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5) 1934

Answer- **2) 1945**

Explanation:

About United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Establishment- 1945

176. Which of the following organisations is not one of the five development institutions of the World Bank?

- 1) Institute for Capacity Development
- 2) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- 3) International Development Association
- 4) International Finance Corporation
- 5) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

Answer- **1) Institute for Capacity Development**

Explanation:

About World Bank:

Together, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Development Association (IDA) form the World Bank.

i. The World Bank Group consists of five development institutions: IBRD, IDA, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) & International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

Establishment - 1944

Headquarters - Washington, DC, United States of America

177. How many members are present in the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)?

- 1) Eight
- 2) Three
- 3) Six
- 4) Five
- 5) Four

Answer- **3) Six**

Explanation:

The Monetary policy refers to the policy of the central bank with regard to the use of monetary instruments under its control to achieve the goals specified in the Act.

i. RBI is vested with the responsibility of conducting monetary policy and this responsibility is mandated under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

ii. Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):

Under Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act, 1934, the central government is empowered to constitute a **6-member** Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to determine the policy interest rate required to achieve the inflation target.

178. In which state Jaldapara National Park is located?

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

Answer- **2) West Bengal**

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister- Mamata Banerjee

Governor – C.V. Ananda Bose

National Parks – Gorumara National Park, Sundarban National Park, **Jaldapara National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary

179. In which state/UT Dal Lake is located?

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

Answer- **4) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

The **Dal Lake** is located in Srinagar, **Jammu and Kashmir**.

i. Dal Lake is named the "Lake of Flowers", "Jewel in the crown of Kashmir" or "Srinagar's Jewel".

180. Bhigwan Bird Sanctuary is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- **2) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister- Eknath Shinde

Governor- Ramesh Bais

Bird Sanctuary – **Bhigwan Bird Sanctuary**, Bird Sanctuary Bhal, Bird Sanctuary Palava.

Festivals – Pola, Shivaji Jayanti Festival

181. 'STRIPS' stands for Separate Trading of Registered Interest and _____ of Securities.

- 1) Price
- 2) Provision
- 3) Process
- 4) Payment

5) Principal

Answer- **5) Principal**

Explanation:

STRIPS – Separate Trading of Registered Interest and **Principal** of Securities

i. STRIPS are the securities created by way of separating the cash flows associated with a regular G-Sec i.e. each semi-annual coupon payment and the final principal payment to be received from the issuer, into separate securities. They are essentially Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCBs).

ii. Stripped securities represent future cash flows (periodic interest and principal repayment) of an underlying coupon bearing bond. STRIPS have zero reinvestment risk, being zero coupon bonds, they can be attractive to retail/non-institutional investors.

182. Where is the headquarters of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) located?

1) Rome, Italy

2) Geneva, Switzerland

3) London, United Kingdom

4) Paris, France

5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **2) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC):

President – Václav Bálek

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

183. In October 2023, the Election Commission of India (ECI) appointed Vyasan R as the new Chief Electoral Officer of _____ (state).

1) West Bengal

2) Tripura

3) Assam

4) Nagaland

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Nagaland**

Explanation:

The Election Commission of India (**ECI**) in consultation with the State Government of **Nagaland**, has designated IAS officer Vyasan R as the new Chief Electoral Officer for the state.

i. An official order from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer states that in the exercise of powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 13A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (43 of 1950), the appointment of Vyasan R as the Chief Electoral Officer comes into effect from the date he assumes charge and will remain in force until further orders.

184. The 1st World Endodontic Day observed on _____, 2023.

1) 16th October

2) 14th October

3) 17th October

4) 15th October

5) 18th October

Answer- **1) 16th October**

Explanation:

For the **first time**, dentists are celebrating **October 16 2023** as **World Endodontic Day** to spread awareness among people about the need to preserve their natural teeth from root canal infection and extractions.

- i.** The campaign also aims to draw the attention of government and healthcare planners to make oral health an integral priority of the overall national healthcare mission.
- ii.** The former president of the Dental Council of India shared details of this campaign. The public is aware of dental caries or tooth decay as a common disease of the oral cavity.
- iii.** However, few people realize that dental caries in a tooth slowly progresses over a few months to a year's time going deeper into the tooth causing dental nerve pain and bone infection around the roots of the tooth. This disease is known as Apical Periodontitis (AP).

185. In October 2023, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha inaugurated the first district-level paperless e-office system in _____ (district).

- 1) North Tripura
- 2) South Tripura
- 3) Gomati
- 4) Khowai
- 5) Sipahijala

Answer- **2) South Tripura**

Explanation:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha inaugurated the **first district-level paperless** e-office system in **South Tripura** district.

- i.** Now, in the South Tripura district, we have launched the E-office. The first district where we have launched a district-level paperless e-office-system

186. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) set up, owned and operated by non-banks are called White Label ATMs.

Non-bank ATM operators are authorised under the _____ (Act) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- 1) Banking Regulation Act, 1947
- 2) Payment & Settlement Systems Act 2007
- 3) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- 4) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2014
- 5) Banking Regulation Act, 2000

Answer- **2) Payment & Settlement Systems Act, 2007**

Explanation:

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) set up, owned and operated by non-banks are called **White Label ATMs**. Non-bank ATM operators are authorised under the **Payment & Settlement Systems Act, 2007** by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- They provide banking services to customers using debit/credit/prepaid cards issued by banks.
- Besides dispensing cash, WLAs offer services like account information, cash deposit, bill payment, mini statements, PIN change, and cheque book requests.

187. In which year the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was established?

- 1) 1889
- 2) 1995
- 3) 1882
- 4) 1990
- 5) 1992

Answer- **1) 1889**

Explanation:

About Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):

President – Duarte Pacheco

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Established in – 1889

Members – 179 Members and 14 Associate Members

188. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Director General(DG) of National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF)?

- 1) Abhaya Kumar Nath
- 2) Ram Sanware
- 3) Awadhesh Kumar
- 4) Pooja Gupta
- 5) Ankit Anand

Answer- **3) Awadhesh Kumar**

Explanation:

About National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF):

i. NICF is a high level training institute which offers training to Indian Posts and Telecom Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS) officers.

ii. It works under the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

Director General(DG)- Awadhesh Kumar

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 2007

189. Where is the Headquarters of World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)located?

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

Answer- **5) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH):

Director-General- Dr Monique Éloit

Headquarters- Paris, France

Members – 183 Members (As of October 2023)

Founded in 1924 as the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), in May 2003 adopted the common name World Organisation for Animal Health.

190. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Director General of National Security Guard (NSG)?

- 1) Gopal Singh
- 2) Gadadhar Rath
- 3) M A Ganapathy
- 4) Sidharth Kumar Gupta
- 5) Ashwani Kumar

Answer- 3) M A Ganapathy

Explanation:

About National Security Guard (NSG):

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established in - 1986

Director General- M A Ganapathy

191. In which state Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu(TN):

Governor- R. N. Ravi

UNESCO heritage site- Great Living Chola Temples; Mountain Railways of India(Nilgiri, Tamil Nadu)

Birds Sanctuary- Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary; **Chitrangudi Birds Sanctuary**; Koonthankulam-Kadankulam Birds Sanctuary

192. As of October 2023, How many member countries are in the World Bank Organization?

- 1) 150
- 2) 189
- 3) 190
- 4) 160
- 5) 172

Answer- 2) 189

Explanation:

About World Bank:

Headquarters- Washington, DC, United States

President- David Malpass

Founded- 1944

Member Countries- 189(including India)

193. Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) is a unique _____ digit alphanumeric code.

- 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 NEFT, RTGS and IMPS.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) assigns the IFSC codes to the bank.
- In case you are using net banking to transfer money, it is mandatory for the IFSC to be entered to initiate the transfer.
- Every bank branch will have a unique code and no two branches (even of the same bank) will ever be the same. Unless there is a merger, banks do not modify or change the IFSC code.
- IFSC code format: The first 4 digits of the IFSC represent the bank and the last 6 characters represent the branch. The 5th character is zero.

