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i. The MoU aims to identify and explore the execution projects, both in India and abroad, and set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with equity contribution and through synergy of their respective capabilities.

**16. In which country, the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) decided to open its first international marketing (oversea) and sales office?**

- 1) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Manila, Philippines
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

**Explanation:**

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed an MoU in the presence of Dr Ajay Kumar, Secretary of Defence for opening its **first international marketing** and sales office in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.

i. The office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas & other requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) like the upgradation and servicing of the Russian Su-30s & British Hawk trainer aircraft.

## **MoUs AND AGREEMENTS**

**1. Which organisation recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (IPICOL) for the Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave 2022?**

- 1) ICT Academy
- 2) ASSOCHAM
- 3) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- 4) NASSCOM
- 5) Quality Council of India

Answer- **3) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry**

**Explanation:**

Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (IPICOL) signed an MoU with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for the Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave 2022, which will be held from November 30 to December 04, 2022.

i. FICCI will work as a national industry partner in the conclave.

ii. The Make in Odisha Conclave 2022 will be the third edition. The first edition launched in 2016 received over Rs 2 Lakh Crores worth of investment in Odisha.

**2. Which command was recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the Airport Authority of India (AAI) to boost inter-island connectivity under UDAN scheme?**

- 1) Western Command
- 2) Eastern Command
- 3) Northern Command

4) Southern Command

5) Andaman Nicobar Command

Answer- **5) Andaman Nicobar Command**

**Explanation:**

Andaman Nicobar Command (**ANC**) signed an **MoU** with the Airport Authority of India (**AAI**) to boost inter-island connectivity under **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme** in **Port Blair**, the capital city of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**i.** Under the agreement, the naval airfields at Shibpur (Diglipur) in North Andaman and in Campbell Bay will be utilized for civil operations. Passenger flights will be connecting Port Blair directly to Diglipur and Campbell Bay.

**ii.** The agreement will provide smooth connectivity to remote islands and boost infrastructure development and passenger terminals.

**3. Name the Institute that was recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to boost Self-Reliance in key Technologies.**

1) NIT- Tiruchirappalli

2) IIT- Madras

3) IISc- Bengaluru

4) IIT- Kharagpur

5) IIT- Kanpur

Answer- **3) IISc- Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**)-**Bengaluru**, Karnataka signed an **MoU** with the Indian Navy to boost self-reliance in key technologies and to collaborate on aviation research and development.

**i.** Under the agreement, IISc will provide aid and assistance to the Navy to ramp up self-reliance efforts.

**About Indian Navy:**

**Founded-** 26 January 1950

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Navy Chief-Admiral-** R. Hari Kumar

**4. Name the state government that recently (in Aug '22) signed a tripartite MoU with NITI Aayog and Reach to Teach organisation for School Education Transformation.**

1) Kerala

2) Tamil Nadu

3) Gujarat

4) West Bengal

5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

On the second anniversary of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the State Government of **Arunachal Pradesh (AR)** inked a tripartite **MoU** with **NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog**, and **Reach to Teach** organisation for a large-scale transformation in school education.

**i.** It is a three-year partnership (2022–25) agreement. NEP was launched by the Central Government on July 29, 2020.

ii. The MoU focuses on the enhancement of the learning outcome of students across 3,000 plus government schools in AR thereby reaching out to over two lakh children.

**5. Which state recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with Maharashtra to Prevent Migration and Trafficking of Women?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

A Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) between the governments of **West Bengal** and **Maharashtra** was signed in order to prevent the migration and trafficking of women between the two states, where a lot of movement of people takes place.

i. Dr. Shashi Panja, Minister In-Charge, Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, West Bengal (WB), attended a state-level consultation on the "Uses and Abuses of Technology" organized by the WB Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30, 2022).

ii. WB is susceptible to trafficking because of its porous international borders with Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and other states.

