Learning for the promotion of distance education among 53 member countries.

**ii.** In **2020**, she was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar, the highest civilian award for women, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).

**iii.** During the 2023 Republic Day parade, Kerala government presented a tableau of "Nari Shakti and Folk Traditions of Women Empowerment" featuring Karthyayani.

**3. Padma Vibhushan Awardee & the 11th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Dr. Manohar Singh Gill passed away in October 2023.**

**In which year did he receive the Padma Vibhushan in the field of Civil Service?**

1) 2002

2) 2005

3) 2003

4) 2000

5) 2010

Answer- **4) 2000**

**Explanation:**

Padma Vibhushan Awardee and the **11th** Chief Election Commissioner (**CEC**) of India, Dr. Manohar Singh Gill (**MS Gill**), passed away in New Delhi, Delhi at the age of 87. He was born on June 14, 1936, in undivided Punjab. He had a distinguished career as an Indian bureaucrat, politician, and writer.

- MS Gill was a 1958 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Punjab cadre.

**i.** He has also served as the CEC of India between December 1996 and June 2001. During his tenure as CEC, the Election Commission of India (ECI) successfully conducted the:

- General elections to the 12th Lok Sabha in 1998 and the 13th Lok Sabha in 1999;
- 11th Presidential polls and Vice-Presidential elections in 1997; and
- Polls to assemblies in more than 20 states.

**ii.** MS Gill was awarded the **Padma Vibhushan** in **2000** for his exceptional and distinguished services as a civil servant.

**iii.** He received the Nishan-e-Khalsa honour on the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa. It is a testament to his deep-rooted connections and contributions to the Sikh community.

**4. Martti Ahtisaari, former president of \_\_\_\_\_ (country) and Nobel Peace Prize Winner in 2008, passed away in October 2023.**

1) Kenya

2) Finland

3) Philippines

4) Iraq

5) Tunisia

Answer- **2) Finland**

**Explanation:**

Nobel Peace Laureate, **Martti Ahtisaari**, who served as the 10th President of **Finland** (1994 to 2000), passed away at the age of 86 in Helsinki, Finland.

**i.** In 1994, Finland's Social Democratic Party (SDP) nominated him to run for the presidency and he became Finland's first directly-elected president. He held office from March 1, 1994, to February 29, 2000.

- In 2008, Martti Ahtisaari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his important efforts, on several continents and over more than three decades, to resolve international conflicts.
- He played a key role in negotiating peace in multiple countries, including Namibia, Kosovo, Indonesia and Northern Ireland.

**5. American Actress Piper Laurie, who was nominated 3 times for Oscar Academy Awards & 9 times in Emmy Awards, Passed Away in October 2023.**

**In 1987, Piper Laurie won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress for her performance in \_\_\_\_\_ (Miniseries/movies).**

- 1) Promise
- 2) Children of a Lesser God
- 3) Carrie
- 4) The Hustler
- 5) Twin Peaks

Answer- **1) Promise**

**Explanation:**

American actress **Piper Laurie** (also known as Rosetta Jacobs) was passed away in Los Angeles (LA), United States of America (USA). She was born in 1932 in Michigan, USA.

**i.** OSCAR Academy Awards: Piper Laurie nominated three times for **Oscar Academy Awards** of Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) for the following movies:

- She was first nominated in 1961 for the movie "The Hustler"
- Later she was nominated for two more movies namely "Carrie," (1976) and "Children of a Lesser God" (1986)

**ii.** Emmy Awards: Out of nine nominations, she received **one Emmy award**.

- **In 1987**, Piper Laurie won an **Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actress** in a Miniseries or a Special for her performance in "**Promise**".

**6. Louise Elisabeth Glück, Nobel laureate & Jewish-American poet passed away in October 2023?**

**In which year did she receive the Nobel prize for literature?**

- 1) 2022
- 2) 2018
- 3) 2021
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2020

Answer- **5) 2020**



**Explanation:**

**Louise Elisabeth Glück**, an acclaimed **Jewish-American poet** & essayist and Nobel laureate (Literature 2020), passed away at the age of 80 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the United States of America (USA).

**i.** She won the **2020 Nobel prize for literature** and became the 1st American poet to do so since TS Eliot in 1948. She was also the 16th woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. v.In 2016, she was honoured with the National Humanities Medal by then President Barack Obama.

**ii.** She won the National Book Critics Circle Awards (Poetry) for 'The Triumph of Achilles' in 1985 and won the Bobbitt Prize from the Library of Congress in 1992 for 'Ararat' (She shared the prize with Mark Strand, a Canadian-born-American poet).

**iii.** She won the **Pulitzer Prize** for Poetry in **1993** for "The Wild Iris"

**7. Padma Shri Awardee Arul Thiru Bangaru Adigalar, a Spiritual Leader and the founder of Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam, passed away in October 2023.**

**In which year did he receive the Padma Shri Award in the field of Others-Spiritualism?**

1) 2018

2) 2022

3) 2019

4) 2017

5) 2020

Answer- **3) 2019**

**Explanation:**

Padma Shri Awardee **Arul Thiru Bangaru Adigalar**, a Spiritual Leader and the founder of Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam in Kancheepuram district (Tamil Nadu (TN)) passed away at the age of 82 in Melmaruvathur, TN.

**i.** He was conferred with **Padma Shri** in **2019** for his spiritual services (Others-Spiritualism) to the society.

**ii.** G. Subramaniam, known as Bangaru Adigal, lovingly known as 'Amma' (mother) by his followers in Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam (referred to as Red-Clad Movement), is renowned for leading significant reforms in spiritual practices.

**8. Birendra Nath Datta, who won the Padma Shri in 2009 for \_\_\_\_\_ (field), passed away in October 2023.**

1) Public Affairs

2) Literature and Education

3) Social Work

4) Art

5) Science & Engineering

Answer- **2) Literature and Education**

**Explanation:**

Padma Shri Awardee **Birendra Nath Datta**, an eminent Assamese scholar, Linguist, and Singer, passed away at the age of 88 in Guwahati, Assam. He was born on March 1, 1935 in Nagaon, Assam.

**i. Notable Works:** A Study of the Folk Culture of the Goalpara Region of Assam (1995); Goalpariya Lokagit Sangraha (Assamese) (2010) (This book is a collection of folksongs of the Goalpara region of Assam); Cultural Contours of Northeast India (2012).

**ii. Awards:** He was awarded the Padma Shri in **2009** for **Literature and Education**;

- For the book Shankar-Madhav Manisha Aaru Sanskritik Uttaradhikar, he won the 12th Jagaddhatri-Harmohan Das Literary Award in 2010.
- He also received the Tagore Ratna Award of Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2012.

**9. Former Indian cricketer, legendary left-arm spinner and Padma Shri awardee, Bishan Singh Bedi, passed away in October 2023.**

**In which year did he receive the Padma Shri award for sports?**

- 1) 1980
- 2) 1960
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1970
- 5) 1966

Answer- **4) 1970**

**Explanation:**

Former Indian cricketer, legendary left-arm spinner and Padma Shri awardee, **Bishan Singh Bedi**, passed away at the age of 77. He was born on 25th September 1946 in Amritsar, Punjab.

**i. Record:** He took 1560 wickets (more than any other Indian bowler) in 370 matches with a bowling average of 28.71.

- He has taken 266 wickets in 67 matches. With this, he made a record of being the highest wicket-taker in India.
- In June 2023, Ravindra Jadeja surpassed Bishan Singh Bedi to become India's most successful left-arm spinner in Test cricket by taking 267 wickets in 65 matches at an average of 24.25.

**ii. Awards:** The Government of India honoured him with the **Padma Shri** for sports in **1970**.

- He also received the Arjuna Award for Cricket in 1969.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) honoured him with the Colonel C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

**10. In October 2023, the former England \_\_\_\_\_ (sports) player Sir Bobby (Robert) Charlton passed away.**

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Badminton
- 5) Basketball

Answer- **1) Football**

**Explanation:**

The **former England football** player **Sir Bobby (Robert) Charlton** passed away at the age of 86. He suffered dementia in 2020.

- Sir Bobby Charlton was part of the England's Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup winning team in 1966.
- Robert Charlton was born on 11th October 1937 in Ashington, northeast England, United Kingdom(UK).



- He also was a part of Manchester United's team that won the European Cup(1968), three English Premier League titles(1965 & 1967) and one Football Association Challenge(FA) Cup(1963).
- He was awarded the OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in the 1969 Queen's Birthday Honours List, the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in the 1974 Queen's New Year Honours List.
- He was also awarded the Ballon d'Or award for the best player in Europe in 1966.

**11. In October 2023, Babanrao Dhakne, Former Union Minister and senior politician, passed away in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra at the age of 86.**

**Babanrao Dhakne served as the Union State Minister in the Ministry of Energy under the premiership of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Chandra Shekhar
- 2) Indira Gandhi
- 3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 4) Manmohan Singh
- 5) Morarji Desai

**Answer- 1) Chandra Shekhar**

**Explanation:**

**Babanrao Dhakne**, Former Union Minister and senior politician, passed away in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra at the age of 86. He was born on 10 November 1937 in Akola, Ahmednagar in Maharashtra.

- He served as the Union State Minister in the Ministry of Energy (1990 to 1991) under the premiership of Chandra Shekhar (8th Prime Minister of India – 1990 to 1991)
- Babanrao Dhakne served as the Member of Parliament(MP) as a part of the 9th Lok Sabha. He represented Beed constituency of Maharashtra as a member of Janata Dal (JD).
- He was the 1st person of Vanjari Community to become the member of the 9th Lok Sabha.

**12. Li Keqiang, Former Premier of \_\_\_\_\_ (country) passed away in October 2023.**

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) Thailand
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) South Korea

**Answer- 3) China**

**Explanation:**

**Li Keqiang**, a Chinese economist and politician who served as the **Premier of People's Republic of China (2013-2023)**, passed away at the age of 68 in Shanghai, China. He was born in July 1955 in Dingyuan County in eastern China's Anhui province.

- Li Keqiang stepped down from his post in March 2023 and was succeeded by Li Qiang, the incumbent Premier of China.
  - **Premier** is the second-highest position in China's political system after the President.
- i. He was appointed as executive vice premier of the State Council from 2008 to 2013.
  - ii. In 2013, he became the Premier of the State Council for the 1st term, and in 2018, he was re-elected as premier for a 2nd five-year term.

# IMPORTANT DAYS

**1. When was the United Nations (UN) International Translation Day (ITD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Translation unveils the many faces of humanity”?**

- 1) 28th September 2023
- 2) 30th September 2023
- 3) 27th September 2023
- 4) 29th September 2023
- 5) 26th September 2023

**Answer- 2) 30th September 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) International Translation Day (ITD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **30th September 2023** with the theme of “Translation unveils the many faces of humanity”.

- i. The annual theme of ITD is chosen by the Fédération Internationale des Traducteurs/International Federation of Translators (FIT).
- ii. The **first UN-recognised ITD** was observed on 30 September 2017.