194. In which state Kane Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

1) Jharkhand

2) Odisha

3) West Bengal

4) Arunachal Pradesh

5) Assam

Answer- 4) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

About Arunachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Pema Khandu

Governor- Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

Wildlife sanctuary- Kane Wildlife Sanctuary, Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary

Stadium- Arunachal Pradesh Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Lupon Stadium

195. PM KISAN Samman Nidhi yojana was implemented by _____ (Ministry).

1) Ministry of Rural Development

2) Ministry of Home Affairs

3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer- 3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Explanation:

PM KISAN Samman Nidhi yojana:

It was launched by 24th February, 2019 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

- **Objective of the Scheme:** To supplement the income of farmers by providing income support to all farmer families in India irrespective of the size of their landholdings. Benefits.
- Under the Scheme, an amount of INR 6000 rupees per year will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of farmers. The amount will be paid in 3 installments of INR 2000 rupees.

196. In which state Gir National Park is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Gir National Park is a wildlife sanctuary in **Gujarat**, India. The Gir Forests is the only natural habitat of Asiatic lions.

- It was declared as a sanctuary in 1965 and a national park in 1975.
- The Gir Forests is the largest compact tract of dry deciduous forests in the semi-arid western part of India.

197. In which Indian state, the Nathu La is located?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Assam

Answer- **2) Sikkim**

Explanation:

About Sikkim:

Chief Minister- PS Golay

Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya

Mountain passes in Sikkim: Nathu La, Jelep La

Lakes in Sikkim: Gurudongmar Lake, Khecheopalri Lake, Tsongmo Lake

198. In which state Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve:

i. The name 'Nilgiris' with literary meaning 'blue mountains' has originated from the blue flower clad mountains of the Nilgiris plateau within the State of Tamil Nadu. It was the first biosphere reserve in India established in 1986.

ii. It is located in **Tamil Nadu**.

199. Which of the following countries is 'Not' a member of QUAD?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Australia
- 3) India
- 4) Japan
- 5) United States of America

Answer- 1) Germany

Explanation:

The Quad is an informal strategic forum comprising four nations, namely - **United States of America (USA), India, Australia and Japan**. One of the primary objectives of the Quad is to work for a free, open, prosperous and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

200. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of IBM?

- 1) Parag Agrawal
- 2) Arvind Krishna
- 3) Sanjay Mehrotra
- 4) Indra Nooyi
- 5) Shantanu Narayen

Answer- 2) Arvind Krishna

Explanation:

About IBM:

IBM is a leading provider of global hybrid cloud and AI, and consulting expertise. It is known for its hardware and software products, including computers, servers, storage systems, and networking equipment.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Arvind Krishna

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

Established – 1911

201. In which state Khowai Airport is located?

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

Answer- 4) Tripura

Explanation:

About Tripura

Chief Minister – Manik Saha

Airport – Khowai Airport

Festival – Garia Puja, Ashokastami Festival

202. Who is the present (in Oct '23) Director of Amazon Pay India Private Limited (APIPL)?

- 1) Praveen Kumar
- 2) Atish Mathur
- 3) Vikas Bansal

4) Ajay Sharma

5) Jayanth Kumar

Answer- **3) Vikas Bansal**

Explanation:

About Amazon Pay India Private Limited (APIPL):

Director – Vikas Bansal

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established in – 2017

203. Which of the following organizations are associated with the World Bank?

1) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

2) International Development Association

3) International Monetary Fund

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

About the World Bank:

Together, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (**IBRD**) and International Development Association (**IDA**) make up the World Bank.

i. The World Bank Group consists of five development institutions: IBRD, IDA, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) & International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

204. Name the company that has recently (in Oct '23) won the Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management under the Power (Financial Services) sector.

1) REC Limited

2) Power Grid Corporation of India

3) Indian Railway Finance Corporation

4) Power Finance Corporation Limited

5) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Answer- **1) REC Limited**

Explanation:

REC Limited, the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power, has been recognized for its exceptional performance in risk management under **Power (Financial Services) sector** with the esteemed **Golden Peacock Award**, given by the Institute of Directors (IOD).

i. The Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management highlights REC's continued commitment to implementing effective risk assessment strategies, thereby contributing to the organization's sustainable growth and resilience in a competitive business landscape.

ii. The recognition also underscores REC's commitment to excellence and innovation in its operations in the power sector.

iii. The Golden Peacock Awards, established by the Institute of Directors (IOD), India in 1991, has emerged as an internationally acclaimed standard for corporate excellence.

205. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

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

Answer- **2) Sudhansh Pant**

Explanation:

Rajesh Bhushan is the present Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

i. Recently, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has waived the need for clearances for certain imported ingredients and food items.

ii. In an advisory, the food safety authority said the customs department would no longer need to obtain FSSAI clearances for food ingredients or items that are imported into India for re-export or for the production of value-added items for export markets.

206. In October 2023, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated Infosys software development centre in _____ (city).

- 1) Tirupati
- 2) Vijayawada
- 3) Kurnool
- 4) Visakhapatnam
- 5) Amaravati

Answer- **4) Visakhapatnam**

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated Infosys software development centre in **Visakhapatnam**.

i. Spread across 83,750 sq ft and built at a cost of Rs 35 crore, the software centre is expected to house 1,000 employees.

ii. Infosys CFO Nilanjan Roy stated that the new centre will offer newer opportunities to the local talent pool.

207. Who has recently (in Oct '23) took charge as the Director (Finance) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)?

- 1) Ram Nihal Nishad
- 2) Ajay Yadav
- 3) Pradip Kumar Das
- 4) Padam Lal Negi
- 5) Bijay Kumar Mohanty

Answer- **5) Bijay Kumar Mohanty**

Explanation:

Dr. **Bijay Kumar Mohanty** took charge as the **Director (Finance)** of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA).

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment on 7th October 2023 marks a significant addition to IREDA's leadership team.

- He is a distinguished senior finance professional with an illustrious career spanning over 25 years in the Indian power sector.
- Prior to joining IREDA, Dr. Mohanty, aged 53 years, held the position of Head of Department and Senior General Manager (Finance & Accounts) at REC Limited.

208. In October 2023, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Nagaland's first Medical College - Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR), in _____ (city).

- 1) Kohima
- 2) Chümoukedima
- 3) Dimapur
- 4) Tuensang
- 5) Phek

Answer- **1) Kohima**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Nagaland's first Medical College - Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR), at Phreibagei in **Kohima**.

i. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announced that the establishment of the medical college is a big step in achieving the committed fulfillment of the "Vision 2030" goal of providing accessible, available, and affordable healthcare.

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

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

Answer- **5) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

About Uttarakhand:

Governor- Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami

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

Wildlife Sanctuary – Govind wildlife sanctuary, Kedarnath wildlife sanctuary

210. Where is the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) located?

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

Answer- **3) Montreal, Canada**

Explanation:

About International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):

ICAO is funded and directed by 193 national governments to support their diplomacy and cooperation in air transport as signatory states to the Chicago Convention (1944).

Secretary General- Juan Carlos Salazar

Headquarters- Montreal, Canada

211. In which state Raimona National Park is located?

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

Answer- **2) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor – Gulab Chand Kataria

Chief Minister (CM) – Himanta Biswa Sarma

Wildlife sanctuaries – East Karbi Anglong Wildlife Sanctuary, Nambor Wildlife Sanctuary

National Park- Raimona National Park, Dehing Patkai National Park

Zoological Park – Assam State Zoo (Green Lung)

212. The Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme comes under the _____ (Ministry).

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Education
- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 5) Ministry of Civil Aviation

Answer- **5) Ministry of Civil Aviation**

Explanation:

The Central Government's dream initiative, Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** for regional airport development and regional connectivity enhancement. It is a part of the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 & the scheme is applicable for a period of 10 years.

i. The Objectives of the scheme to improve the air connectivity to remote and regional areas of India, Development of remote areas and enhancing trade and commerce and tourism expansion, Enable common people to access air travel with affordable rates & Employment creation in the aviation sector.