**6. Which country's Speaker of Assembly recently (in July'22) visited India for the Parliamentary delegation and signed an MoC to boost cooperation between the two countries?**

- 1) Mozambique
- 2) Germany
- 3) Turkmenistan
- 4) Australia
- 5) Mauritius

Answer- **1) Mozambique**

**Explanation:**

A Parliamentary delegation from **Mozambique** led by Speaker of Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique, **Esperanca Laurinda Francisco Nhiuane** Bias is on a three-day visit to India from 27 July to 29 July 2022.

i. The Parliamentary delegations from Mozambique called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi, on 29th July 2022. The President of India received the delegation as the first international delegation after her assumption of office on 25th July 2022.

ii. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla held a bilateral meeting with the Speaker of the Assembly of Mozambique, Esperanca Laurinda Francisco Nhiuane Bias at Parliament House Complex, New Delhi, Delhi and signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (**MoC**) to boost Cooperation between the Parliaments of India and Mozambique.

**7. Which company recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India?**

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

**Answer- 1) Indian Oil Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

On August 2, 2022, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOCL**) signed an **MoU** with National Tiger Conservation Authority (**NTCA**) for transcontinental relocation of '**Cheetah**' in its historical range in India.

- i.** This MoU is in continuation with the MoU signed on July 20, 2022 between India and Namibia on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization, for establishing the cheetah into the historical range in India.
- ii.** Under the project, 8-10 Cheetahs will be flown in from Namibia and South Africa and will be introduced at **Kuno National Park**, Madhya Pradesh. It is a national project involving NTCA, Govt. of India and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh (MP).
- iii.** NTCA is the nodal agency authorized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for funding, supervision and hand holding.

**8. Which company recently (in Aug ' 22) signed an MoU with the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) to Develop Entrepreneurial Skills & Create Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities?**

- 1) Nestlé India
- 2) ITC Limited
- 3) Hindustan Unilever Limited
- 4) Adani Wilmar
- 5) Britannia Industries

**Answer- 3) Hindustan Unilever Limited**

**Explanation:**

The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (**NIESBUD**) signed an MoU with Hindustan Unilever Limited (**HUL**) for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities.

- i.** Under the agreement, NIESBUD and HUL will organize training programmes, develop course curriculum and undertake cluster development activities.

**9. Which company recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department for the emergency supply of petroleum goods?**

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

**Answer- 1) Indian Oil Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOCL**) signed an **MoU** with the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department in Dhaka, **Bangladesh** for an interim set up to facilitate emergency supply of petroleum goods.

**i.** Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), Hardeep Singh Puri released publications on Indian Oil Corporation Limited's (IOCLs) Diamond Jubilee milestone of Guwahati Refinery and Golden Jubilee celebrations of Bongaigaon Refinery.

**10. Which ministry recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) and National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for sharing Udyam data?**

- 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 3) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 4) Ministry of MSME
- 5) Ministry of Finance

Answer- **4) Ministry of MSME**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (**MoMSME**) celebrated the landmark of 1 crore registrations on its Udyam Portal. On the occasion, the MoMSME signed an **MoU** with the Ministry of Tourism (**MoT**) and National Small Industries Corporation (**NSIC**) for sharing Udyam data.

**i.** The MSME Ministry also announced that the Udyam certificate will be available in the Digi Locker facility. The MSME Ministry also launched the Digi Locker facility for Udyam Registration.

**ii.** According to the Udyam portal, the total Udyam registration count, at the time of filing this report, stood at 1,00,20,295, of which over 95 lakh were micro units, near 4 lakh were small businesses, and 38,087 were medium enterprises with the span of 25 months.

**11. Which country's 'Radio technical Systems' (RTS) signed a deal with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to Supply Radio equipment for 24 Airports in India?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) France
- 3) Germany
- 4) United States of America
- 5) Australia

Answer- **1) Russia**

**Explanation:**

Scientific and Production Corporation "Radio technical Systems" (**RTS**) of **Russia** has signed a large-scale contract with the Airports Authority of India (**AAI**) for the supply of radio equipment. Under this contract, the company will manufacture 34 sets of Instrument Landing System (ILS)-734 for the modernisation of 24 airports in India.

**i.** First part of landing systems ILS-734 must be shipped before November 2022.

**ii.** The ILS- 734 system allows for the landing of equipped aircraft with a runway visual range of minimum 50 metres and a decision height of minimum 15 metres.