**2. The Regiment of Artillery observed the 197th Gunners Day on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 30th September 2023
- 2) 1st October 2023
- 3) 29th September 2023
- 4) 2nd October 2023
- 5) 28th September 2023

**Answer- 5) 28th September 2023**

**Explanation:**

The Regiment of Artillery, an operational arm of the Indian Army, annually observes September 28th as the “Gunners Day”.

- i. The **28th of September 2023** marks the observance of the **197th Gunners day**.
- ii. The day commemorates the raising of 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery, equipped with 2.5-inch Guns as the 8th Company of the Golandaz Battalion, Bombay Foot Artillery (India’s first Artillery unit), on 28th September 1827.

**3. Which of the following points is “Incorrect” with respect to the Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM)?**

**A) Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) 2023 was observed across the globe in the month of September 2023**

**B) The pink ribbon is an international symbol of support for breast cancer awareness month.**

**C) The event started as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM), a weeklong event in 1985.**

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



Answer- **1) Only A**

**Explanation:**

Breast Cancer Awareness Month (**BCAM**) is annually observed across the globe during the month of **October** (from October 1 to 31) to raise awareness about breast cancer, promote early detection, support those affected by the disease, and raise funds for research, prevention, and treatment. Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) 2023 is being observed on 1st to 31st October 2023.

- i. Symbol:** The pink ribbon is an international symbol of support for breast cancer awareness month.
- ii.** The event started as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM), a weeklong event in October 1985.
- iii.** According to the National Cancer Registry of India, it is estimated that by 2025, there will be 230,000 new cases of breast cancer annually in India, with an increase in young women being diagnosed.

**4. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of 'Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations'?**

- 1) 3rd October 2023
- 2) 1st October 2023
- 3) 30th September 2023
- 4) 2nd October 2023
- 5) 29th September 2023

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

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (**UN**)'s **International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) 2023** was observed across the globe on **1st October 2023** with the **theme** of "Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations."

- The day was observed to raise awareness of the contributions and achievements of older individuals (defined as those aged 65 years or older) in society, as well as to promote their well-being and inclusion in all aspects of life.
- i.** 1st October 2023 marks the observance of the 33rd anniversary of the IDOP. The first IDOP was observed on 1st October 1991.
  - ii.** According to 'Caring for Our Elders Institutional Responses: India Ageing Report 2023' released by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) India, along with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)

**5. What was the theme of International Coffee Day (ICD) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 1st October 2023?**

- 1) Women in Coffee
- 2) Coffee's Next Generation
- 3) Sustainability in Every Cup
- 4) Promoting the Right to a Safe and Healthy Working Environment in the Coffee Supply Chain
- 5) Coffee sector's diversity, quality and passion

Answer- **4) Promoting the Right to a Safe and Healthy Working Environment in the Coffee Supply Chain**



**Explanation:**

International Coffee Day (ICD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **1st October 2023** with the **theme** of “promoting the right to a safe and healthy working environment in the coffee supply chain”.

- i. The first official International Coffee Day was observed on 1 October 2015 by 74 member states of the ICO and 26 coffee associations from around the world.
- ii. To commemorate the ICD 2023 on 1 October 2023, the ICO and the International Labor Organization (ILO), a United Nations (UN) agency jointly launched the #CoffeePeople Campaign and a social media challenge around the ICD 2023 theme.

**6. When was World Vegetarian Day(WVD) 2023 observed across the globe?**

- 1) 3rd October 2023
- 2) 30th September 2023
- 3) 2nd October 2023
- 4) 29th September 2023
- 5) 1st October 2023

Answer- **5) 1st October 2023**

**Explanation:**

World Vegetarian Day (WVD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **1st October 2023** to promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism.

- World Vegetarian Day marks the beginning of Vegetarian Awareness Month, which begins on 1st October and concludes on 1st November, World Vegan Day.
- World Vegetarian Day was formed in 1977 by the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS).
- The day was endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union (IVU) in 1978.
- As of now World Vegetarian Day is celebrated in more than 180 countries around the world.

**7. When was United Nations (UN) World Habitat Day (WHD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Resilient urban economies. Cities as drivers of growth and recovery”?**

- 1) 4th October 2023
- 2) 1st October 2023
- 3) 3rd October 2023
- 4) 2nd October 2023
- 5) 30th September 2023

Answer- **4) 2nd October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) **World Habitat Day (WHD)** is annually observed across the globe on the first Monday of October to reflect on the state of cities and human settlements and promote the right to adequate shelter and the need for sustainable urbanization. WHD also launches Urban October.

- i. The **WHD 2023** was observed on **2nd October 2023** with the **theme** of “Resilient urban economies. Cities as drivers of growth and recovery”.
- ii. The 2023 global ceremony took place in the city of Baku, Azerbaijan. It was co-organized with the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the theme ‘Resilient urban economies. Cities as drivers of growth and recovery.’
- iii. The 2023 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award winners:
  - ProEmployment Foundation (Fundación ProEmpleo Productivo, A.C), Mexico



- To Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Community Real Estate Fund for Rent (FICA – Fundo Imobiliário Comunitário para Aluguel), Brazil
- Assembleia de Moradores, Braga, Portugal
- EcoVironment, Sierra Leone

**8. The \_\_\_\_\_ International Day of Non-Violence was observed across the globe on 2nd October 2023.**

- 1) 15th
- 2) 12th
- 3) 16th
- 4) 13th
- 5) 17th

Answer- **5) 17th**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Non-Violence is annually observed across the globe on 2nd October to celebrate the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian Independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

- In India, the day is observed as Gandhi Jayanthi.
- **2nd October 2023** is the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and **17th International Day of Non-Violence**.
- The idea of International Day of Non-Violence was initially proposed by Iranian Noble Laureate Shirin Ebadi in 2004.
- The day was first observed on 2nd October 2007.
- The day aims to spread the message of 'Say No to Violence' through education and public awareness.

**9. What is the theme of 69th Wildlife Week 2023, being observed across India from 2nd to 8th October 2023?**

- 1) Safeguarding key species for ecosystem restoration
- 2) Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
- 3) Partnerships for wildlife conservation
- 4) Life below water: for people and planet
- 5) Big cats - predators under threat

Answer- **3) Partnerships for wildlife conservation**

**Explanation:**

**Wildlife Week** is annually observed **across India** in the month of October from **2 to 8 October** to spread awareness of the importance of wildlife and its conservation in India.

- The annual observance coincides with the birth anniversary (2 October) of Mahatma Gandhi, who championed the principles of Ahinsa (non-violence) and compassion toward all living beings.
- The 69th Wildlife Week is being observed from 2nd to 8th October 2023.
- The **theme** of Wildlife Week 2023 is "**Partnerships for wildlife conservation**".
- The first Wildlife Week was observed in 1957.

- The National Zoological Park in Delhi has been celebrating “Wildlife Week – 2023” from October 2 to 8 2023. Awareness activities were organized like Nukkad Natak, an expert talk on Biodiversity, a video on the mission Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE), and a pledge.

**Note:** The UN World Wildlife Day (WWD) is annually observed across the globe on 3 March.

**10. When was World Animal Day (WAD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of ‘Great or Small, Love Them All’?**

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

Answer- **1) 4th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World Animal Day (WAD) 2023** was observed across the globe on **4th October 2023** with the **theme** of ‘Great or Small, Love Them All’.

**i.** The idea of World Animal Day was initially proposed by Heinrich Zimmerman, a writer and publisher of the German magazine “Mensch und Hund” (Man and Dog).

**ii.** The first World Animal Day was celebrated on 24th March 1925, at the Sports Palace in Berlin, Germany; It was organised by Zimmerman.

**iii.** October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

**11. What is the theme of the United Nations (UN) World Space Week (WSW) 2023 being observed across the globe from 4th to 10th October 2023?**

- 1) Women in Space
- 2) Space and Sustainability
- 3) Satellites improve life
- 4) Space and Entrepreneurship
- 5) The Moon: Gateway to the Stars

Answer- **4) Space and Entrepreneurship**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) World Space Week (WSW) is annually observed across the globe from 4th to 10th October to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.

**i.** The United Nations (UN) World Space Week (WSW) is being observed from **4th to 10th October 2023** with the theme of “**Space and Entrepreneurship**”.

**ii.** The first-ever WSW was observed from 4th to 10th October 2000.

**iii.** In India, the World Space Week India Coordinating Committee, the National Coordinator of WSW, organised a total of 39 events to celebrate WSW 2023, from October 4 to 10 2023 in various states such as Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan.

**Note:** WSWA began in 1980 as the coordinator of “Spaceweek,” a celebration of the first Moon landing, each July 16-24.



**12. When was the World Teachers' Day (WTD) 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?**

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

Answer- **2) 5th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s **World Teachers' Day (WTD) 2023** was observed across the globe on **5th October 2023** with the theme of "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".

**i.** WTD is co-convened in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and Education International (EI).

**ii.** In 1994, UNESCO declared 5th October as World Teachers' Day to celebrate the efforts made for teachers in 1966.

**iii.** The **first ever** World Teachers' Day was observed on **5th October 1994**.

**13. What was the theme of World Cerebral Palsy Day (WCPD) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 6th October 2023?**

- 1) We will tell the world, I am here, we are here
- 2) Millions of Reasons
- 3) Together Stronger
- 4) Make Your Mark
- 5) Emphasises the Strength in Unity

Answer- **3) Together Stronger**

**Explanation:**

**World Cerebral Palsy Day (WCPD) 2023** was observed across the globe on **6th October 2023** with the **theme** of "**Together Stronger.**"

- In 2012, the Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA) declared World Cerebral Palsy Day to be observed on October 6 every year.

**i. Observance in India:** The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is the nodal department for Disability empowerment in India.

**ii.** With the objective of raising awareness about CP among the masses, DEPwD has observed World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October 2023, by organizing diverse nationwide events through DEPwD-affiliated institutions.

**14. When was World Cotton Day (WCD) 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) with the theme of "Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion"?**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)'s World Cotton Day (WCD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **7th October 2023** with the **theme** of "Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion".

- 7th October 2023 marks the observance of the 5th World Cotton Day.
  - The World Trade Organization (WTO) hosted the first World Cotton Day on 7 October 2019 in response to an initiative of Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali, collectively known as the Cotton Four or C4 countries.
- i. The WCD 2023 celebration took place on 4th October 2023 at the Vienna International Centre in Austria.
  - ii. It is jointly hosted by Secretariats of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and FAO.

**15. When was the World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day (H2FC Day) 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

**Answer- 1) 8th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day (H2FC Day) 2023 was observed on **8th October 2023** to recognise the importance of the chemical element, Hydrogen, and its role in the transition towards a cleaner and more equitable energy future.

- In June 2015, the Senate of the United States of America (USA) designated the 8th October of every year as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day". The first H2FC Day was observed on 8th October 2015.
  - October 8th written in mm/dd format (10/08) refers to the atomic weight of hydrogen (1.008) therefore 8th October was chosen to observe the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.
- i. On October 7, 2023, the eve of World H2FC Day, the Government of India (GoI) organised an event in New Delhi, Delhi to explore the potential of hydrogen as a green and sustainable energy.
  - ii. The event was organised by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), in association with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited, and gathered hydrogen experts from the industry, academia, and government.