213. As of October 2023, How many members are in the World Trade Organization (WTO)?

- 1) 130
- 2) 189
- 3) 190
- 4) 164
- 5) 202

Answer- **4) 164**

Explanation:

About the World Trade Organization (WTO):

Director-General – Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Establishment – 1995

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Members – 164 Members

214. In which state/UT, Hokersar bird sanctuary is located?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Assam
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer- **5) Jammu & Kashmir**

Explanation:

About Jammu and Kashmir(I&K):

Lieutenant Governor– Manoj Sinha

Bird sanctuary– Hokersar bird sanctuary

Festival– Losar; Matho Nagrang

215. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company?

- 1) Prashant Tripathy
- 2) Kamlesh Rao
- 3) Tapan Kumar Singhel
- 4) Anuj Mathur
- 5) Ritesh Kumar

Answer- **5) Ritesh Kumar**

Explanation:

About HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited:

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Ritesh Kumar

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

216. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Director-General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

- 1) Sujoy Lal Thaosen
- 2) Sanjeev Ranjan Ojha
- 3) Daljit Singh Chawdhary
- 4) Manish Kumar
- 5) Anshuman Yadav

Answer- **1) Sujoy Lal Thaosen**

Explanation:

About Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF):

Director-General– Dr Sujoy Lal Thaosen, Indian Police Service (IPS)

Establishment- 27 July 1939

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

217. In October 2023, the Vice-President, Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated an exhibition titled “Roaring Revival: Tigers of India- An Exhibition of Charcoal Sketches & WaterColour Florals” at New Delhi in October 2023.

It is the fifth such exhibition by _____, who aim to spread awareness about wildlife conservation.

- 1) Smita Agrawal
- 2) Charumati Nirwan
- 3) Ruchira Khurania
- 4) Manjit Kaur
- 5) Neelam Singh

Answer- 2) Charumati Nirwan

Explanation:

The Vice-President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated an exhibition titled “**Roaring Revival: Tigers of India- An Exhibition of Charcoal Sketches & WaterColour Florals**” at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society in New Delhi in October 2023.

- It is the fifth such exhibition by well known artists, Ms. **Charumati Nirwan** whose work is aimed at spreading awareness about wildlife conservation.
- i.** For the last 25 years, Ms. Charumati Nirwan has been keenly observing the tigers & wildlife which have found an eloquent expression in her art.
- ii.** The exhibition - ‘Roaring Revival’ celebrates the success of 50 years of Project Tiger, which was launched in 1973. From 9 Tiger Reserves in the beginning of Project Tiger, the habitat has expanded to 75000 Sq Km under 54 Tiger Reserves, which is 2.3% of total land area of India.
- iii.** The country today is the home of 75% of the global tiger population.

218. In October 2023, Michael Debabrata Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), inaugurated the Sub-office of the Reserve Bank in _____.

- 1) Imphal, Manipur
- 2) Dibrugarh, Assam
- 3) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Aizawl, Mizoram
- 5) Mawsmi, Meghalaya

Answer- 3) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Dr. **Michael Debabrata Patra**, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), inaugurated the Sub-office of the Reserve Bank in **Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**.

- i.** The Sub-office in Itanagar begins functioning with the following departments / cells: Financial Inclusion and Development Department (FIDD), Human Resource Management Department (HRMD), Consumer Education and Protection Cell (CEPC) and Market Intelligence Cell (MIC).
- ii.** The currency management for the state of Arunachal Pradesh will continue to be conducted by the Bank’s Guwahati Office.

219. In October 2023, Sargaalaya Arts and Crafts Village at Iringal, in _____ (state) was selected as one of the best 100 tourist destinations in the world at the 'Green Destination Congress', held at Tallinn, Estonia.

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

Answer- 4) Kerala

Explanation:

Sargaalaya Arts and Crafts Village at Iringal, Vada-kara, in **Kerala** bagged the award for being one of the best **100 tourist destinations in the world** at the '**Green Destination Congress**', held at Tallinn, Estonia, recently.

- This qualified Sargaalaya to compete in ITB Berlin 2024, one of the best tourism fairs in the world in the 'flourishing societies' category.

i. The Green Destination Congress was organised by ITB Berlin Travel Mart, Green Destinations and Future Tourism coalition. Sargaalaya's efforts to ensure the livelihood of artisans during the pandemic were considered for the award.

ii. Sargaalaya had earlier bagged the Union government's award for the best rural tourism venture in the country, South Asian Travel Award, and Best Tourism Destination Award of the State Department of Tourism.

220. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)?

- 1) Sabitha Bojan
- 2) Kuldip Narayan
- 3) Sanjay Kulshreshtha
- 4) Ravindra Kumar Ray
- 5) M Nagaraj

Answer- 3) Sanjay Kulshreshtha

Explanation:

Sanjay Kulshreshtha who is serving as Executive Director at REC limited has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**), of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (**HUDCO**), the premier techno-financing public sector enterprise.

i. After a period of four years HUDCO appointed a full time CMD .

221. In which state Nanda Devi National Park is located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- 4) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor- Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Sonanadi wildlife sanctuary, Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary

National Park- Nanda Devi National Park, Valley of Flowers National Park, Rajaji National Park.

222. In which state Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

About Jammu & Kashmir (J&K):

Lieutenant Governor- Manoj Sinha

Wildlife Sanctuary- Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary, Limber Wildlife Sanctuary, Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary.

Airport – Srinagar International Airport, Jammu airport (Satwari Airport)

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

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Ladakh
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Ladakh**

Explanation:

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

224. Where is the Headquarters of Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) located?

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

Answer- **4) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA):

The F1 Grand Prix races are organised by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

President – Mohammed Ben Sulayem

Headquarters – Paris, France

Established – 1904

225. Which company has recently (in Oct '23) signed a multi-year Investment Management Solution contract with LIC Pension Fund?

- 1) Netweb Technologies India
- 2) Khaitan India
- 3) Keynote Corporate Services
- 4) KFin Technologies
- 5) Karvy Corporate

Answer- 4) KFin Technologies

Explanation:

KFin Technologies, a global leader in Fund Administration solutions, has signed a multi-year Investment Management Solution contract with **LIC Pension Fund**.

i. LIC PFL, operating under the aegis of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, has chosen KFin tech to design, create, and administer the investment management solution to provide enhanced customer service, security, compliance, and to be future-ready for the scale LIC PFL anticipates achieving.

ii. LIC PFL initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2023, seeking a comprehensive end-to-end IMS solution. KFinTech's 'mPower' serves nearly 70 per cent of the Assets Under Management across various pension funds. KFinTech has a track record of serving over 48 clients globally.

226. Name the Institute that has recently (in Oct '23) collaborated with Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR) to establish a quantum technology lab with the primary goal of providing research and training opportunities.

- 1) Indian Institute of Science
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- 3) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- 5) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Answer- 1) Indian Institute of Science

Explanation:

Samsung Semiconductor India Research (**SSIR**) and the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** in Bengaluru, Karnataka are collaborating to establish a quantum technology lab with the primary goal of providing research and training opportunities to faculty members and students pursuing higher education in fields such as physics, engineering, computer science and mathematics.

i. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Balajee Sowrirajan, Chief Vice President and Managing Director of SSIR, and Prof Govindan Rangarajan, Director of IISc.

227. In which state Karikili Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Karikili Bird Sanctuary is Located in Kanchipuram district, 86 kms from Chennai, Tamil Nadu
i. It has an area of 61.21 hectare (ha) and a belt of 5 km around. Its forest type is a tank having a compact grove of Barringtonia and Acacia nilotica trees Dry evergreen scrub and thorn forests.

228. In which state/UT Nanda Lake is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Goa
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- **2) Goa**

Explanation:

Nanda Lake located in **Goa** is habitat for notable faunal species including Threskiornis melanocephalus (Black-headed ibis), Alcedoatthis (Common kingfisher), Hirundo smithii (Wire-tailed swallow)

ii. Nanda Lakewetland from Goa, India was added to the Ramsar Sites in 2022.