**12. Larsen & Toubro Ltd recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to set up an Information Technology (IT) and IT-enabled Services (ITeS) Park in which city of Gujarat?**

- 1) Vadodara
- 2) Surat
- 3) Ahmedabad
- 4) Gandhinagar
- 5) Jamnagar

**Answer- 1) Vadodara**

**Explanation:**

Larsen & Toubro Limited (**L&T**) has signed an **MoU** with the Gujarat government to set up an Information Technology (**IT**) and IT-enabled Services (**ITeS**) Park in **Vadodara**, Gujarat at an investment worth Rs. 7,000 crores.

- i.** The Company will invest Rs. 7,000 crores over a period of five years for the development of this IT-ITeS Park which will provide jobs for around 2,000 engineers in the first year of its establishment.
- ii.** This IT park will be set up under the IT/ITeS policy 2022-2027 that was launched in February 2022. This would create around 10,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities during the next five years.

**13. In August 2022, United Way Bengaluru (UWBe) signed an MoU with the Women and Child Development (WCD) to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Provide NEET Coaching to the 12th Std
- 2) Improve Quality of Anganwadis in Karnataka
- 3) Provide Cycle to Government School Students
- 4) Improve the Quality of Education
- 5) Provide MidDay Meal to School Students upto to 6th Std

**Answer- 2) Improve Quality of Anganwadis in Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

United Way Bengaluru (**UWBe**), a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) which is focused on social issues signed an MoU with the Women and Child Development (WCD), department under Government of Karnataka for strengthening Anganwadi centres.

- i.** Aim - To ensure quality childhood care and development among children up to 6 years at Anganwadi centres.
- ii.** It also **improves the overall quality of Anganwadi workers** and teachers which in turn to better equip children for schooling.
- iii.** The NGO plans to work with 66,361 Anganwadi centres in Karnataka to directly benefit around 40 lakh children.
- iv.** Under which, 21.16 lakh children are between the age group of 6 months to 3 years and 18.67 lakh children are between the age of 3 years and 6 years.

**14. Name the state that recently (in August '22) signed 4 MoUs with HCL, Walmart, and Flipkart for various purposes, including skill development in youths.**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Karnataka

- 4) Assam
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Assam**

**Explanation:**

The **Assam** government signed **four MoUs** with HCL, Walmart and Flipkart for various purposes, including skilling the youths, exporting local products and creating talent for the e-commerce supply chain.

- i. HCL Technologies Vice President Subbaraman Balasubramanyan, Flipkart Director Akash Misra, Swasti Operations Head Amarnath Sharma, Assam Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah and others.
- ii. The first MoU was signed between the Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training (DECT) and the IT firm HCL Technologies to facilitate the entrepreneurship and employment development among youths of Assam under various programmes.

**15. Which state government recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) to develop an integrated land management system with advanced technology?**

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

Answer- **2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Andhra Pradesh** (AP) government entered into an **MoU** with National Institute for Smart Government (**NISG**).

- i. Under the agreement, NISG will assist the AP government in preparation and development of an integrated land management system with advanced technology in fixing the boundaries. Any new services added with regard to land administration will also be available.
- ii. Both parties entered into agreement as a part of implementation of YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhu Hakku Bhu Raksha scheme.
  - The Scheme was launched on 18th January 2022, a comprehensive re-survey program to store the digital records of land through which duplication of land registrations can be avoided.

**16. Name the institutes that recently (in August '22) signed an agreement with Cochin Shipyard Limited to boost startups in the maritime sector.**

- 1) IIM Bangalore
- 2) IIM Ahmedabad
- 3) IIM Lucknow
- 4) IIM Indore
- 5) IIM Kozhikode

Answer- **5) IIM Kozhikode**



**Explanation:**

Cochin Shipyard Limited (**CSL**), a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, and Indian Institute of Management (**IIM**)-**Kozhikode** in Kerala has signed an agreement to boost startups in the maritime sector.

- i. The CSL and IIMK's business incubator Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) plan to augment initiatives to develop an ecosystem for supporting the startups in the maritime sector from the technical, regulatory, financial, and marketing points of view by bringing the stakeholders together.
- ii. Under the initiative, start-ups can get up to Rs 50 lakh as seed grants, Rs 1 crore as prototyping grants and equity funding for start-ups at the scale-up stage.

**17. Which institutes recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Prasar Bharati to develop a Next Generation Broadcast solution?**

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

Answer- **2) IIT Kanpur**

**Explanation:**

India's public broadcaster, **Prasar Bharati** has signed an **MoU** with Indian Institutes of Technology (**IIT**), **Kanpur** to develop Next Generation Broadcast Solution and Roadmap for Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting consistent with emerging standards such as 5G Broadcast.