**16. What was the theme of Indian Air Force (IAF) Day 2023 that was observed across India on 8th October 2023?**

- 1) IAF – Touch the Sky with Glory
- 2) IAF – Airpower Beyond Boundaries
- 3) IAF – Know your Air Force
- 4) IAF – Untiring efforts and supreme sacrifices of its personnel
- 5) IAF – Transforming for the Future

**Answer- 2) IAF – Airpower Beyond Boundaries**



**Explanation:**

The **91st** Anniversary of the Indian Air Force (**IAF**) **Day 2023** observed across India on **8th October 2023** to commemorate the establishment of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in 1932.

**i.** The theme of Indian Air Force Day 2023 is '**IAF – Airpower Beyond Boundaries**'.

**ii.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) celebrated the day in Air Force Station Bamrauli in Prayagraj (formerly known as Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh.

- Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari unveiled the new IAF Ensign.
- The new ensign will feature the IAF crest in the top right corner (towards the fly side), which includes the national symbol of the Ashoka lion on top with the wordings – “सत्यमेव जयते” Satyameva Jayate – Truth alone Triumphs (in Devanagari) and a Himalayan eagle with its wings spread below it.
- The legendary Mikoyan-Gurevich (MiG)-21 fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) took its final air display flight on IAF day 2023. The IAF is replacing these Russian-made squadrons with the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 1A by 2025.

**Note-** The Indian Air Force is also known as Bharatiya Vayu Sena. IAF was founded on October 8, 1932, with six Hawker Hart biplanes under the name Royal Indian Air Force (RIAF).

**17. When was World Post Day 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) with the theme of “Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future”?**

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

Answer- **4) 9th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (**UN**) **World Post Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **9th October 2023** with the **theme** of “Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future”.

**i.** The day was observed to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.

**ii.** The **first World Post Day** was celebrated in **1969** in Japan.

**iii.** National Postal Week is annually observed across India from October 09 to 13 to generate a broad awareness about the role of India Post and its activities among the public and media at a national level.

- The observance of National Postal Week is led by the Department of Posts (DOP).
- In 2023, the event focuses on the latest products and Mail and Parcel Services like Dak Niryat Kendra (DNK), collaboration with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), Amazon, Aadhaar, and other citizen-centric services available at postal counters.

**18. When was World Dyslexia Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Uniquely You”?**

- 1) 9th October 2023
- 2) 6th October 2023
- 3) 8th October 2023



4) 10th October 2023

5) 7th October 2023

Answer- **3) 8th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World Dyslexia Day** also known as “World Dyslexia Awareness Day” 2023 was observed across the globe on **8th October 2023** with the theme of “**Uniquely You**”.

- i. World Dyslexia Day was first observed on October 8, 2013. The day was initiated by the European Dyslexia Association (EDA).
- ii. The Dyslexia awareness week is observed annually on the first full week of October, always starting on the first Monday. In 2023, it was observed from 2nd to 8th October. Dyslexia Awareness Month is celebrated worldwide each October.

**19. What was the theme of National Postal Week 2023 that was observed across India from 9th to 13th October 2023?**

1) Innovate to recover

2) Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future

3) We Have Always Delivered

4) Imagine you are a letter travelling through time

5) Post for Planet

Answer- **2) Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future**

**Explanation:**

National Postal Week is annually observed across India from October 09 to 13 to generate a broad awareness about the role of India Post and its activities among the public and media at a national level.

- i. The observance of National Postal Week is led by the Department of Posts (DOP).
- ii. The **National Postal Week 2023** is observed from **9th to 13th October 2023** under the **theme** “Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future”. This is the theme of World Post Day 2023.
- iii. National Postal Week started with World Post Day, observed across the globe on 9 October to mark the anniversary of the establishment of Universal Postal Union’s (UPU) in 1874.

**20. The \_\_\_\_\_ World Day Against the Death Penalty was observed across the globe on 10th October 2023.**

1) 17th

2) 20th

3) 18th

4) 21st

5) 19th

Answer- **4) 21st**

**Explanation:**

**World Day Against the Death Penalty** is annually observed across the globe on October 10 to raise awareness about the inhumane and cruel practice of capital punishment and the need to get rid of the death penalty from the justice systems.

- i. **10th October 2023** marks the observance of the **21st World Day Against the Death Penalty**.



ii. World Day against the Death Penalty 2023 will reflect on the relationship between the use of the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment or punishment.

**21. When was the World Mental Health Day (WMHD) 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

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

**Explanation:**

World Mental Health Day (**WMHD**) **2023** was observed across the globe on **10th October 2023** to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

i. **WMHD** is supported by the World Health Organisation (**WHO**), the World Federation for Mental Health (**WFMH**), and its member organisations. The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness.

ii. The 2023 Global Campaign aims to recognise the 75th Anniversary of WFMH (founded in 1948) and WMHD 2023.

iii. According to WFMH, the **theme** of the **World Mental Health Day Global Campaign 2023** is “Mental health is a universal human right.”

iv. World Mental Health Day was started as an annual activity of the World Federation for Mental Health(WFMH) by the then Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter. WMHD was observed for the first time on 10 October 1992.

**22. What was the theme of United Nations (UN) International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 11th October 2023?**

- 1) GirlForce: Unscripted and unstoppable
- 2) My voice, our equal future
- 3) Digital generation. Our generation
- 4) Out Time is Now- Our Rights, Our Future
- 5) Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being

Answer- **5) Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (**UN**) International Day of the Girl Child (**IDGC**) **2023** was observed across the globe on **11th October 2023** with the theme of “**Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being**”.

- The **first** International Day of the Girl Child was observed on **11th October 2012**.

i. In 1995, the World Conference on Women was held in Beijing, China where the UN adopted the “Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action”, the most progressive blueprint ever devised for advancing not only women’s rights but also the rights of girls.

ii. The Beijing Declaration notably stands out as the first to specifically call out girls’ rights.

iii. UN Women Strategic Plan 2022–2025 sets a vision and roadmap for supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) by 2030.



**23. The 1st National Current Good Manufacturing Practices(cGMP) Day observed across the globe \_\_\_\_\_ with the theme of “cGMP: Transforming Healthcare”.**

- 1) 9th October 2023
- 2) 11th October 2023
- 3) 8th October 2023
- 4) 10th October 2023
- 5) 12th October 2023

**Answer- 4) 10th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The inaugural National Current Good Manufacturing Practices(**cGMP**) **Day** was celebrated across India on **10th October 2023**. The day aims to create awareness about the critical role of cGMP in the pharmaceutical industry, ensuring the quality and safety of medicinal products.

**i.** The **theme** of National cGMP Day 2023 is “**cGMP: Transforming Healthcare**”.

**ii.** 10th October 2023 marks the first ever National cGMP day.

**iii.** On 10th October 1962, International Drug Regulators approved a framework which mandates drug manufacturers to scientifically prove that a medication will be safe and effective.

- This approval is the aftermath of the Thalidomide disaster.

**24. When was World Arthritis Day(WAD) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Living with an RMD at all stages of life”?**

- 1) 10th October 2023
- 2) 12th October 2023
- 3) 9th October 2023
- 4) 11th October 2023
- 5) 8th October 2023

**Answer- 2) 12th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

World Arthritis Day(**WAD**) **2023** was observed across the globe on **12th October 2023** with the **theme** of “Living with an RMD at all stages of life”.

- 12th October 2023 marks the observance of **28th WAD**.

**i.** World Arthritis Day was first established in 1996 by Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI).

**ii.** The first WAD was celebrated on 12th October 1996 and the event has been held annually ever since.

**iii.** European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology (EULAR) hosts campaigns to help achieve its goal in the area of Advocacy to increase participation in work by people with RMDs by the year 2023.

**25. What was the theme of World Sight Day (WSD) 2023, observed across the globe on 12th October 2023?**

- 1) Vision First!
- 2) Hope In Sight
- 3) Universal Eye Health is Important
- 4) Our Call to Action is: Everyone
- 5) Love Your Eyes at Work

**Answer- 5) Love Your Eyes at Work**



**Explanation:**

**World Sight Day (WSD)**, also known as 'World Eye Day' or 'World Vision Day' is annually observed across the globe on the second Thursday of October.

- i.** WSD 2023 falls on **12th October 2023** with the **theme** of "**Love Your Eyes at Work**".
- ii.** The establishment of WSD was started by the SightFirst campaign of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
- iii.** LCIF partnered with blindness presentation organisations worldwide and observed the first-ever WSD on 8 October 1998.
  - To facilitate better screening, WHO has developed a free mobile application 'WHO eyes' that would enable individuals to check their vision, without the need for the eye care provider.
  - The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment observed WSD on 12 October 2023, in alignment with its vision to raise awareness about visual impairments.

**26. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of "Fighting inequality for a resilient future"?**

- 1) 13th October 2023
- 2) 10th October 2023
- 3) 11th October 2023
- 4) 9th October 2023
- 5) 12th October 2023

Answer- **1) 13th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations **(UN) International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2023** was observed across the globe on **13th October 2023** with the theme of "**Fighting inequality for a resilient future.**"

- i.** The theme aligns with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction **2015-2030 (SFDRR)**.
- ii.** The **first** International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (**IDNDR**) was observed on 10 October 1990.

**27. What was the theme of 27th World Egg Day that was observed across the globe on 13th October 2023?**

- 1) Eat your egg today and everyday
- 2) Eggs for a healthy future
- 3) Eggs for all: Nature's perfect package
- 4) Eggs for a Better Life
- 5) Eggs: much more than the perfect protein

Answer- **2) Eggs for a healthy future**

**Explanation:**

World Egg Day is annually observed across the globe on the 2nd Friday of October to raise awareness of the importance of eggs in human nutrition, food security, and overall well-being.

- i.** The **27th World Egg Day** (World Egg Day 2023) was observed on **13th October 2023** with the theme of "**Eggs for a healthy future.**"
- ii.** The decision to annually observe the second Friday of October as "World Egg Day" was made during the IEC Conference held in Vienna, Austria in 1996.



iii. The **first ever** World Egg Day was observed on **11th October 1996**.

**28. The United Nations (UN)-backed biannual campaign World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023 was observed across the globe on \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)-backed biannual campaign **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)** is celebrated across the globe on 2 peak days of a year, **2nd Saturday of May** (In the spring) and **October (in the fall)**.

**i. WMBD 2023** falls on the 13th of May and the **14th of October 2023** with the theme/Campaign Slogan of “Water: Sustaining Bird Life”.

**ii.** The annual observance of the WMBD is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the leading global authority on the environment in the UN system.

**iii.** The first-ever WMBD was launched by AEWA and CMS on the weekend of 8-9 April 2006 on the wildlife reserve ‘Ole Ari Nyiro’ in Laikipia, Kenya.

- The UNEP/CMS, EFTA, AEWA, and EAAFP organised a series of webinars to mark the WMBD 2023 on October 14th, 2023 entitled “Water: Sustaining Bird Life.”