229. In which state/UT, Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **1) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

About Jammu and Kashmir (J&K):

Lieutenant Governor – Manoj Sinha

National parks – Dachigam National Park, Kishtwar National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Baltal-Thajiwas Wildlife Sanctuary, **Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary**

230. In which state 'Keoladeo Ghana National Park' is located?

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

Answer- **5) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister – Ashok Gehlot

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

National Parks – Desert National Park; **Keoladeo Ghana National Park**

Wild Life Sanctuaries – Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuary; Sajjangerh Wildlife Sanctuary

231. As of October 2023, How many member countries are in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?

- 1) 180
- 2) 149
- 3) 160
- 4) 195
- 5) 152

Answer- **4) 195**

Explanation:

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

Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynspan of Costa Rica [first woman & Central American (Costa Rica) to serve as UNCTAD's Secretary-General]

Establishment – 1964

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Member Countries – 195 Members

232. What is the primary mission of the World Bank?

- 1) Promoting global security
- 2) Providing humanitarian aid
- 3) Promoting international trade
- 4) Reducing poverty and promoting sustainable economic development
- 5) Regulating global financial markets

Answer: **4) Reducing poverty and promoting sustainable economic development**

Explanation:

The primary mission of the World Bank is to **reduce poverty and promote sustainable economic development** in developing countries around the world. This is achieved through the provision of financial assistance, technical expertise, and policy advice.

233. The Rafah border connects _____.

- 1) Gaza Strip and Egypt
- 2) Gaza Strip and Israel
- 3) Israel and Jordan
- 4) Israel and Egypt
- 5) Gaza Strip and the Mediterranean Sea

Answer- **1) Gaza Strip and Egypt**

Explanation:

The **Rafah border** is the only point not controlled by Israel where civilians can enter and leave Gaza by land. The border connects the **Gaza strip and Egypt**.

i. After Israel imposed a complete siege of the Gaza Strip in response to the deadly attack by Hamas, the strip's border crossing with Egypt became even more critical.

234. As of October 2023, How many Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are in India?

- 1) 32
- 2) 43
- 3) 29

4) 40

5) 35

Answer- 2) 43

Explanation:

At present, there are **43** Regional Rural Banks (**RRBs**) in **India** with 21,856 branches across 26 States and 3 UTs.

- Regional Rural Banks (**RRBs**) were established in 2nd October, 1975 under the provisions of the Ordinance promulgated on the 26th September 1975 and followed by **Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976** with the aim of developing rural economy in all areas like agriculture, trade, commerce, industry and other productive activities in the rural areas, credit and other facilities, particularly to small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers, artisans and small entrepreneurs, etc.
- RRBs 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.

235. In October 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi visited Parvati Kund and Jageshwar Temples in _____ (state/UT).

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

Answer- 3) **Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

In October 2023, Prime Minister (**PM**) **Narendra Modi** visited **Parvati Kund** and Jageshwar Temples in **Uttarakhand**, adding that one must visit these holy sites for their natural beauty and divinity.

i. Parvati Kund, located in Pithoragarh, is an immensely revered Hindu shrine situated at an elevation of approximately 5,338 feet.

236. In October 2023, the latest census of Gangetic dolphins was carried out in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary of _____ (state).

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

Answer- 5) **Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The latest census of Gangetic dolphins in the **Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Uttar Pradesh** revealed that there are now 50 dolphins in the river Ganga, up from 41 in the last census in 2020.

i. There are approximately 2,500-3,000 Ganges River dolphins left living in the wild. The Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary and Bhitarkanika saw dolphin count rise to 540 from 342 last year.

ii. The Parman River had 35 Gangetic dolphins in 2013 and the number went up to 50 in 2021.

237. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)?

- 1) Ajay Kumar
- 2) Rajendra Kumar Gupta
- 3) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- 4) Sanjay Kumar Panigrahi
- 5) Vijay Kuradagi

Answer- 3) Lalit Kumar Gupta

Explanation:

About Cotton Corporation of India (CCI):

It is a Mini Ratna Company under Ministry of Textiles

Chairman & Managing Director- Lalit Kumar Gupta

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1970

238. In which state Bhairamgarh Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Chief Minister- Bhupesh Baghel

Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary and Bhairamgarh Wildlife Sanctuary

239. In October 2023, the Centre informed the Supreme Court that the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karmachari (NCSK) has been extended until 31st March _____ (year).

- 1) 2027
- 2) 2025
- 3) 2028
- 4) 2026
- 5) 2029

Answer- 2) 2025

Explanation:

The Centre has informed the Supreme Court that the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karmachari (NCSK) has been extended until March 31, 2025. The government has also appointed a chairman, vice-chairman, and one more member to the panel.

- The court, satisfied with the Centre's response, disposed of the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by lawyer Radhakanta Tripathy.

ii. NCSK was constituted in 1994 as a statutory body by an Act of Parliament that is "The National Commission for-Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993" for a period of three years with a noble ambition to

ensure rights of the 'Safai Karamcharis' and matters connected to their life, livelihood, manual scavenging.

240. Name the personality who has recently (in Oct '23) become the first woman to take charge as the Director General Hospital Services of Armed Forces?

- 1) Air Marshal Punita Arora
- 2) Air Marshal Arti Sarin
- 3) Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay
- 4) Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair
- 5) Air Marshal Harita Kaur Deol

Answer- **4) Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair**

Explanation:

Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair assumed the appointment of **Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)** in the office of DGAFMS on Oct 23, 2023, becoming the **first woman** to hold the position on promotion to the rank of Air Marshal.

i. Prior to this appointment, the Air Officer was the appointment of Principal Medical Officer (PMO) at HQ Training Command (Air Force), Bengaluru.

ii. A graduate from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair was commissioned into the Indian Air Force in Dec 1985. She holds a Postgraduate degree in Family Medicine and has undergone a two-year training program in Medical Informatics at AIIMS, New Delhi.

- She was trained in CBRN Warfare with the Israeli Defence Forces and in Military Medical Ethics in Switzerland. She is the first and only woman Principal Medical Officer of Western Air Command and Training Command.

iii. For her meritorious service she has been awarded the AOC-in-C (WAC) and CAS Commendations as well as the Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India. Three generations of her family have served in the IAF over the last seven decades.

241. Who authored the book, 'Astrology Simplified', which was launched by the Union Minister of Road and Highway of India, Nitin Gadkari?

- 1) Sundeep Kochar
- 2) Suman Sachdev
- 3) Pradip Verma
- 4) Sanjay Sethi
- 5) Ridhi Bahl

Answer- **5) Ridhi Bahl**

Explanation:

Ridhi Bahl is an Astrologer by profession and after having a rich experience of 18 years of research in various fields of Astrology like Medical Astrology, Mundane Astrology, Marriage & Children launched her first book "**Astrology Simplified**".

i. The book was launched on 16th October 2023 in New Delhi by **Nitin Gadkari**, Union Minister of Road and Highway of India, and will be released on 26th October 2023 at all the leading online portals as well on the leading stores all across the country.

ii. Ridhi's Articles have been published in the Journal of Astrology (Published from Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan), Books of Astrology, and in the various leading newspapers of the country Like Economic Times, The Pioneer, and Times of India to name a few.

242. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed as the Chairperson of the Police Complaints Authority (PCA)?

- 1) Asha Menon
- 2) Poonam A Bamba
- 3) Jayant Nath
- 4) Anu Malhotra
- 5) Gaurang Kanth

Answer- 2) Poonam A Bamba

Explanation:

Delhi Lieutenant Governor **V K Saxena** has approved the appointment of Justice **Poonam A Bamba**, a retired judge of the Delhi High Court, as the **Chairperson** of the Police Complaints Authority (**PCA**) which deals with the complaints relating to Delhi Police.

243. In which state is Ramsar Site 'Pala Wetland' located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 3) Mizoram

Explanation:

Pala wetland is the largest natural wetland in Mizoram, spread across 1,850 hectares located in Siaha district, **Mizoram**.

i. It is surrounded by lush green woodlands, mountains and home to a range of animals, birds, amphibians and reptiles.

ii. In 2022, Pala wetland from Mizoram, India was added to the Ramsar Sites.