- i. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) stated that sanction for the proof of concept of Next Generation broadcasting has also been conveyed to IIT-Kanpur.
- ii. The selection of an appropriate Next Generation broadcast technology and digital terrestrial transmission roadmap of Doordarshan (DD) depends upon evaluation of this proof of concept.

**18. Which state's power distribution company recently signed an MoU with NLC India Ltd to develop 1,000 MW of solar power projects?**

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

Answer- **5) Assam**

**Explanation:**

Tamil Nadu based NLC India Ltd. (**NLCIL**), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Coal, signed an **MoU** with **Assam** Power Distribution Company Limited (**APDCL**) to develop **1,000 MW** of solar power projects in Assam.

- i. The agreement was signed for setting up a joint venture company with equity participation of 51% by NLCIL and 49% by APDCL.

ii. The establishment of this solar project will act as a stepping stone for NLCIL to achieve its ambitious plans of having a capacity of around 17,171 MW, including 6,031 MW of renewable energy, by 2030.

**19. Name the ministry that recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the NBCC (India) Limited to redevelop the ministry's housing complex (old) at Kasturba Gandhi Marg for Rs. 175 crores.**

- 1) Ministry of Law and Justice
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 4) Ministry of External Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of External Affairs**

**Explanation:**

**NBCC (India) Limited**, formerly known as National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited, has signed an **MoU** with the Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**) for the redevelopment of the MEA Housing Complex (old) at Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi, Delhi. The tentative cost of the redevelopment project is Rs. 175 crores.

i. Aligarh Smart City Ltd for Providing Project Management and Consultancy (PMC) services for the 'Development and Modernisation of Infrastructure at Naurangilal College, SH: Sports facilities' assignment. The estimation is around Rs.50 crores.

**20. Which state government recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for protecting its coastline?**

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

Answer- **1) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The **Odisha** government has signed an **MoU** with National Institute of Ocean Technology (**NIOT**) for protecting its coastline.

i. Under the partnership, NIOT will provide technical guidance, design, and drawing of climate resilient coastal protection measures.

- The 6 coastal districts of Odisha including Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, and Ganjam will be benefitted.

ii. This MoU will be a milestone in the Disaster Risk Reduction (**DRR**) in the coastal areas of the state.

**21. Which district of Uttar Pradesh recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with Flipkart to empower national market access for artisans, weavers, & people with disabilities under the Samarth program?**

- 1) Lucknow
- 2) Mirzapur
- 3) Varanasi
- 4) Meerut

5) Kanpur

Answer- **3) Varanasi**

**Explanation:**

An Indian e-commerce company, **Flipkart**, has signed an **MoU** with the District Administration of **Varanasi**, Government of Uttar Pradesh(**UP**) August 7, 2022 to empower National market access for artisans, weavers, and people with disabilities.

**i.** Under this partnership iconic products like Banarasi Sarees, Handmade Carpets, Zardozi Craft, Metal Crafts, and Handmade Dari from UP will be made available on the Flipkart platform.

**22. Which state recently (in Aug '22) approved an MoU with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN Limited) for the development of 10,000 MW renewable energy projects?**

1) Tamil Nadu

2) Madhya Pradesh

3) Rajasthan

4) Karnataka

5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

The Government of **Rajasthan** has approved an MoU with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (**SJVN Limited**) for the development of **10,000 MW** (MegaWatt) renewable energy projects.

**i.** This project would require an investment of around Rs 50,000 crore in the next 5 to 7 years.

**ii.** Under this MoU, SJVN will establish the renewable energy projects on the land banks to be allocated by Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd (RRECL).

**iii.** SJVN Ltd targets to achieve the shared vision of 5000 MW by 2023, 25000 MW by 2030, and 50000 MW by 2040.

**23. Name the organisation that recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to ensure the safety of booking data under the Air E-Ticket Service.**

1) Assam Rifles

2) Central Reserve Police Force

3) Border Security Force

4) Indo-Tibetan Border Police

5) Sashastra Seema Bal

Answer- **3) Border Security Force**

**Explanation:**

The Border Security Force (**BSF**) signed an **MoU** with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**) to ensure the safety and security of booking data for BSF personnel with low cancellation charges and provided an online portal with a credit facility of 60 days.