**29. When was the World Standards Day (WSD)/ International Standards Day 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

Answer- **2) 14th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World Standards Day (WSD)** also known as **International Standards Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **14th October 2023** with the theme of “**Shared Vision for a Better World – Standards for Sustainable Development Goals(SDG)**”.

**i.** The day is observed by the members of the International Electrotechnical Commission (**IEC**), International Organization for Standardization (**ISO**) and International Telecommunication Union (**ITU**).

**ii.** The 2023 WSD highlights “**SDG 3 – Good Health and Well Being**” and the role of standards in supporting the achievement of SDG 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.

**iii.** The annual observance of World Standards Day in India is led by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). In 2023, BIS hosted a Standards Conclave called Manak Mahotsav to celebrate World Standards Day 2023.



**Note:** The theme will be fixed togetherly by ISO, IEC and ITU based on a seminal issue relevant to standardization.

**30. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day of Rural Women 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of “Rural Women, Women with Rights”?**

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

Answer- **5) 15th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) International Day of Rural Women 2023 observed across the globe on **15th October 2023** with the theme of “**Rural Women, Women with Rights**”.

**i.** The International Day of Rural Women was created in 1995 by Civil society organizations at the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

- The first-ever International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008.

**ii.** To commemorate the International Day of Rural Women, from 1-17 October 2023, the “17 Days of Activism for the Empowerment of Rural Women Leaders and their Communities” is scheduled to take place.

- This campaign, initiated by the FAO, aims to foster the empowerment and autonomy of women in rural areas through collaborative efforts and knowledge dissemination.

**31. What was the theme of 16th Global Handwashing Day that was observed across the globe on 15th October 2023?**

- 1) Clean Hands for All
- 2) Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene
- 3) Clean Hands Are Within Reach
- 4) Our Future is at Hand – Let’s Move Forward
- 5) Hand Hygiene for All

Answer- **3) Clean Hands Are Within Reach**

**Explanation:**

The **16th Global Handwashing Day 2023** was observed across the world on **15th October 2023** with the **theme** of “**Clean Hands Are Within Reach.**”

**i.** Global Handwashing Day was initiated by the Global Handwashing Partnership (GHP) in August 2008 at the annual World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden.

**ii.** The **first** Global Handwashing Day was celebrated on 15th October, **2008**.

**iii.** The Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing encourages people around the world to make handwashing a habit.

- It is supported by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

**32. When was World White Cane Day/White Cane Safety Day 2023 observed across the globe?**

- 1) 15th October 2023
- 2) 14th October 2023

3) 13th October 2023

4) 12th October 2023

5) 16th October 2023

Answer- **1) 15th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World White Cane Day**, also known as White Cane Safety Day, 2023 was observed across the globe on **15th October 2023** to promote accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities and to increase public awareness of the rules of conduct for the visually impaired people.

- In the 1960s, the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) in the United States of America(USA) began advocating for the use of the white cane as a symbol of independence and mobility for blind and visually impaired people.
- With the effort of NFB, the United States Congress issued a joint resolution to observe World White Cane Day.

**i. The first World White Cane Day** was observed on **15th October 1964** by then-US President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

**ii. World White Cane Day** is observed in India by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE).

- It is the nodal department which oversees the development agenda of Persons with Disabilities.

**33. When was World Students Day 2023 observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 11th President of India (from 2002 to 2007) & the Missile Man of India Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam?**

1) 11th October 2023

2) 13th October 2023

3) 15th October 2023

4) 12th October 2023

5) 14th October 2023

Answer- **3) 15th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World Students Day** is annually observed on 15 October to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 11th President of India (from 2002 to 2007) and the Missile Man of India Dr. A P J (Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen) Abdul Kalam.

- **15 October 2023** marks the 92nd birth anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- He was elected as the President of India in 2002 and held the post till 2007. He was nominated by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its National Democratic Alliance(NDA). He passed away in Shillong, Meghalaya on 27th July 2015.

**i. Awards:** He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1981 for Civil Service and the Padma Vibhushan in 1990 for Science and Engineering.

- In 1997, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna for Science and Engineering.
- Other awards include the Veer Savarkar Award (1998) and; the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration (1997); among others.



**34. What was the theme of United Nations (UN) World Food Day (WFD) 2023 that was observed across the globe on 16th October 2023?**

- 1) Healthy diets for a #ZeroHunger world
- 2) Leave NO ONE behind
- 3) Grow, nourish, sustain. Together
- 4) Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind
- 5) Our actions are our future

Answer- **4) Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) World Food Day (WFD) 2023 was observed across the globe on **16th October 2023** with the theme of '**Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind.**'

**i.** The day 16 October also commemorates the establishment of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN in 1945. The first-ever WFD was observed on 16 October 1981.

**ii.** The 2023 WFF flagship events are scheduled from 16 to 20 October 2023 at the Headquarters of FAO in Rome, Italy, and virtually.

**iii. Winners of FAO Award for Partnership 2023:**

- Al-Shouf Cedar Society (ACS), Lebanon.
- The Nepal Agriculture Cooperative Central Federation Limited (NACCFL), Nepal. [Winners of FAO Award for Achievement 2023](#)

**iv.** The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) marked WFD 2023 by launching the Eat Right Creativity Challenge (ERCC), a national-level initiative for Millets (Shree Anna).

**35. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, also known as End Poverty Day, 2023 was observed across the globe on **17th October 2023** with the **theme** of "Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All".

**i.** The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was first observed as World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty on 17 October 1987.

**ii.** UN's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was first observed on 17th October 1993.

**36. When was World Trauma Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of 'Embracing Resilience, Overcoming Trauma's Impact'?**

- 1) 16th October 2023
- 2) 18th October 2023
- 3) 15th October 2023
- 4) 17th October 2023
- 5) 14th October 2023

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

**Explanation:**

**World Trauma Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **17th October 2023** with the theme of **'Embracing Resilience, Overcoming Trauma's Impact'**.

- i. 17th October 2023 marks **13th** World Trauma Day.
- ii. World Trauma Day is a part of Bone and Joint Action Week which is annually observed from October 12 to October 20.

**37. The \_\_\_\_\_ Raising Day of the National Security Guard (NSG) was observed on 16th October 2023.**

- 1) 38th
- 2) 40th
- 3) 42nd
- 4) 39th
- 5) 37th

Answer- 4) **39th**

**Explanation:**

The National Security Guard (**NSG**) annually celebrates its Raising Day on 16th October to mark the establishment of NSG (also known as Black Cats) on 16th October 1984.

- i. **16th October 2023** marks the observance of **39th** Raising Day of NSG.
- ii. **About NSG:** In 1984, The Union Cabinet planned to create a Federal Contingency Force to act against. This paved a way for the formation of NSG.

- The National Security Guard was formally established through 'National Security Guard Act, 1986'.
- It operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA) with the motto 'Sarvatra 'Sarvatra, Sarvottam, Suraksha'.
- The NSG was modelled on the pattern of the Special Air Service (SAS) of the United Kingdom(UK) and Grenzschutzgruppe 9(GSG-9) of Germany.

**38. When was the National Solidarity Day 2023 observed across India?**

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

Answer- 2) **20th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**National Solidarity Day** is annually observed across India on 20 October to honour, respect, and promote the bravery and strength of the Indian armed forces.

- **20th October 2023** marks the 61st anniversary of the India-China war.
- i. The day is dedicated to mark the national integrity displayed by India during the 1962 conflict with China(Indo-China War)
  - ii. The day also pays tribute to all the brave souls who lost their lives during the Sino-Indian War which started on 20th October 1962 and ended on 21 November 1962.



**39. When was World Osteoporosis Day (WOD) 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

Answer- **5) 20th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

World Osteoporosis Day (**WOD**) is a global awareness campaign annually observed across the globe on 20 October to highlight the importance of Osteoporosis and to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Osteoporosis and related musculoskeletal diseases.

- The WOD 2023 was observed on **20th October 2023** with the **theme** of Campaign '**Build Better Bones**'.

**i.** World Osteoporosis Day was initially launched in 1996 by the National Osteoporosis Society of the United Kingdom (UK) and was supported by the European Commission.

- In 1998, the European Foundation for Osteoporosis (EFFO) and the International Federation of Societies on Skeletal Diseases (IFSSD) merged.
- This merger led to the formation of the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF).
- The first-ever WOD was observed on 20 October 1996.

**40. The \_\_\_\_\_ International Chefs Day observed across the globe on 20th October 2023.**

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

Answer- **2) 20th**

**Explanation:**

The **20th International Chefs Day** was observed across the globe on **20th October 2023** to celebrate the Culinary arts and to educate the people about the significance of culinary professionals (Chefs).

**i.** The campaign of International Chefs Day 2023 is Growing Great Chefs. It was announced by Nestlé Professional and Worldchefs.

**ii.** The day also aims to educate kids around the world about the importance of healthy eating. The day is observed by the World Association of Chefs' Societies (Worldchefs).

**41. When was Police Commemoration Day (Police Martyrs Day) 2023 observed across India?**

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

Answer- **2) 21st October 2023**

**Explanation:**

Police Commemoration Day (**Police Martyrs Day**) **2023** was observed across India on **21st October 2023** to pay homage to, and appreciate the incredible dedication of all the Police personnel who were killed on duty.

**i.** The day commemorates the sacrifices of 10 brave Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) policemen, who sacrificed their lives while defending our borders with China in 1959 at Hot Springs in Aksai Chin, Ladakh.

**ii.** In January 1960, a resolution was passed at the Annual Conference of Inspectors General of Police of States and Union Territories, recognising October 21st of every year as the Police Commemoration Day.

- 21st October of every year since 1960 is observed as Police Commemoration Day". The day is also observed as Police Martyr's Day.

**iii.** Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs paid homage to the martyrs on Police Commemoration Day 2023 at the NPM in New Delhi, Delhi on 21st October 2023. The NPM hosted the primary commemoration event, which was presided over by the Union Home Minister.

**42. When was the Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders(IDD) Prevention Day 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

Answer- **3) 21st October 2023**

**Explanation:**

Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders (**IDD**) **Prevention Day** or World Iodine Deficiency Day **2023** was observed across the globe on **21st October 2023** to create awareness about the importance of Iodine, an essential micronutrient.

**i.** Iodine is a mineral that is found mainly in animal protein and sea vegetables and, to a lesser extent, in fortified foods like bread, cereals, and milk.

**ii.** Iodine is required to make the thyroid hormones thyroxine and triiodothyronine, which assist with the creation of proteins and enzyme activity, and regulate normal metabolism.

**iii.** The National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (**NIDDCP**) is a government initiative launched in 1992 to address the widespread issue of iodine deficiency in India.

- It is the extended version of the National Goitre Control Programme (**NGCP**) which was launched in **1962**.

**43. When was the International Stammering Awareness Day (ISAD) 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

Answer- **4) 22nd October 2023**



**Explanation:**

International Stuttering Awareness Day, also known as International Stammering Awareness Day **(ISAD), 2023** was observed across the globe on **22nd October 2023** to raise awareness about Stuttering, a speech disorder that affects millions of people (about 1% of the population) across the globe.