244. In which state/UT Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 1) Karnataka

Explanation:

Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located in Mandya district, of the state of **Karnataka**.

i. It has been enlisted as one of the Important Bird Areas (IBA) in Karnataka and India by Bombay Natural History Society.

245. Where is the Headquarters of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) located?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Bonn, Germany

5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **4) Bonn, Germany**

Explanation:

The **UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** signed in 1992 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development also known as the Earth Summit, the Rio Summit or the Rio Conference

- The UNFCCC entered into force on March 21, 1994.
- The Convention has near universal membership (197 Parties) and is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

i. The original secretariat was in Geneva. Since 1996, the secretariat has been located in **Bonn, Germany**.

246. In which state Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **4) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve located in **Madhya Pradesh**.

i. In 1968, it was notified as a national park and in 1993 was declared a tiger reserve- under the Project Tiger Network at the neighbouring Panpatha Sanctuary.

247. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Chairman of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)?

- 1) Atish Mathur
- 2) Ajay Sharma
- 3) Jayanth Kumar
- 4) Dilip Sanghani
- 5) Praveen Jain

Answer- **4) Dilip Sanghani**

Explanation:

About Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO):

Chairman- Dilip Sanghani

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1967

248. Where is the Headquarters of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) located?

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

Answer- **5) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD):

Secretary-General- Mathias Cormann

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established on- 30 September 1961

249. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)?

- 1) Alka Kapoor
- 2) Tanuja Nesari
- 3) Umesh Vasant Tagade
- 4) Sujata Kumar
- 5) Rama Kant Yadava

Answer- **2) Tanuja Nesari**

Explanation:

About All India Institute of Ayurveda(AIIA):

i. It is a Autonomus institution functioning under the Ministry of Ayush.

ii .It works for the promotion and advancement of the knowledge and practice of Ayurveda.

Director - Tanuja Nesari

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

Established in - 2017

250. In which year, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) was established?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1995
- 3) 1998
- 4) 2000
- 5) 1997

Answer- **3) 1998**

Explanation:

About United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA):

Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs- Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu

Headquarters- New York. USA

Established in- 1998

251. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?

- 1) Archana Ramasundaram
- 2) Anish Dayal Singh
- 3) Kumar Rajesh Chandra
- 4) Sujoy Lal Thaosen
- 5) Rashmi Shukla

Answer- **2) Anish Dayal Singh**

Explanation:

About Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP):

Director General– Sh. Anish Dayal Singh, IPS

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established on– October 24, 1962

Motto– Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha (Valour – Determination – Devotion to Duty)

252. Which of the following National Parks is 'not' located in Uttarakhand?

- 1) Dudhwa National Park
- 2) Gangotri National Park
- 3) Nanda Devi National Park
- 4) Valley of Flowers National Park
- 5) Rajaji National Park

Answer- **1) Dudhwa National Park**

Explanation:

National Park located in Uttarakhand:

- Nanda Devi National Park
- Valley of Flowers National Park
- Rajaji National Park
- Gangotri National Park
- Govind National Park

Note- Valley of Flowers National Park and Nanda Devi National Park together are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Dudhwa National Park** is located in **Uttar Pradesh**.

253. In which state Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Chief Minister – YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

Governor – Justice (Retd.) S. Abdul Nazeer

Wildlife Sanctuaries– **Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary**, Penusila Narasimhaswamy wildlife sanctuary, Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary.

Tiger Reserves – Nagarjuna Sagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve(retitled as Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary 1992).

254. In which state Dibru – Saikhowa National Park is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor – Gulab Chand Kataria

National Park – Kaziranga National Park, **Dibru – Saikhowa National Park**, Manas National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary, Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary

255. State Bank of India is authorized to issue and encash electoral bonds, which are valid for _____ from the date of issuance.

1) 25 days

2) 15 days

3) 20 days

4) 10 days

5) 12 days

Answer- **2) 15 days**

Explanation:

An **Electoral Bond** is like a **promissory note** that may be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India.

i. It was introduced with the Finance Bill, 2017, and the Electoral Bond Scheme was notified in 2018.

ii. State Bank of India is authorised to issue and encash these bonds, which are valid for **15 days** from the date of issuance through its 29 Authorised Branches

256. In which state Abubshahar Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Gujarat

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Haryana

5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

Chief Minister– Manohar Lal Khattar

Wildlife sanctuaries – **Abubshahar Wildlife Sanctuary**, Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary

Festivals – Gangore, Baisakhi, Teej

257. The World Statistics Day 2023 observed across the globe on _____.

1) 24th October 2023

2) 23rd October 2023

3) 22nd October 2023

4) 21st October 2023

5) 20th October 2023

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

Explanation:

World Statistics Day 2023 was celebrated across the globe on **20th October 2023** with the theme of 'Aligning State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals'

- The day is celebrated to mark the contribution of data to the socio-economic development of the world.
- A resolution to celebrate this day was passed by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2010. This day is celebrated every 5 years.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2015.

258. Name the company that has recently (in Oct '23) announced to launch youth-focused fashion retail format, Yousta.

- 1) Cromā
- 2) Reliance Retail
- 3) V-Mart Retail
- 4) Trent Limited
- 5) Tata Group

Answer- **2) Reliance Retail**

Explanation:

India's largest retailer, **Reliance Retail** announced the launch of its youth-focused fashion retail format, **Yousta** with the opening of its first store in Hyderabad's Sarath City Mall.

i. With contemporary tech-enabled store layouts, Yousta offers high-fashion at affordable prices targeted at young consumers.

259. As of October 2023, India has emerged as the biggest project funding market for the _____ (Organisation/Bank).

- 1) United Nations Development Programme
- 2) International Monetary Fund
- 3) World Bank
- 4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 5) Asian Development Bank

Answer- **4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

Explanation:

Given the sheer size of infrastructure development taking place across the country, **India** has emerged as the biggest project funding market for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (**AIIB**).

- Formed in **December 2015**, the AIIB has to date funded sovereign Indian infrastructure projects to the tune of USD 10 billion.

260. Who has been recently (in Oct '23) appointed as the women's cricket team head coach by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- 1) Hrishikesh Kanitkar
- 2) Ramesh Powar
- 3) WV Raman
- 4) Tushar Arothe
- 5) Amol Muzumdar

Answer- **5) Amol Muzumdar**

Explanation:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) appointed Indian domestic cricket legend **Amol Muzumdar** as the women's cricket team head coach. Muzumdar was one of the most promising cricketers who never got to be part of the Indian team.

- After Ramesh Powar's dismissal as the head coach in December 2022, the BCCI there was no head coach for the Indian Women's team. The team played the T20 World Cup in February, the Asian Games in September and bilateral series without the head of the coaching staff.
- He won several Ranji Trophy titles with Mumbai and later represented Assam and Andhra Pradesh.

261. In which year, the International Competition Network (ICN) was Founded?

- 1) 2002
- 2) 2000
- 3) 2001
- 4) 2006
- 5) 2004

Answer- **3) 2001**

Explanation:

About International Competition Network (ICN):

Founded in- 2001

Chair of ICN Steering Group- Andreas Mundt (President, Germany Federal Cartel Office)

Member Agencies- 143 Members

262. What is the capital of Slovakia?

- 1) Brazzaville
- 2) Bratislava
- 3) Bucharest
- 4) Gaborone
- 5) Belgrade

Answer- **2) Bratislava**

Explanation:

About Slovakia:

President- Zuzana Čaputová

Capital- Bratislava

Currency- The Euro

263. Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- **5) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

Chief Minister – Manohar Lal Khattar

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary

264. In which state 'Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Zoological Garden' is located?

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

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister – Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

Governor– Acharya Devvrat

Zoological Park – Sakkarbaug zoo, Junagadh; **Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Zoological Garden** (Sarhana Nature Park).

265. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO)?