**i.** This will enable better facilities to the BSF personnel who guard 3,323 km of India-Pakistan and 4,096 km India-Bangladesh borders.

**24. Which state government recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), Bengaluru, Karnataka, to set up central India's largest regional testing laboratory and testing centre?**

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

**Answer- 2) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), Bengaluru, Karnataka, has signed an MoU with the Chhattisgarh Government to set up central India's largest regional testing laboratory and testing centre at Atal Nagar-Nava Raipur (Naya Raipur), Chhattisgarh.

i. The National level testing unit will be settled on an area of 10 acres which does have test facilities for transformers, transformer oil, switch fuse unit, and other electrical equipment.

**25. Name the organization that recently (in August '22) signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with ExxonMobil Corporation for Deepwater Exploration on the Indian East and West coasts.**

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

**Answer- 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**

**Explanation:**

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with ExxonMobil Corporation for an exploration of oil and gas in the deep sea on India's East and West coasts.

i. They would focus on the Godavari – Krishna basin on the East coast and Kutch – Mumbai basin on the West coast.

ii. The pact on signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2019, to undertake joint studies between these two firms is included in this work on deepwater.

**26. Name the organisation that recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO for Cooperation on Satellite Based Naval Applications in Oceanology & Meteorology.**

- 1) Indian Air Force
- 2) Indian Navy
- 3) Central Reserve Police Force
- 4) Indian Army
- 5) Indian Coast Guard

**Answer- 2) Indian Navy**

**Explanation:**

**Indian Navy (IN)** and Space Applications Centre (**SAC**), under the aegis of the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, have signed an **MoU** on data sharing and cooperation on Satellite based Naval Applications in Oceanology and Meteorology.

- i. The MoU was signed by Nilesh M Desai, Distinguished Scientist, Director of SAC and Commodore G Rambabu, Naval Oceanology and Meteorology (NOM).
- ii. The MoU also aims to encourage meaningful interactions and professional exchanges between IN and SAC.

**27. Which organisation recently (in Aug '22) signed a Headquarter Agreement (HQA) with the Government of India (GoI) to enable Independent & International Legal Entity status?**

- 1) International Labour Organization
- 2) United Nations Human Settlement Programme
- 3) Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
- 4) International Civil Aviation Organization
- 5) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**Answer- 3) Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)**

**Explanation:**

The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (**CDRI**) and the Government of India (GoI) signed the Headquarter Agreement (**HQA**) in New Delhi, Delhi, granting CDRI the status of "Independent and International Legal Entity."

- i. In accordance with Section 3 of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947, CDRI is designated as a "International Organisation" and HQA is signed with CDRI for the purpose of granting exemptions, immunities, and privileges.
- ii. The CDRI was launched by India's Prime Minister (PM), Narendra Modi, on September 23, 2019, during the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York, United States (US).

**28. Name the company that recently (in Aug '22) signed MoUs with Assam, Manipur & Tripura state governments to promote oil palm cultivation Under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme.**

- 1) Ruchi Soya Industries
- 2) Adani Wilmar
- 3) Cargill India
- 4) Godrej Agrovet
- 5) 3F Industries

**Answer- 4) Godrej Agrovet**

**Explanation:**

**Godrej Agrovet** signed **three MoU** with Assam, Manipur and Tripura state governments for the development and promotion of oil palm cultivation in the region under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (**NMEO-OP**) scheme.

- i. The MoUs are in line with Godrej Agrovet's long-term strategy to be the catalyst of India's oil mission through sustainable growth of oil palm production and doubling of farmers' income.

**29. In August 2022, Akshaya Patra Foundation (APF) signed an MoU with Nutrihub under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN).**

**The Nutrihub is hosted by which of the following organisations?**

- 1) ICAR- Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research
- 2) ICAR- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research
- 3) ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- 4) ICAR- Indian Institute of Millets Research
- 5) ICAR- Central Institute of Fisheries Technology

**Answer- 4) ICAR- Indian Institute of Millets Research**

**Explanation:**

Akshaya Patra Foundation (APF) signed an MoU with Nutrihub, a technology Business Incubator hosted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) to promote balanced and healthy diets through the sustainable production and consumption of climate-resilient and nutritious millet in various feeding programme and integration of millets under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN).

i. The collaboration of APF and Nutrihub is an initiative as part of the run-up for 2023 as the International year of Millets by the Government of India (GoI).

ii. The partnership Akshaya Patra and Nutrihub is to collaborate on millet products or grains to provide mid-day meals in various states.