**i.** Since 2009, the Sea-Green Ribbon has been used as a stuttering awareness ribbon for ISAD. The color 'blue' is traditionally associated with "calm" and 'green' represents "liberty, freedom and justice".

- The first ISAD was observed on 22 October 1998.

**ii.** The **ISAD Online Conference**, in its 26th year, runs from October 1-31, 2023 with the theme "One Size Does NOT Fit All".

**44. The \_\_\_\_\_ International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week was observed across the globe on 22nd to 28th October 2023.**

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

Answer- **2) 11th**

**Explanation:**

**International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week** (ILPPW also known as "Week of Action") is annually observed across the globe in the last week of October.

**i. 11th** International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is observed between **October 22 to 28 2023**.

**ii.** The focus of Campaign is "End Childhood Lead Poisoning"

**iii.** The aim of ILPPW is to raise awareness about the health effects of lead exposure, to highlight the efforts of countries and partners to prevent lead exposure, and to urge further action to eliminate lead paint through regulatory action at a country level.

**45. When was World Snow Leopard Day 2023 observed across the globe?**

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

Answer- **5) 23rd October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World Snow Leopard Day**, also known as **International Snow Leopard Day, 2023** was observed across the globe on **23rd October 2023** to raise awareness about the conservation and protection of Snow Leopard, one of the world's most elusive and endangered big cats, and their natural habitat.

**i.** The Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*) is listed as Vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

**ii.** The Day commemorates the adoption of the 'Bishkek Declaration,' as well as the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection (GSLEP) Program, by all snow leopard range countries on 23 October 2013, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

iii. The **first-ever** International Snow Leopard Day was observed on 23 October **2014**.

**46. When was the United Nations (UN) Day 2023 observed across the globe?**

- 1) 22nd October 2023
- 2) 24th October 2023
- 3) 21st October 2023
- 4) 23rd October 2023
- 5) 20th October 2023

Answer- **2) 24th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations **(UN) Day** is annually observed across the globe on 24 October to mark the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter entered into force in 1945.

- UN Day offers the opportunity to amplify the common agenda and reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.
- **24th October 2023** marks the **78th Anniversary** of the foundation of the UN.

i. The UN Day Concert 2023 was held under the theme “The Frontlines of Climate Action” was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations with support from PVBLIC Foundation’s Family Offices for Sustainable Development (FOSD).

ii. The theme of the 2023 UN Day Concert reinforces Secretary-General António Guterres’ call for “faster, bolder climate action”

**47. When was World Polio Day 2023 observed across the globe?**

- 1) 24th October 2023
- 2) 21st October 2023
- 3) 23rd October 2023
- 4) 20th October 2023
- 5) 22nd October 2023

Answer- **1) 24th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

World Polio Day is annually observed across the world on 24th October to highlight the importance of the efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis (polio), the infectious disease that commonly affects children aged under 5.

- **24th October 2023** marks the **22nd** observance of **World Polio Day**.

i. World Polio Day was established by **Rotary International(RI)** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Jonas Salk**, an American virologist who developed the first successful polio vaccines.

- Jonas Salk led the first team to develop a vaccination against polio and began its testing in 1953.
- Oral polio vaccine (**OPV**) – OPV produces antibodies in the blood and provides a shield against all three types of poliovirus.
- Inactivated polio vaccine (**IPV**) – It is an injectable vaccine and can be either administered alone or along with other vaccines (e.g., diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and haemophilus influenzae).

ii. The **first** World Polio Day was observed on 24th October **2002**.



**48. When was the World Development Information Day 2023 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?**

- 1) 20th October 2023
- 2) 22nd October 2023
- 3) 24th October 2023
- 4) 21st October 2023
- 5) 23rd October 2023

Answer- **3) 24th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN)'s **World Development Information Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **24th October 2023** to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

- The day emphasises the significance of widespread information dissemination to ensure a comprehensive understanding of global development challenges.
- The first World Development Information Day was observed on 24 October 1973.

**i. Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2023** is topped by **Sweden (1st)** followed by Germany (2nd), Norway (3rd), Finland (4th) and France (5th). India is ranked 38th in CDI 2023.

**ii.** CDI has been released annually by the Center for Global Development (**CGD**) since 2003.

**iii.** On October 24th, 2023, the UN hosted a significant event in New York, USA to commemorate World Development Information Day.

**49. The \_\_\_\_\_ Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) observed across the globe on 24th October 2023.**

- 1) 66th
- 2) 64th
- 3) 61st
- 4) 62nd
- 5) 60th

Answer- **4) 62nd**

**Explanation:**

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising day is annually celebrated on 24th October to mark the establishment of the ITBP, a Central Armed Police Force functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA), in 1962.

- The day also honour the dedication of the ITBP in safeguarding the security of borders of India and promoting a sense of security among the people living in border areas.
- **24th October 2023** marks the observance of the **62nd ITBP Raising Day**.

**i.** ITBP was established on October 24, 1962, to reorganise the intelligence and security arrangements along the Indo-Tibetan border. It was raised in the aftermath of the 1962 Chinese aggression.

- Initially, the force commenced with the sanction of only 4 Battalions and operated under the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Act, 1949.
- .In 1992, the ITBP Force Act was passed by Parliament, leading to the framing of corresponding rules in 1994.
- The Crest of the ITBP showed a national emblem, i.e. Ashoka's Lion Capital, mounted on the Chakra crossed by 2 loaded rifles depicting the valor and readiness of the Force.

**50. The United Nations (UN)'s Disarmament Week 2023 is being observed across the globe from \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

- 1) 21st to 27th October
- 2) 24th to 30th October
- 3) 22nd to 28th October
- 4) 25 to 31st October
- 5) 23rd to 19th October

**Answer- 2) 24th to 30th October**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations **(UN)'s Disarmament Week** is annually observed across the globe in the week starting on 24 October, the anniversary of the founding of the UN, to spread awareness of disarmament initiatives that have been historically used by countries throughout the world to establish international peace and security.

- The **UN Disarmament Week 2023** is observed from **24-30 October, 2023**.
- The annual event of Disarmament Week is organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

**i.** UNODA, the UN's Disarmament body established in January 1998 as the Department for Disarmament Affairs.

**51. The \_\_\_\_\_ Global Media and Information Literacy Week was observed across the globe on 24th to 31st October 2023.**

- 1) 16th
- 2) 12th
- 3) 14th
- 4) 15th
- 5) 17th

**Answer- 2) 12th**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations **(UN) Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week** is annually observed across the globe from 24th to 31st October 2023 to raise awareness of the importance of media and information literacy (MIL) and to celebrate the progress made towards achieving MIL for all.

**i.** **24-31 October 2023** marks the observance of the **12th** Global Media and Information Literacy Week.

**ii.** The 2023 theme of Global MIL Week is, "Media and Information Literacy in Digital Spaces: A Collective Global Agenda."

**iii.** The annual event of Global MIL Week is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

**52. When was the 12th International Dwarfism Awareness Day observed across the globe?**

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

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



**Explanation:**

International Dwarfism Awareness Day, also known as World Dwarfism Day, is annually observed across the globe on 25th October to raise awareness about achondroplasia, a bone growth disorder that causes dwarfism due to a genetic mutation in the arms and legs.

- i. 25th October 2023** marks the observance of **12th** International Dwarfism Awareness Day.
- ii.** Dwarfism is a group of conditions that cause short stature. It is generally defined as an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less. They have short arms and legs in comparison to the head and trunk.

**53. When was the United Nations (UN) World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Your Window to the World?**

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

Answer- **2) 27th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN) World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) 2023 was observed across the globe on **27th October 2023** with the theme of “**Your Window to the World**”.

- i.** WDAH also aims to raise general awareness of the need to take urgent measures and acknowledge the importance of AV documents.
- ii.** WDAH celebration is a key initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations (CCAAA).

**54. The \_\_\_\_\_ Infantry Day was observed across India on 27th October 2023.**

- 1) 73rd
- 2) 76th
- 3) 74th
- 4) 77th
- 5) 75th

Answer- **4) 77th**

**Explanation:**

Infantry Day is annually observed across India on 27th October by the Indian Army to commemorate the contributions of the Infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army.

- **27th October 2023** marks the observance of the **77th** Infantry Day.
- On 27th October, 1947, the first military event of independent India took place in the Kashmir Valley against Pakistani invaders.

**55. When was the International Animation Day (IAD) 2023 annually observed across the globe to honour the birth of animation?**

- 1) 29th October 2023
- 2) 26th October 2023
- 3) 28th October 2023
- 4) 30th October 2023

5) 27th October 2023

Answer- **3) 28th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**International Animation Day (IAD)** is annually observed across the globe on **28 October** to honour the birth of animation, recognised as the first public performance of projected moving images at **Emile Reynaud's Théâtre Optique** in Paris (France), on the 28th of October 1892.

- **28 October 2023** marks the observance of the **22nd** International Animation Day. The first IAD was observed on 28 October 2002.
- IAD is annually coordinated and promoted by the Association Internationale du Film d'Animation (**ASIFA**) (International Animated Film Association).

**56. When was the World Stroke Day 2023 observed across the globe with the theme of Together we are #GreaterThan Stroke?**

1) 27th October 2023

2) 29th October 2023

3) 26th October 2023

4) 28th October 2023

5) 30th October 2023

Answer- **2) 29th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

**World Stroke Day 2023** was observed across the globe on **29th October 2023** with theme of 'Together we are #GreaterThan Stroke.'

- The theme for World Stroke Day 2023, designated by the World Stroke Organisation (**WSO**).
- i.** The World Stroke Congress in Vancouver, Canada, in 2004 established World Stroke Day, which falls on October 29.
- Dr. Vladimir Hachinski led the formation of a working group, which in October 2006 became a World Stroke Proclamation.
  - In 2006, WSO was formed by the merger of International Stroke Society (ISS) and the World Stroke Federation (WSF).
  - The **first World Stroke Day** was observed on **29th October 2006**.

**57. When was the first-ever International Day of Care and Support observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?**

1) 25th October 2023

2) 28th October 2023

3) 26th October 2023

4) 29th October 2023

5) 27th October 2023

Answer- **4) 29th October 2023**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (**UN**)'s **first-ever** International Day of Care and Support was observed across the globe on **29th October 2023** to emphasise the importance of caregiving, recognize the contributions of caregivers, and advocate for policies and initiatives that support and enhance care in all its forms.

- i.** According to ILO, the global care workforce comprises 249 million women and 132 million men.
- ii.** Women perform 76.2% of the total amount of unpaid care work, 3.2 times more time than men.



**58. The Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 is observed across India from 30th October to 5th November 2023 with the theme of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Integrity – A Way of Life
- 2) Vigilant India, Prosperous India
- 3) Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation
- 4) Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India
- 5) Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation

**Answer- 5) Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation**

**Explanation:**

**Vigilance Awareness Week** is annually observed across India during the week in which the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls.

- The week is observed by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to promote integrity, transparency, and ethical practices, emphasising the crucial role of vigilance in preventing corruption and ensuring accountability within organizations.