- 1) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- 2) Antonio Guterres
- 3) Henrietta H. Fore
- 4) Tedros Adhanom
- 5) Jens Stoltenberg

Answer- **1) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**

Explanation:

About World Trade Organization (WTO):

Director-General – Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Establishment – 1995

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Members – 164 Members

266. In which state Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **5) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Governor – Arif Mohammed Khan

Chief Minister – Pinarayi Vijayan

National Parks – Eravikulam National Park, Silent Valley National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary, **Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary**

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

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

Answer- 3) 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.

Establishment- 1967

Director General- Daren Tang

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

268. Who is the present (in Oct '23) Drugs Controller General of India?

- 1) B. K. Smantaray
- 2) S. Manivannan
- 3) Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi
- 4) A. K. Pradhan
- 5) V. G. Somani

Answer- 3) Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi

Explanation:

Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi is the present **Drugs Controller General of India**.

MSD India (Merck) announced that the Drug Controller General of India (**DCGI**) has approved KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab).

i. This MSD's anti-PD-1 therapy has been given the green light for the treatment of triple-negative breast cancer (**TNBC**) and renal cell carcinoma (RCC) in adult patients. KEYTRUDA is now approved for 14 indications across eight tumour types in India. Unlike traditional chemotherapy or radiation therapy, KEYTRUDA enhances the body's own immune system to combat cancer cells.

ii. This drug targets the PD-1 pathway, which cancer cells often exploit to evade detection and attack by the body's T-cells. KEYTRUDA, an anti-programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) therapy, enhances the immune system's ability to identify and combat tumour cells.

269. What is the capital of Ghana?

- 1) Lilongwe
- 2) Bamako
- 3) Monrovia
- 4) Banjul
- 5) Accra

Answer- **5) Accra**

Explanation:

About Ghana:

President – Nana Akufo-Addo

Capital – Accra

Currency – Ghanaian Cedi

270. Who is the present (in Oct '23) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bipin Preet Singh?

- 1) Punita Kumar Sinha
- 2) Navdeep Singh Suri
- 3) Sayali Karanjkar
- 4) Praveen Gupta
- 5) Bipin Preet Singh

Answer- **5) Bipin Preet Singh**

Explanation:

About MobiKwik:

Founders – Bipin Preet Singh and Upasana Taku

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Bipin Preet Singh

Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana

Established in – 2009

271. What is the Tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

- 1) Together We Can
- 2) India's International Bank
- 3) Your Perfect Banking Partner
- 4) Support All the Way
- 5) We Understand Your World

Answer- **2) India's International Bank**

Explanation:

About Bank of Baroda(BoB):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Devdutt Chand

Headquarters – Vadodara, Gujarat (Head office), Mumbai, Maharashtra (Corporate centre)

Established in – 1908

Tagline – India's International Bank

272. Malaysian _____ is the currency of Malaysia.

- 1) Ruble
- 2) Tenge
- 3) Rupiah
- 4) Ringgit
- 5) Peso

Answer- **4) Ringgit**

Explanation:

About Malaysia:

Capital- Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur

Prime Minister- Anwar Ibrahim

Currency- Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

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

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

Answer- 1) Ravneet Kaur

Explanation:

About Competition Commission of India (CCI):

Chairperson- Ravneet Kaur

Established in- 2003

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

274. On 20th October 2023, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a cautionary notice regarding _____ (Cyclone) storm forming in the Arabian Sea.

- 1) Cyclone Asha
- 2) Cyclone Tej
- 3) Cyclone Mocha
- 4) Cyclone Biparjoy
- 5) Cyclone Hamoon

Answer- 2) Cyclone Tej

Explanation:

On 20th October 2023, The Indian Meteorological Department (**IMD**) issued a cautionary notice regarding a potential cyclonic storm forming in the **Arabian Sea**. This impending weather event, likely to be named '**Cyclone Tej**', has the potential to impact Mumbai, Pune, and other regions of Maharashtra and the Konkan area.

i. The IMD predicts that the low-pressure system currently developing over the Arabian Sea will intensify into a depression by 21st October 2023.

ii. However, the possibility of this system evolving into a full-fledged cyclonic storm remains uncertain at this stage.

275. In October 2023, _____ has become the first Indian automobile manufacturer to enter the Venezuelan market.

- 1) Ashok Leyland Limited
- 2) Eicher Motors Limited
- 3) Maruti Suzuki India Limited
- 4) Hindustan Motors Limited
- 5) TVS Motor Limited

Answer- 5) TVS Motor Limited

Explanation:

Chennai-based **TVS Motor Limited** has become the **first Indian automobile manufacturer** to enter the Venezuelan market, in association with local distributor Servisuministros Jpg.

- i. TVS Motor Co is entering the Venezuelan market with all of 14 products comprising premium motorcycles (TVS RR 310, Apache RTR 200 FI, Apache RTR 160, Apache RTR 200), commuter motorcycles (TVS TRAK 150, Sport 100, HLX, Stryker, Raider), the TVS XL 100 moped, the TVS Ntorq 125 scooter and the TVS King GS and King Cargo three-wheelers.
- ii. TVS Motor Co is the second largest two-wheeler exporter in India after Bajaj Auto, which commands 43% of the export market. In the first six months of FY2023, TVS has exported 4,36,033 two-wheelers, which accounts for 26% of total two-wheeler shipments from India.

276. On 18th October 2023, Former _____ captain Sornnarin Tippoch announced her retirement from international cricket.

- 1) Zimbabwe
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Thailand
- 4) South Africa
- 5) Belgium

Answer- **3) Thailand**

Explanation:

Former **Thailand** captain **Sornnarin Tippoch** announced her retirement from **International Cricket** on 18th October 2023 in Bangkok, bringing curtains on a near 16-year playing career. Tippoch led Thailand to their first ever T20 World Cup appearance at the 2020 mega-event in Australia.

- i. Tippoch first represented Thailand in 2008, when the national women's team did not have international status. The 37-year off-spinning all rounder has now played 75 T20Is (of which she has captained in 39) and 9 ODIs.
- ii. She was at the helm when Thailand Women surpassed Australia's record for most consecutive wins in Women's T20Is (17) - a streak that ran from July 2018 to August 2019.

277. In which city, India's first law enforcement Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) council launched in October 2023?

- 1) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

India's first law enforcement Chief Information Security Officers' **(CISO) council** was launched by DGP Anjani Kumar and Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

- i. The CISO council will partner with public and private institutions to tackle cyber security threats in real time.
- ii. The State police, with the support of industry and academia, launched the CISO council, in the presence of secretary for Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) Ramesh Kaza.

iii. The CISO council will be a beacon of cyber security in Telangana.

278. Which country is set to launch the world's largest underwater microscope, the Tropical Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope (TRIDENT) in 2030?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) Japan

Answer- **4) China**

Explanation:

China is constructing the **world's largest underwater microscope**, the Tropical Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope (**TRIDENT**), to hunt for elusive neutrinos or "ghost particles" in the Western Pacific Ocean. **i.** Set to be completed in 2030, TRIDENT aims to capture neutrinos as they become detectable in the deep ocean depths, providing insights into their cosmic origins.

279. In October 2023, the Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India participated in the 75th Frankfurt Book Fair in Frankfurt, _____(country).

- 1) Denmark
- 2) Germany
- 3) France
- 4) Switzerland
- 5) Belgium

Answer- **2) Germany**

Explanation:

The Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, participated in the prestigious **75th** Frankfurt Book Fair in **Frankfurt, Germany**.

i. The Frankfurt Book Fair is one of the world's most acclaimed book fairs, attracting participants and visitors from across the globe. It was held from October 18 to October 22, 2023, in Frankfurt, Germany.

ii. Publications Division: Established in 1941, the Directorate of Publications Division is a premier publishing house of the Government of India. It offers books and journals in various languages, covering diverse themes such as development, Indian history, culture, literature, biographies, science, technology, environment, and employment.

280. The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 scheme comes under _____ (Ministry).

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

Answer- **2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

Explanation:

About Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0:

- i.** AMRUT 2.0 is a scheme under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), launched on October 1, 2021 by the Prime Minister of India with a huge outlay of over Rs. 2.77 lakh crore.
- ii.** It is introduced as a step towards Aatma Nirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) by making the cities' water secure and providing functional water tap connections to all households.
- iii.** The scheme will ensure water security, reduce transportation costs and groundwater contamination, and increase water utilization capacity in India.