**30. Name the organisation that recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT), Maharashtra, to provide loans for green energy projects.**

- 1) Solar Energy Corporation of India
- 2) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- 3) Power Finance Corporation
- 4) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency

**Answer- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), has signed an MoU with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT), Maharashtra, to provide loans for green energy projects.

i. According to the MoU, IREDA will provide financing resources to MAHAPREIT for the Renewable Energy (RE) projects that will be implemented for state utilities, local governments, and the infrastructure of Renewable Energy Parks.

ii. With this collaboration, IREDA will be able to assist the GoI in meeting its target of 50% share of energy from non-fossil fuel energy by 2030.

**31. Which ministry recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to deliver a comprehensive health package for transgender people under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?**

- 1) Ministry of Law and Justice
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs

3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

4) Ministry of Finance

5) Ministry of Women and Child Development

**Answer- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

**Explanation:**

The National Health Authority (NHA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), have signed an MoU to deliver an inclusive and comprehensive **health package for transgender people** under the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

i. This initiative, the first of its kind in India, will provide Transgender Persons rightful and respectable place in society.

**32. Which ministry recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Ayush to provide technical support for digitalization of Ayush Sector under the Ayush Grid Project for 3 years?**

1) Ministry of Rural Development

2) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

3) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

4) Ministry of Science and Technology

5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**Answer- 2) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ayush) (MOA), to provide technical support to the Ministry of Ayush for digitalization of Ayush Sector under the **Ayush Grid Project** for a period of 3 years.

i. The advisory inputs on the Ayush Grid project was chaired and co-chaired by a High-Level Advisory Committee (HLAC) and Secretary MeitY respectively.

ii. The Ministry of Ayush launched the Ayush Grid Project in the year 2018 in order to create a backbone for the IT sector.

iii. Ayush Ministry had developed a thought-provoking 'Ayush Grid' Project as part of the Digital India Program. It holds the 'Information and Technology' to transform operational efficiency.

**33. Which state recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) British High Commission, New Delhi for Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda(MGJSM) Scholarship?**

1) Uttarakhand

2) Gujarat

3) West Bengal

4) Odisha

5) Jharkhand

**Answer- 5) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:**

The government of **Jharkhand** signed an **MoU** with the United Kingdom(UK) government Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), British High Commission, New Delhi to award the **Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda(MGJSM) Scholarship** to five meritorious scholars

belonging to the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward class and minorities in the Jharkhand.

- i. The scholarship aims to provide fully funded scholarships to students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and minority community of the state in premier universities of Great Britain from the 2023-2024 academic session.
- ii. This is the first MoU signed between FCDO and an Indian State.

**34. Which of the following organisations was recently (in Aug '22) signed an agreement for Swift Development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) under Bharatmala Pariyojna?**

- 1) National Highways Logistics Management Limited
- 2) Inland Waterways Authority of India
- 3) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- 4) Both 2 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

A tripartite agreement was signed between the National Highways Logistics Management Limited (**NHLML**), Inland Waterways Authority of India (**IWAI**) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (**RVNL**) which envisages swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (**MMLP**) under **Bharatmala Pariyojna** across India.

- i. Its objective is to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) at par with International Standards.

**35. Name the country that recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to facilitate smart, sustainable aviation technology.**

- 1) Germany
- 2) Sweden
- 3) France
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) Canada

Answer- **2) Sweden**

**Explanation:**

The Airports Authority of India (**AAI**) and **Sweden's** LFV Air Navigation Services (**LUFTFARTSVERKET**) inked an **MoU** for collaboration in aviation technology at the Corporate Headquarters of AAI in New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. The objective of this initiative is to support India's efforts to build an efficient, secure, safe, and sustainable sector.