**i. Vigilance Awareness Week 2023** is observed from **30th October to 5th November 2023** with the **theme of “Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation.”**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**1. In which state, the Researchers from MIT-World Peace University (MIT-WPU) have recently (in Sept '23) discovered a new species of damselfly, Protosticta Armageddonia (Armageddon Reedtail)?**

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

**Answer- 1) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

Researchers from MIT-World Peace University (**MIT-WPU**) in Pune (Maharashtra) have discovered **Protosticta Armageddonia (Armageddon Reedtail)**, a new species of **damselfly** in the southern Western Ghats of **Kerala**.

- i.** They name “Armageddon” symbolizes the global crisis of habitat loss and climate change affecting insect populations.
- ii.** The discovery of the new species has been documented in the International Journal of Odonatology. It has also been recorded and registered with the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Pune.
- iii.** The new damselfly species, P.Armageddonia belongs to the genus ‘Protosticta’ in the family Platystictidae, which is endemic to Western Ghats in India.

**2. In October 2023, Scientists discovered a species of Badis fish, “Badis limaakumi”, from the Milak River in \_\_\_\_\_ (state).**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland

4) West Bengal

5) Odisha

Answer- **3) Nagaland**

**Explanation:**

Scientists have discovered a species of **Badis fish** (freshwater fish), "**Badis limaakumi**", from the **Milak River** in the Mokokchung district of **Nagaland**.

- i.** The new species is named after Limaakum, assistant professor and head of the zoology department at Fazl Ali College, Nagaland.
- ii.** Badis is a species of Asian freshwater fish in the family Badidae, order Perciformes and class Teleostei.
- iii.** Fish of Badis genus are also known as chameleon fish for their ability to change colour.
- iv.** Limaakum discovered the new fish during the project "Integrated Taxonomic Studies on The Fishes Found in The Rivers of Nagaland".
  - The findings have been published in the journal Zootaxa(Biotaxa.org).

**3. In October 2023, Researchers discovered a new species of colourful dragonfly, "Red-rumped Hawklet" in \_\_\_\_\_ (district).**

1) Warangal, Telangana

2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

3) Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu

4) Wayanad, Kerala

5) Balasore, Odisha

Answer- **4) Wayanad, Kerala**

**Explanation:**

Researchers have discovered a **new species of colourful dragonfly** in **Wayanad, Kerala**. The new species, also known as "**Red-rumped Hawklet**", is given the scientific nomenclature "Epithemis wayanadensis". It is named after its habitat "the Wayanad plateau", situated among the biodiverse Western Ghats.

- The discovery of the new species is published in the peer-reviewed, open-access journal, Journal of Asia-Pacific Biodiversity, by the Elsevier Group.
- i.** The species Epithemis wayanadensis (E. wayanadensis) belongs to the Genus Epithemis, a genus of insects, and family Libellulidae. It is endemic to the Western Ghats, India.
  - ii.** E. wayanadensis is a sister taxon of Ruby-tailed Hawklet (Epithemis Mariae) a very similar species found in small colonies closely associated with forested marshes in south India.

**4. In which Tiger Reserve, Researchers from India and the United Kingdom have recently (in Oct '23) discovered a new toad species "Bufoides Bhupathyi"?**

1) Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal)

2) Dampa Tiger Reserve (Mizoram)

3) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh)

4) Melghat Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra)

5) Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam)

Answer- **2) Dampa Tiger Reserve (Mizoram)**



**Explanation:**

Researchers from India and the United Kingdom have discovered a new toad species “**Bufoides Bhupathyi**” (Common name: Mizoram rock toad) in the the **Dampa Tiger Reserve**(TR) of **Mizoram**.

- i.** It is named after S Bhupathy, a noted herpetologist who served as principal scientist at the Coimbatore(Tamil Nadu)-based Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History(SACON).
- ii.** The findings were published in Biodiversitas, a journal published in Indonesia.
- iii.** Bufoides Bhupathyi belong to the ‘Bufonidae’ family and the genus ‘bufoides’. Both frogs and toads belong to the order “Anura”, which means “without a tail.

## **APP and WEB PORTAL**

**1. Which state has recently (in Oct ‘23) launched the Nandagaura Yojana Portal for Girls?**

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

Answer- **3) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

On October 22, 2023, the Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand**, Pushkar Singh Dhama, launched the **Nandagaura Yojana Portal**, an online facility to be annually available to about 50 thousand girls who are permanent residents of Uttarakhand.

**i. About Nandagaura Yojana :**

- It allows girls in Uttarakhand to apply for financial assistance.
  - It aims to improve the gender ratio and education of girls.
  - Under this scheme, eligible parents will get Rs 11,000 at the time of birth of the girl child and later the girl child will receive Rs 51,000 on clearing class XII.
- ii.** The CM also inaugurated the online portals of Nanda Gaura Yojana (NGY), a scheme to improve the gender ratio; and Mukhyamantri Mahalakshmi Kit Yojana (MMKY) aimed at providing nutrition and extra care to the mother and the girl child after delivery on the occasion.
- These portals monitor the working progress of both these schemes.

**2. Which state government has recently (in Oct ‘23) collaborated with the Hyrefox startup to launch the iStart Talent Connect Portal?**

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

Answer- **2) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

The government of **Rajasthan** launched the “**iStart Talent Connect Portal**” under iStart Rajasthan, the flagship initiative of the Rajasthan Government in collaboration with Jaipur-based startup **Hyrefox**.

- i. The portal was launched during the Bhamashah Techno Hub, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ii. The portal was developed to support the job providers and job seekers with a user-friendly platform.
- iii. The portal will allow the companies to hire potential talents and let them post job opening details and connect with job seekers.

## **CURRENT STATIC BANKING**

**1. Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) is a unique \_\_\_\_\_ digit alphanumeric code to use for online fund transfer transactions done via National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and Immediate Mobile Payment Service (IMPS).**

- 1) 12
- 2) 7
- 3) 11
- 4) 15
- 5) 10

Answer- **3) 11**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Financial System Code (IFSC), is a unique **11-digit** alphanumeric code that is used for online fund transfer transactions done via National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and Immediate Mobile Payment Service (IMPS).

**2. Who is the current (as of Oct '23) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Pension Management Company?**

- 1) Jayanth Kumar
- 2) Ajay Shamra
- 3) Ganesh Ithape
- 4) Vishwas Katela
- 5) Sriram Iyer

Answer- **5) Sriram Iyer**

**Explanation:**

**About HDFC Pension Management Company Limited:**

HDFC Pension Management Company Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited.

**Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Sriram Iyer**

**Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra**

**Established in – 2011**

**3. In October 2023, Reserve Bank of India announced its core banking solution for the government, e-Kuber will be functional on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 30th April 2024
- 2) 1st May 2024
- 3) 31st March 2024
- 4) 1st January 2024



5) 1st April 2024

Answer- **3) 31st March, 2024**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India's core banking solution for the government **e-Kuber** will be functional on **March 31, 2024**. Usually e-Kuber is not operational on holidays like January 26 (Republic Day), August 15 (Independence Day), and October 2 (Gandhi Jayanti), all second and fourth Saturdays of every month and on all Sundays.

**i.** The office of Controller General of Accounts, Government of India has advised that in order to account for all the government transactions relating to receipts and payments in the financial year 2023-24 itself, it has been decided that March 31, 2024 (Sunday) be marked as a working day for such transactions

**4. Which bank has recently (in Sept '23) appointed PR Seshadri as Managing Director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO)?**

- 1) South Indian Bank
- 2) Karnataka Bank
- 3) RBL Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer- **1) South Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

**South Indian Bank** has appointed **PR Seshadri** as its managing director and chief executive officer effective from October 1. He will succeed Murali Ramakrishnan who served at the post from October 1, 2020 till September 30, 2023.

**i.** With nearly 25 years of banking experience spanning domestic and international markets, Seshadri has held senior leadership positions at prestigious institutions, including Karur Vysya Bank and Citigroup.

**5. Name the company that has recently (in Sept '23) launched a USD 100 million venture fund for Generative artificial intelligence (AI) startups.**

- 1) Visa
- 2) American Express
- 3) Mastercard
- 4) Capital One
- 5) Discover Card

Answer- **1) Visa**

**Explanation:**

Payments processor **Visa** launched a **USD 100 million** venture fund for **generative artificial intelligence (AI) startups**, joining a list of investors who have flocked to the sector this year (2023). Several high-profile names such as Microsoft and Alphabet's Google have backed the AI space, a buzzword in technology circles this year, after chatbot ChatGPT's popularity.

**i.** Generative AI is a technology that creates brand new content based on what it has learnt from past data.

**6. How many Small Finance Banks (SFB) are there in India?**

- 1) 14
- 2) 12
- 3) 15
- 4) 10
- 5) 16

Answer- **2) 12**

**Explanation:**

According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), There are 12 Small Finance Banks (SFB) in India.

**List of Small Finance Banks (SFB)**

- Au Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- Capital Small Finance Bank Ltd
- Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd
- ESAF Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Ltd.
- North East Small Finance Bank Ltd
- Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd
- Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd
- Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd

**7. The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) that was established by the Central Government is set to deal with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Foreign Exchange Reserves
- 2) Advance to Priority Sectors
- 3) Bad Loans
- 4) Repo Rate
- 5) Inflation

Answer- **3) Bad Loans**

**Explanation:**

The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) that was established by the Central Government is set to deal with **Bad Loans** or Non Performing Assets(NPA).

**i.** The progress of the National Asset Reconstruction Co (NARCL), established as a state-backed bad bank to address non-performing assets (NPAs) in the Indian banking sector, has encountered significant hurdles. Despite its creation, NARCL has struggled to meet its objectives, with several issues hindering its effectiveness.

**ii.** The gross non-performing assets in the Indian banking system currently stand at approximately Rs 13 lakh crore, including fully written-off accounts. However, NARCL has struggled to acquire a significant portion of these assets, falling short of expectations.



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

- 1) Rajiv Anand
- 2) Rakesh Makhija
- 3) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 4) Ganesh Sankaran
- 5) Subrat Mohanty

Answer- **3) 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**

**9. Which is the 1st Regional Rural Bank of India that was sponsored by Syndicate Bank?**

- 1) Aryavart Bank
- 2) Paschim Banga Gramin Bank
- 3) Ellaquai Dehati Bank
- 4) Utkal Grameen Bank
- 5) Prathama Bank

Answer- **5) Prathama Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Regional Rural Banks** were set up on the recommendations of the Narasimham Working Group. The first RRB to be set up was the **Prathama Bank**, sponsored by Syndicate Bank on October 2, 1975 in Uttar Pradesh. The head office is at Moradabad, UP.

**10. Name the bank that has introduced the 1st ATM in India?**

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

Answer- **2) HSBC Bank**

**Explanation:**

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

**11. The National Electronic Funds \_\_\_\_\_ is an Indian system of electronic transfer of money from one bank or bank branch to another.**

- 1) Terms
- 2) Trade
- 3) Tax
- 4) Transfer
- 5) Time

Answer- **4) Transfer**

**Explanation:**

**National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)** is an Indian system of electronic transfer of money from one bank or bank branch to another.