281. In which state Ajanta Caves Heritage site is located?

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

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister- Eknath Shinde

Governor- Ramesh Bais

Heritage site- Ajanta Caves (1983), Elephanta Caves (1987)

Bird sanctuary- Karnala Bird Sanctuary, Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary

**282. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was established by _____
(Group/Organisation).**

- 1) BRICS
- 2) G7
- 3) ASEM
- 4) G4
- 5) G20

Answer- **2) G7**

Explanation:

About Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

The **FATF** is an intergovernmental organisation established by the **G7** (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States and European Union) to prevent and combat money laundering, terrorism, and proliferation finance.

Founded- 1989

Headquarters- Paris, France

283. Where is the Vembanad-Kol Wetland (a Ramsar Site) located?

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

Answer- **4) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan

Airport- Kannur International Airport, Calicut International Airport

Ramsar Sites- Vembanad-Kol Wetland, Sasthamkotta Lake

284. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)?

- 1) Pushp Kumar Joshi
- 2) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- 3) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- 4) G. Krishnakumar
- 5) Arun Kumar Singh

Answer- **2) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya**

Explanation:

About Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL):

IOCL is a Maharatna Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) under MoPNG. It was incorporated in 1964 by merging Indian Refineries Limited with Indian Oil Company under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.

Chairman- Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

285. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RBL Bank?

- 1) Murali M. Natrajan
- 2) R Subramaniakumar
- 3) Murali Ramakrishnan
- 4) Prashant Kumar
- 5) Sumant Kathpalia

Answer- **2) R Subramaniakumar**

Explanation:

About RBL Bank:

Managing Director & CEO- R Subramaniakumar

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Apno Ka Bank

Establishment- 1943

286. In Which bank, Munish Sharda has recently (in October '23") appointed as the Executive Director with effective from 1st November 2023?

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) IDBI Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) Axis Bank

Answer- **5) Axis Bank**

Explanation:

Axis Bank has approved the appointment of Munish Sharda as Executive Director effective from 1st November 2023. Her appointment is for a period of three years from the effective date of his appointment and is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Bank and RBI.

- Munish Sharda is the Group Executive and head – Bharat Banking of Axis Bank Limited since September 2021.
- Sharda has worked for over 25 years in the banking and financial services sector across product categories in all the major markets of the country.

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

- 1) 1954
- 2) 1976
- 3) 1964
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1986

Answer- **3) 1964**

Explanation:**About Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL):**

Chairman and Managing Director (Additional Charge)– CB Ananthakrishnan

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

Establishment– 1964

288. In October 2023, Which country is celebrated the 100th anniversary of the creation of the modern and secular republic from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire?

- 1) Greece
- 2) Türkiye
- 3) Egypt
- 4) Hungary
- 5) Jordan

Answer- **2) Türkiye**

Explanation:

On 29th October 2023, the **Türkiye** government marked the **100th anniversary** of the creation of the modern, secular republic from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire with a firework and drone show in Istanbul as well as a procession of 100 hundred navy ships.

- **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk** proclaimed the Turkish Republic on **October 29, 1923**. He was the first president of Türkiye from 1923 to 1938.
- He started a series of bold changes aimed at transforming the Muslim-majority nation into a secular, Western-style democracy.

289. Who is the present (as of Oct '23) Secretary-General of United Nations(UN)?

- 1) Csaba Kőrösi
- 2) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- 3) Audrey Azoulay
- 4) António Guterres
- 5) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Answer- **4) António Guterres**

Explanation:

About United Nations (UN):

Secretary-General- António Guterres

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

Established on- 24 October 1945.

290. In Which state, Lakh-Bahosi Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **3) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh(UP):

Chief Minister- Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Patel

Bird Sanctuary- Parwati Arga Bird Sanctuary; Lakh-Bahosi Bird Sanctuary

Festival- Janmashtami; Taj Mahotsava

291. In which place, the headquarters of the Association Internationale du Film d'Animation (ASIFA) is located?

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

Answer- **5) Annecy, France**

Explanation:

About Association Internationale du Film d'Animation (ASIFA):

President - Deanna Morse

Founded in- 1960

Headquarters- Annecy, France

292. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is categorized NBFCs into ____ layers?

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

Answer- **3) 4**

Explanation:

A Non-Banking Financial Corporation, or NBFC, is a Non-Banking Company that takes on the operations of a financial institution, according to Section 451(c) of the RBI Act.

- The **4 layers** of NBFC are Base layer (NBFC – Base Layer (NBFC-BL)), Middle layer (NBFC – Middle Layer (NBFC-ML)), Upper layer (NBFC – Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)), and top layer (NBFC – Top Layer (NBFC-TL)).

293. Which is the headquarters of the AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 4) Thrissur, Kerala
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **3) Jaipur, Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB):

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

Headquarters – Jaipur, Rajasthan

Established in – 1996

Tagline – Badlaav Humse Hai

294. In which state, Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **3) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister – Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao

Governor – Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan

National Parks– Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park; Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park; Mrugavani National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary - Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary, Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary; Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary

295. Which is the headquarters of the World Steel Association(worldsteel)?

- 1) Montreal, Canada
- 2) Nairobi, Kenya
- 3) Brussels, Belgium
- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5) Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer- **3) Brussels, Belgium**

Explanation:

About World Steel Association(worldsteel):

Worldsteel was founded as the International Iron and Steel Institute on 10 July **1967** and renamed as Worldsteel in **2008**.

This represents steel producers, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. Its Members represent around **85%** of global steel production.

Director General- Edwin Basson

Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium

296. In Which state, the Hampi Festival is celebrated?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Assam
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Uttarkhand

Answer- **4) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Chief Minister – Siddaramaiah

Governor – Thaaawar Chand Gehlot

Tiger Reserve – Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve, Bandipur Tiger Reserve

Festivals – Hampi Festival, Karaga Festival

297. Who is the Managing Director(MD) of the Escrowpay?

- 1) Vaibhav Mate
- 2) Rahul Shinghal
- 3) Davide Carboni
- 4) Ashwin Chawwla
- 5) Vineet Singh

Answer- **4) Ashwin Chawwla**

Explanation:

About Escrowpay:

Escrowpay, a leading digital escrow platform where Escrow is a financial arrangement in which a third party, known as an escrow agent, holds money or property on behalf of two other parties that are in the process of completing a transaction.

MD- Ashwin Chawwla

Headquarters- Gurugram, Haryana Established in 2015

298. In which state, Kanha Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Telengana
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

Chief Minister (CM)- Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor- Mangubhai C. Patel

Tiger Reserves- Kanha Tiger Reserve, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Panna Tiger Reserve

Wildlife Sanctuary- Ralamandal Wildlife Sanctuary; Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary

299. Where is the Headquarters of the International Energy Agency (IEA) located?

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

Answer- **2) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About International Energy Agency (IEA):

Executive Director- Fatih Birol

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established in November 1974

300. What is the Tagline of IndusInd Bank?

- 1) One Family One Bank
- 2) Good people to bank with
- 3) The Name you can Bank Upon
- 4) Honors Your Trust
- 5) We Make You Feel Richer

Answer- **5) We Make You Feel Richer**

Explanation:

About IndusInd Bank Limited:

Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) - Sumant Kathpalia

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in 1994

Tagline - We Make You Feel Richer

301. Who is the present (as of Oct' 23) Central Vigilance Commissioner?

- 1) Arvinda Kumar
- 2) Bimaljit Kaur
- 3) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
- 4) Sanjeev Kumar
- 5) Gaurav Kumar Sharma

Answer- **3) Praveen Kumar Srivastava**

Explanation:

About Central Vigilance Commission (CVC):

Central Vigilance Commissioner- Praveen Kumar Srivastava

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

CVC is an apex governmental body in India, established in 1964 as a result of the recommendations of the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.