**i.** Under this Scheme, individuals, firms and corporates can electronically transfer funds from any bank branch to any individual, firm or corporate having an account with any other bank branch in the country participating in the Scheme. NEFT presently operates in batches on half-hourly intervals throughout the day.

**12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a situation in an economy where inflation and unemployment are at higher levels.**

- 1) Disinflation
- 2) Inflation
- 3) Deflation
- 4) Stagflation
- 5) Hyperinflation

Answer- **4) Stagflation**

**Explanation:**

**Stagflation** is a situation in an economy where **inflation** and **unemployment** both are at higher levels. Stagflation occurs when the economy isn't growing but prices are going up. Stagflation is basically a combination of high inflation and low growth.

**13. Which committee recommended the introduction of a Liquidity adjustment facility in India?**

- 1) Narasimham Committee
- 2) Rangarajan Committee
- 3) Basel Committee
- 4) SS Tarapore Committee
- 5) A K Khandelwal Committee

Answer- **1) Narasimham Committee**

**Explanation:**

**Narasimham Committee** was set up in **1998** on structural reforms, recommending **merger of banks** to solve the problem of **NPA**.

**i.** It recommended the introduction of a **Liquidity adjustment facility** in India.

**14. CASA is a type of non-term deposit account and has a lower interest rate than term deposits.**

**In CASA, what does CASA stand for?**

- 1) Capital Asset Strategy Account
- 2) Current Account Savings Accounts
- 3) Capital Account Savings Accounts
- 4) Current Assets Saving Accounts
- 5) Capital Account Strategy Accounts

Answer- **2) Current Account Savings Accounts**



**Explanation:**

Current Account Savings Accounts (**CASA**) are a type of non-term deposit account. A CASA has a lower interest rate than term deposits, such as a certificate of deposit, and is thus a cheaper source of funds for the financial institution.

i. They are offered by some banks, combining the functions of a checking account and a savings account. The customer gets little or no interest on the current account money that is used routinely to pay bills but is paid interest on the savings portion.

**15. Which of the following facilities cannot be provided by Payment Banks in India?**

- 1) Credit Card
- 2) ATM Card
- 3) Debit Card
- 4) Net banking
- 5) Mobile banking

Answer- **1) Credit Card**

**Explanation:**

RBI has taken an advanced step to push our financial inclusions by providing the guidelines for licensing differentiated banks such as Payment Banks and Small Finance Banks.

- The main objective of the payment bank is providing small savings accounts and payments or remittance services to low income households, small businesses, other unorganized sector entities and other users.
- i. These banks are able to operate current accounts and saving accounts. They can issue ATM or Debit cards, Net Banking and Mobile Banking facilities to their customers.
  - ii. The payment banks can take restricted deposits which are currently limited to Rs. 1 lakh per customer.
  - iii. They can distribute the non-risk financial products such as mutual funds and insurance.
  - iv. They **don't have rights** to provide lending services such as **credit cards** and issue loans facilities.

**16. What is the Tagline of Punjab National Bank?**

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

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

**Explanation:****About Punjab National Bank (PNB):**

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Managing Director (MD) – Atul Kumar Goel**

**Established – 1894**

**Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi**

**Tagline – The Name You Can Bank Upon**

**17. As of October 2023, How many Small Finance Banks (SFBs) are present in India?**

- 1) 8
- 2) 20

3) 10

4) 15

5) 12

Answer- **5) 12**

**Explanation:**

In **India**, there are **12** Small Finance Banks (**SFBs**) as of October 2023.

- SFBs are specialized financial institutions in India that focus on providing basic banking and financial services to underserved and unbanked sections of the population, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.
- The following acts are applicable to Small Finance Banks: Banking Regulation Act, 1949, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, Payment & Settlement Systems Act, 2007, Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005 & Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961.

**18. How many credit information companies are in India?**

1) Four

2) Six

3) Five

4) Three

5) Seven

Answer- **1) Four**

**Explanation:**

The **4** Credit Information Companies (CICs) in India are CIBIL (Credit Information Bureau India Limited), Experian Credit Information Company of India, Equifax Credit Information Services, and CRIF High Mark Credit Information Services.

**19. MDR is a fee charged from a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from customers through credit and debit cards in their establishments.**

**In MDR, what does D stand for?**

1) Decreased

2) Decedent

3) Deferred

4) Discount

5) Debit

Answer- **4) Discount**

**Explanation:**

Merchant Discount Rate (**MDR**) is a fee charged from a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from customers through credit and debit cards in their establishments.

**i.** MDR compensates the card-issuing bank, the lender which puts the PoS terminal and payment gateways such as Mastercard or Visa for their services.

**20. Which of the following sections described the Negotiable Instruments, under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881?**

1) Section 10

2) Section 13



3) Section 17

4) Section 11

5) Section 15

Answer- **2) Section 13**

**Explanation:**

According to **Section 13** of the **Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881**, "A Negotiable Instrument means a promissory note, bill of exchange or cheque payable either to order or to bearer."

**21. Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) is a unique \_\_\_ digit number issued to the state & central employees to receive their pension throughout their life under the National Pension System.**

1) 7

2) 12

3) 10

4) 9

5) 11

Answer- **2) 12**

**Explanation:**

Permanent Retirement Account Number (**PRAN**) is a unique **12 digit number** issued to the state and central employees to receive their pension throughout their life under the National Pension System (NPS). (This NPS scheme was launched in 2004).

- i. It is regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), created by an Act of the Parliament of India.
- ii. PRAN card registration is mandatory for Central and State Government employees and can be done with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

**22. Reduction in the value of domestic currency by the government is called \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) Devaluation

2) Revaluation

3) Appreciation

4) Depreciation

5) Democratic

Answer- **1) Devaluation**

**Explanation:**

In a fixed exchange rate system, when some government action increases the exchange rate, thereby making **domestic currency cheaper (reduction)** is called **Devaluation**. On the other hand, a Revaluation is said to occur, when the Government decreases the exchange rate thereby, making domestic currency costlier (Increased).

**23. APBS is a gateway created by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to enable departments & agencies administering government schemes to transfer funds to Aadhaar-enabled bank accounts of beneficiaries.**

**In APBS, what does 'S' stand for?**

1) Saving

2) System

- 3) Safety
- 4) Sales
- 5) Service

Answer- **2) System**

**Explanation:**

**Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS)** is a gateway created by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to enable departments and agencies administering government schemes to transfer funds to Aadhaar-enabled bank accounts of beneficiaries.

- It acts on the principle that a person's Aadhaar number becomes their financial address. Instead of providing multiple account details to receive a bank transfer, one only has to provide their Aadhaar number which significantly eases out the entire process.

## **CA STATIC GK**

**1. Where is the Headquarters of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) located?**

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Madrid, Spain
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer- **1) Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):**

It is the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation with 193 member states (As of 30 September 2023).

**Establishment-** 1967

**Director General-** Daren Tang

**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland

**2. What is the capital of Argentina?**

- 1) Mogadishu
- 2) Buenos Aires
- 3) Monrovia
- 4) Ashgabat
- 5) Niamey

Answer- **2) Buenos Aires**

**Explanation:**

**About Argentina:**

**President-** Alberto Angel Fernandez

**Capital-** Buenos Aires

**Currency-** Argentine Peso



**3. Who is the current (as of Oct '23) Director of the National Service Scheme (NSS)?**

- 1) Susanta Kumar Nath
- 2) B.K Mehta
- 3) Pankaj Kumar Singh
- 4) Anurag Garg
- 5) Sonali Mishra

Answer- **3) Pankaj Kumar Singh**

**Explanation:**

**About National Service Scheme (NSS):**

**Director- Pankaj Kumar Singh**

**Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi**

**Launched on- 24th September, 1969**

The Motto or watchword of the NSS: "NOT ME BUT YOU".

**4. In which year International Finance Corporation(IFC) was established?**

- 1) 1972
- 2) 1965
- 3) 1942
- 4) 1944
- 5) 1956

Answer- **5) 1956**

**Explanation:**

**About International Finance Corporation(IFC):**

IFC is one of the members of the World Bank Group(WBG). It is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries.

**Managing Director - Makhtar Diop**

**Headquarters - Washington DC, United States of America(USA)**

**Established in - 1956**

**5. Who is the current (as of Oct '23) Chairperson of International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)?**

- 1) K. Rajaraman
- 2) Apurva Chandra
- 3) Neelam Singhal
- 4) Amit Katoch
- 5) Anuradha Joshi Durgapal

Answer- **1) K. Rajaraman**

**Explanation:**

**About International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA):**

It was established on April 27, 2020 under the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.

**Chairperson- K. Rajaraman**

**Headquarters- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

**6. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Day on 1st October 2023.**

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

Answer- **2) 7th**

**Explanation:**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (**IBBI**) celebrated its **Seventh Annual Day on 1st October 2023** with Justice Shri Ashok Bhushan, Chairperson, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal presiding over the occasion as the Chief Guest.

- As part of the Annual Day celebrations, IBBI released an annual publication, “IBC: Evolution, Learnings and Innovation”. This publication offers a multifaceted perspective on the origin of the IBC, judicial interpretations, practical implementation, institutions under the IBC, technological improvements, learnings from real word case studies and potential next generation reforms. It is a collection of 31 thought-provoking articles.
- A research publication, “Navdrishti: Emerging Ideas on IBC” was also released. This publication is a compact collection of research papers from leading academicians and practitioners in the field of insolvency and bankruptcy, presented at the 2nd International Research Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy held in association with IIM Bangalore (IIMB) at their campus from 23rd to 25th February, 2023.

**7. In which state/UT, Gangotri National Park (GNP) is located?**

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- **4) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Gangotri National Park (**GNP**) is located in the Uttarkashi District region of the state of **Uttarakhand** in northern India.

**i. Features:** It is known for its mountainous landscape, forests, and glaciers. Gaumukh glacier, the origin of river Ganges is located inside the park.

**8. Match the following Tiger Reserves with their respective state:**

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>i. Palamau Tiger Reserve</b>    | <b>a. Maharashtra</b> |
| <b>ii. Sariska Tiger Reserve</b>   | <b>b. Uttarakhand</b> |
| <b>iii. Sahyadri tiger reserve</b> | <b>c. Jharkhand</b>   |
| <b>iv. Rajaji Tiger Reserve</b>    | <b>d. Rajasthan</b>   |

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



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

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

**Explanation:**

Palamau Tiger Reserve- Jharkhand

Sariska Tiger Reserve- Rajasthan

Sahyadri tiger reserve- Maharashtra

Rajaji Tiger Reserve- Uttarakhand

**9. In which state 'Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS)' is located?**

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Uttar Pradesh

3) Maharashtra

4) Gujarat

5) Jharkhand

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

In 2022, the **Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS)** in **Maharashtra** was designated as a Ramsar site.

**i.** The Ramsar Convention, which came into existence in 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

**ii.** The convention got its name Ramsar Convention from the city of Ramsar in Iran where it was signed in 1971 and came into force in 1975. India joined the convention in 1982.

**10. In which state 'Gomati Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

1) Tripura

2) Assam

3) Nagaland

4) Bihar

5) West Bengal

Answer- **1) Tripura**

**Explanation:**

**About Tripura:**

**Governor-** Satyadeo Narain Arya

**Chief Minister-** Manik Saha

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

**11. Name the defence sector of India that has recently (in Sept '23) collaborated with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to organise a cross-country bike expedition with "Yashaswini" to celebrate women power.**

1) Border Security Force

2) Indian Army

3) Assam Rifles

4) Indo-Tibetan Border Police

5) Central Reserve Police Force

**Answer- 5) Central Reserve Police Force**

**Explanation:**

The **Central Reserve Police Force**, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is organising a cross-country bike expedition with "Yashaswini" a group of CRPF women bikers to celebrate women power or Nari Shakti of the country.

- On the 3rd of October, 2023, a total of 150 women CRPF officers, divided into three teams, will embark on a cross-country rally. Riding 75 Royal Enfield (350cc) motorbikes, these teams will start their journeys from the Northern (Srinagar), Eastern (Shillong), and Southern (Kanyakumari) regions of India.
- Finally, they will all converge at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat for the grand finale scheduled to take place on the 31st of October, 2023. The rally will cover approximately 10,000 km, passing through 15 states and 2 Union Territories.
- Throughout their respective journeys, in many districts en route various events have been planned, including interactions with the target groups of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (BBBP) like school children and college girls, women self-help groups, cadets of the NCC, children of CCIs, NYKS members, adolescent girls & boys, anganwadi workers etc. and felicitation of BBBP Champions.

**12. Maldivian \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Maldives.**

- 1) Euro
- 2) Dinar
- 3) Pound
- 4) Dollar
- 5) Rufiyaa

**Answer- 5) Rufiyaa**

**Explanation:**

**About Maldives:**

The Maldives is an island nation in the Indian Ocean, comprised of 1192 islands that stretch along a length of 871 kilometers.

**President** – Mohamed Muizzu

**Capital** – Male

**Currency** – Maldivian Rufiyaa

**13. The Unique Identification Authority of India is a statutory authority under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer- 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

**Explanation:**

Aadhaar is a Unique Identification number (**UID**) issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (**UIDAI**), which is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ("Aadhaar Act 2016").



- **UIDAI** was established on 12 July 2016 by the Government of India, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**).

**14. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) located?**

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **1) Vienna, Austria**

**Explanation:**

**About United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO):**

**Director General-** Gerd Müller

**Headquarters-** Vienna, Austria

**15. In which state, 'Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the Thane District of **Maharashtra**, 90 km northeast of Mumbai in the foothills of the Western Ghats.

**i.** It is known to be a paradise for birdwatchers. It has two rivers, the Tansa and Vaitarna, and the sanctuary gets its name from the former, which divides the sanctuary into two parts.

**ii.** The sanctuary forms the catchment area of Tansa lake, along with the surrounding forests of Khardi, Vaitarna, Wada, and Shahapur ranges.

**16. In which state 'Bandhavgarh National Park' is located?**

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

Answer- **3) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Madhya Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister-** Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**Governor-** Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**National Park-** Bandhavgarh National Park

**Wildlife sanctuaries-** Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary; Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary

**17. Name the personality who has recently (in Oct '23) took over charge as the new Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).**

- 1) Abhay Karandikar
- 2) Praveen Sharma
- 3) Rajesh Gokhale
- 4) Vineet Jain
- 5) Ajay Kumar

Answer- **1) Abhay Karandikar**

**Explanation:**

Professor **Abhay Karandikar**, the former Director of IIT Kanpur took over charge as the **new Secretary** of the Department of Science and Technology (**DST**) from Dr Rajesh Gokhale.

- i. Professor Karandikar is an electrical engineer, well known for his contributions to the telecommunications sector of the country.
- ii. He developed the concept of "Frugal 5G Network" to enable affordable rural broadband connectivity and contributed to telecom policy and regulations that were included in national-level telecom policies.

**18. In September 2023, Delegates at a United Nations (UN) Conference in the German city of Bonn adopted a new global framework to reduce environmental risks from chemicals and waste.**

**The aim of the framework is to phase out lethal agricultural pesticides by \_\_\_\_\_ (year).**

- 1) 2028
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2035
- 4) 2025
- 5) 2040

Answer- **3) 2035**

**Explanation:**

Delegates at a United Nations (UN) Conference in the German city of Bonn adopted a new global framework to reduce environmental risks from chemicals and waste on September 30, 2023.

- Countries also committed to phase out the most harmful chemicals at the fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management or ICCM5.
- The framework is based around 28 targets, designed to improve responsible management of chemicals and waste.
- Industries also pledged to manage chemicals in order to reduce pollution and its adverse impacts. The aim of the framework is to phase out **lethal agricultural pesticides** by **2035**.
- National governments committed to formulating policies and regulations in order to reduce chemical pollution by 2030 as well as promoting safer alternatives.

**19. Name the Indian Photographer who has recently (in Sept '23) won the 10th Annual Prix Pictet Photography and Sustainability Award.**

- 1) Paveen Kumar
- 2) Sasi Kumar Ramachandran
- 3) Sipra Das
- 4) Gauri Gill



5) Ramon Vilalta

Answer- **4) Gauri Gill**

**Explanation:**

Indian Photographer **Gauri Gill** has won the prestigious **10th Annual Prix Pictet Photography and Sustainability Award**, securing the massive prize of 100,000 Swiss Francs (approximately USD 109,219). This award is recognised as one of the world's most significant, if not the largest, prizes in the realm of photography.

- The award was announced on September 28.
- Gill was selected from the shortlist of 12 photographers for her series 'Notes from the Desert'.

**20. Who has been recently (in Sept '23) appointed as the Chief Managing Director (CMD) of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Limited?**

- 1) R. Shankar Raman
- 2) S. N. Subrahmanyam
- 3) M. V. Satish
- 4) A. M. Naik
- 5) Bala Subrahmanyam

Answer- **2) S. N. Subrahmanyam**

**Explanation:**

A. M. Naik officially stepped down as Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T) Group Chairman, handing over the reins of the \$23 billion conglomerate to **S. N. Subrahmanyam** who has now become the **Chief Managing Director (CMD) of L&T Ltd.**

- Mr. Naik, 81, will now be chairman of L&T's IT companies and the Employees Trust. He will also focus on scaling up his many philanthropic initiatives.
- To mark the occasion L&T hosted an event at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, where some 1,500-odd senior employees and several former directors of L&T were present for the sendoff. On the occasion the India Post unveiled a postage stamp on Mr. Naik.

**21. In which state Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, locally known as "Chitrangudi Kanmoli" is located in Ramanathapuram district in **Tamil Nadu**.

- The wetland has been a protected area since 1989 and declared as Bird Sanctuary, coming under the jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Ramanathapuram division. Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary is an ideal habitat for winter migratory birds.
- Around 50 birds belonging to 30 families have been reported from the site. Out of these 47 are water birds and 3 terrestrial birds.

**22. Who is the current (as of Oct '23) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Health Authority (NHA)?**

- 1) Ajay Kumar
- 2) Pulak Sengupta
- 3) Praveen Sharma
- 4) Sudhansh Pant
- 5) V.K. Raina

Answer- **4) Sudhansh Pant**

**Explanation:**

**About National Health Authority (NHA):**

National Health Authority is the successor of National Health Agency, which was functioning as a registered society since 23rd May, 2018.

National Health Agency was reconstituted as the National Health Authority on 2nd January 2019

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Sudhansh Pant**

**Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi**

**23. In which state, Manas Tiger Reserve is located?**

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

Answer- **1) Assam**

**Explanation:**

**About Assam:**

**Chief Minister-** Himanta Biswa Sarma

**Governor-** Gulab Chand Kataria

**National Parks-** Kaziranga National Park, Dibru – Saikhowa National Park

**Tiger Reserves-** Manas Tiger Reserve, Nameri Tiger Reserve

**24. Who is the current (as of Oct '23) Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN)?**

- 1) David Malpass
- 2) Qu Dongyu
- 3) António Guterres
- 4) Kristalina Georgieva
- 5) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Answer- **3) António Guterres**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations (UN):**

**Secretary-General-** António Guterres

**Headquarters-** New York, United States of America(USA).

**Establishment-** 1945



**25. In which state the 'Gugamal National Park' is located?**

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

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Maharashtra:**

**Governor** – Ramesh Bais

**Chief Minister** – Eknath Shinde

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

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

**26. Which of the following countries is set to host the 2030 FIFA World Cup, as of October 2023?**

- 1) Spain
- 2) Morocco
- 3) Portugal
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

The Fédération internationale de football association (FIFA) Council unanimously agreed that the sole candidacy will be the combined bid of **Morocco, Portugal, and Spain**, which will host the event in 2030 and qualify automatically from the existing slot allocation subject to the completion of a successful bidding process conducted by FIFA and a decision by the FIFA Congress in 2024.

**27. What is the capital of Malawi?**

- 1) Bissau
- 2) Lilongwe
- 3) Maseru
- 4) Bamako
- 5) Rabat

Answer- **2) Lilongwe**

**Explanation:**

Capital of Malawi is **Lilongwe** and Malawian kwacha is the currency of Malawi.

**28. In which state Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **5) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary is situated in Nanguneri Taluk of Tirunelveli district of **Tamil Nadu**. This is the largest reserve for breeding resident and migratory water birds in South India.

i. Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary was designated as Ramsar site in August 2022.

**29. In which state/UT, Anang Tal Lake is located?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The **Anang Tal lake** in South Delhi, **Delhi** is believed to have been built a thousand years ago. As per the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Tradition ascribes this tank to a Tomar King, Anang Pal II, the builder of Lal Kot.

**30. The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched under \_\_\_\_\_ (Ministry) in 2016.**

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- 5) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Answer- **4) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

**Explanation:**

**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana** was launched by PM Modi in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia in 2016 under the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** (MoPNG).

i. It was introduced to make cooking fuel like LPG available to rural and deprived households which were still using traditional cooking fuels including coal, cow-dung cakes, firewood, etc.

**31. In which state 'Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

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

Answer- **5) Meghalaya**

**Explanation:****About Meghalaya:**

**Chief Minister-** Conrad K Sangma

**Governor-** Phagu Chauhan

**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary; **Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary**



**32. Name the state/UT government that has recently (in Oct '23) signed an MoU with EaseMyTrip to elevate global tourism hotspot.**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Maharashtra

**Answer- 3) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Online travel tech platform **EaseMyTrip** and the government of **Uttarakhand** have signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) to elevate Uttarakhand's standing as a global tourism hotspot, under a deal worth over Rs 250 crore.

**i.** The MOU was signed during the Global Investors Summit in London, in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

**33. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) located?**

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) New York City, USA
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Paris, France

**Answer- 2) New York City, USA**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC):**

**High Representative for the UNAOC-** Miguel Ángel Moratinos

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

**Establishment-** 2005

**34. In which state 'Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park' is located?**

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

**Answer- 3) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

**About Punjab:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Bhagwant Mann

**Governor** – Banwarilal Purohit

**Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)** – Bir Moti Bagh WLS; Bir Bhunerheri WLS

**Zoological Park** – Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park; Tiger safari zoo