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

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

Answer- **2) Prashant Kumar**

Explanation:

About YES Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Prashant Kumar

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 2004

Tagline – Experience Our Expertise

303. As of October 2023, Vedanta Limited holds _____ stake in Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL).

- 1) 60.23%
- 2) 58.23%
- 3) 49.12%
- 4) 64.92%
- 5) 52.45%

Answer- **4) 64.92%**

Explanation:

Hindustan Zinc Ltd (**HZL**) is an Indian integrated mining and resources producer of zinc, lead, silver and cadmium. It is a subsidiary of Vedanta Limited. **Vedanta** holds a **64.92 percent stake** in Hindustan Zinc.

- In October 2023, the Indian government is gearing up to sell its remaining stake in Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL), a subsidiary of Vedanta, in smaller tranches over an extended period, aiming to maximise its value.
- The residual stake is valued at approximately Rs 40,000 crore at current market prices. The government's planned stake sale was halted last year due to Vedanta's proposal for a related party transaction, adversely impacting investor sentiment.
- In 2002-2003, HZL, India's largest zinc/lead miner, was privatised in favour of Vedanta, with the government's 29.54 per cent stake categorised as public float.

304. Name the bank that has recently (in Oct '23) inaugurated the 'Mookkannoor Mission', an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

- 1) South Indian Bank
- 2) Federal Bank
- 3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 4) RBL Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer- 2) Federal Bank

Explanation:

The **Federal Bank** inaugurated the '**Mookkannoor Mission**', an initiative under the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**, on the 106th birth anniversary of its Founder KP Hormis. Mookkannoor, a village in Ernakulam district, is the birthplace of the Founder.

- The Bank adopted a comprehensive plan of digitizing the entire village as well as a cleanliness drive that includes waste management, tree plantation, community development, renewable energy projects, etc that will be implemented in stages.
- i. The programme named "Mookkannoor Mission" was launched by Shyam Srinivasan, MD & CEO at Sacred Heart English Medium School, Mookkannoor.
 - ii. The project is designed to be implemented in three phases over three years under the guidance of the Panchayat and K P Hormis Educational and Charitable Society.

305. In which state 'Lemru Elephant Reserve' is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Chhattisgarh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 3) Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

The Union Coal Ministry has said that Coal India Limited's **(CIL) 40 coal blocks** in and around the Lemru Elephant Corridor (LEC) will not be auctioned at the request of the Chhattisgarh government.

- i. The **Lemru Elephant reserve** is located in the Korba district of **Chhattisgarh**. It seeks to give elephants a permanent habitat while also minimising property damage and human-animal conflict.
- ii. The reserve is part of an elephant corridor that connects Lemru (Korba), Badalkhol (Jashpur), Tamorpingla (Surguja).
- iii. Project Elephant was launched by the Government of India in 1992 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with following objectives: To protect elephants, their habitat & corridors To address issues of man-animal conflict Welfare of captive elephants.

306. Which company has recently (in Oct '23) partnered with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) to establish a laboratory to promote standardization and interoperability in the Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem in India?

- 1) Bharat Sanchar Nigam
- 2) Reliance Jio Infocomm
- 3) Bharti Airtel
- 4) Vodafone Idea
- 5) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam

Answer- 4) Vodafone Idea

Explanation:

Vodafone Idea (VI) has partnered with the Centre for Development of Telematics **(C-DOT)** to establish a laboratory aimed at promoting standardization and interoperability in the Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem in India.

i. The lab will provide device testing and certification based on oneM2M standards and 3GPP standards for interoperability, which have been adopted as national standards for IoT solution design by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

- The lab is equipped to test over 175 scenarios, including network and functional testing, field testing, application testing, compatibility testing, oneM2M standard testing, and more.

ii. It can also test over 30 use cases across various industries, such as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Connected Car, Point of Sale (POS), Vehicle Tracking System (VTS), and more.

307. In October 2023, _____, first Indian to successfully finish the Golden Globe Race (GGR) 2022 was felicitated by Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, at Goa in recognition of his historical achievement.

- 1) Jayanth Kumar
- 2) Praveen Gupta
- 3) Atish Mathur
- 4) Monish Jain
- 5) Abhilash Tomy

Answer- **5) Abhilash Tomy**

Explanation:

Cdr **Abhilash Tomy** (retd), the first Indian to successfully finish the **Golden Globe Race (GGR) 2022**, was felicitated by Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, on 30 Oct 23 at Goa in recognition of his historical achievement.

i. It was on 29th April 2023 that Cdr Tomy made history by finishing second in GGR 22, also becoming the first Asian to finish the race.

ii. He sailed for 236 days 14 hours and 46 minutes since his cast off on 04 September 2022, to return to Les Sables-d'Olonne, France behind Kirsten Neuschafer of South Africa.

iii. Prior to this, in 2013, Cdr Tomy became the first Indian to complete a solo, non-stop circumnavigation of the world under sail onboard INSV Mhadei. He also took part in GGR 18, but had to withdraw owing to a debilitating back injury sustained in a storm enroute.

308. Which finance institution of the World Bank provides financial assistance to the world's poorest countries with low-interest loans and grants?

- 1) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 2) International Development Association (IDA)
- 3) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 4) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 5) World Trade Organization (WTO)

Answer: **2) International Development Association (IDA)**

Explanation:

The International Development Association (**IDA**) is an institution within the World Bank Group that provides concessional financial assistance to the world's poorest countries in the form of low-interest loans and grants. It focuses on countries with limited access to financial markets and aims to reduce poverty in these nations.

309. The Reserve Bank of India was established on the recommendation of which committee?

- 1) Dhar Committee
- 2) Hilton-Young Commission
- 3) Percy Mistry Committee
- 4) Raghuram Rajan Committee
- 5) Narasimham Committee

Answer: **2) Hilton-Young Commission**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India was established based on the recommendations of the **Hilton-Young Commission**, also known as the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance.

310. Name the Indian cricketer who has been recently (in Oct '23) handed a two-year ban by the BCCI for submitting multiple birth certificates with different dates of birth.

- 1) Axar Patel
- 2) Jaydev Unadkat
- 3) Vanshaj Sharma
- 4) Lokesh Rahul
- 5) Avesh Khan

Answer- **3) Vanshaj Sharma**

Explanation:

Young cricketer **Vanshaj Sharma**, a resident of Jammu, has been handed a two-year ban by the BCCI for submitting multiple birth certificates with different dates of birth. Sharma, who belongs to Jammu's Bishnah, had migrated to Bihar and was presently playing under the state association.

- Sharma has been banned from participating in all BCCI tournaments for two years, effective October 27.

311. Where is Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary located?

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

Answer- **4) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary is located in **Madhya Pradesh**.

i. The entire Sanctuary is situated on a plateau, forming part of the upper Vindhyan range and has a connecting forest patch with Veerangana Durgawati Sanctuary in Damoh district towards the east, which extends up to Bandhavgarh National Park.

ii. The Sanctuary is classified under the Deccan peninsula biogeographic region.

312. Which of the following is the objective of Monetary Policy?

- 1) To maintain price stability
- 2) Arrangement of full employment
- 3) Exchange rate stability
- 4) Both 1 & 2

5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The policy by which the desired level of money flow and its demand is regulated by the RBI is known as monetary policy. Monetary policy is maintained through actions such as increasing the interest rate, or changing the amount of money banks need to keep in the vault (bank reserves).

The main objectives of Monetary Policy are,

- To maintain price stability.
- To ensure adequate flow of credit to productive sectors so as to assist growth.
- Arrangement of full employment
- Expansion of credit facility
- Equality & Justice Stability in exchange rate
- Promotion of Fixed Deposit
- Equitable distribution of Credit

313. What is the formula to calculate the unemployed rate?

1) Total labour force / Total number of unemployed x 100

2) Total labour force / Total number of unemployed x 10

3) Total number of unemployed / total labour force X 100

4) Total labour force / Total number of unemployed x 1000

5) Total number of unemployed / total labour force x 1000

Answer- **3) Total number of unemployed / total labour force X 100**

Explanation:

Total number of unemployed / total labour force multiplied by 100 is the correct formula to find out the unemployment rate.