**36. Which state govt. recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to collaborate and unleash the potential of entrepreneurial talents?**

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



5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **1) Nagaland**

**Explanation:**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) signed an MoU with the Nagaland Government to collaborate and unleash the potential of entrepreneurial talents in Nagaland.

i. The MoU was signed at the Nagaland Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) & Investment Conclave 2022 in Kohima, Nagaland.

ii. The conclave was held from 22nd to 23rd August 2022 under the theme "Partnerships for strengthening sustainable development".

**37. Which state recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with "Parley for the Oceans" for plastic-waste management?**

1) West Bengal

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) Mumbai

4) Kerala

5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh signed an MoU with "Parley for the Oceans", United States (US) based Environmental organization, for plastic-waste management.

i. The MoU was signed during the programme held at AU Convention Centre, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet (GASP) will be partnering the project.

ii. Parley for the Oceans will set up "Parley Super Hub", in Visakhapatnam, where recycling and upcycling of plastic wastes will be done.

**38. Tata steel was recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with Punjab Government to set up a 0.75 million tonne per annum (MnTPA) steel scrap based electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant in \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) Ludhiana

2) Patiala

3) Jalandhar

4) Amritsar

5) Hoshiarpur

Answer- **1) Ludhiana**

**Explanation:**

The Tata steel and the Government of Punjab has signed an MoU for setting up a 0.75 million tonne per annum (MnTPA) long products steel scrap based electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant in Ludhiana, Punjab.

i. The MoU was signed in the presence of the Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann.

ii. The investment by the Punjab Government is Rs 2,600 crore and handed over a land allotment letter to Tata Steel.

iii. The land allotted next to the Hi-Tech Valley Industrial Park of the Punjab government.

**39. Which organisation was recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for the promotion and facilitation of 'One Herb, One Standard'?**

- 1) National Health System Resources Centre
- 2) Kasturba Health Society
- 3) Pasteur Institute of India
- 4) Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission
- 5) Pharmacy Council of India

**Answer- 4) Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission**

**Explanation:**

Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (**PCIM&H**), under the Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (**IPC**), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in New Delhi for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for promotion and facilitation of '**One Herb, One Standard**'.

**i. Objective** – To promote public health by facilitating the development of harmonised Herbal drug standards and to achieve 'One Herb – One Standard'.

**40. Name the state/UT government that recently (in Aug '22) signed an agreement with the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) for the 500 MW Dugar Hydroelectric Project.**

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer- 1) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited (**NHPC**) signed an implementation agreement with the Government of **Himachal Pradesh** for the **500** megawatt (**MW**) Dugar Hydroelectric Project in Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

**i.** NHPC executed the detailed survey and investigations, techno-economic studies and submitted a detailed project capacity of 500 MW to Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

**ii.** Dugar hydroelectric project is expected to produce 1,759.85 million units per year.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

**1. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)?**

- 1) Balesh Sharma
- 2) Ravinder Takkar
- 3) Sushil Agarwal
- 4) Gopal Vittal
- 5) Akshaya Moondra

**Answer- 5) Akshaya Moondra**

Explanation:

**Vodafone Idea** Limited (VIL) appointed **Akshaya Moondra** as its Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) with effect from August 19, 2022 for a period of three years. Akshaya Moondra will succeed incumbent CEO Ravinder Takkar, whose three year tenure is coming to an end on August 18 2022

- i. Ravinder Takkar was appointed Managing Director (MD) and CEO of the company on August 19, 2019, for a term of three year.
- ii. The appointment is based on the recommendation of the company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

**2. Name the personality who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).**

- 1) Satish Kumar Gupta
- 2) Nakul Jain
- 3) Sanjeev Garg
- 4) Vivek Kumar Mathur
- 5) Praveen Sharma

Answer- **2) Nakul Jain**

**Explanation:**

Paytm's parent entity, One97 Communications, has appointed Standard Chartered Bank executive **Nakul Jain** as chief executive officer (**CEO**) of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (**PPSL**).

- i. Praveen Sharma, the acting CEO of Paytm Payments Services, has been moved to lead Paytm's commerce vertical. He was appointed as Managing Director (MD) and CEO of PPSL in September 2021.
- ii. Previously, Nakul Jain served as managing director of private banking, priority banking, deposits, and branch banking at Standard Chartered Bank.

**3. Name the personality who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the World Bank's Country Director for India.**

- 1) Karsanbhai Patel
- 2) Amika Anderson
- 3) Junaid Kamal Ahmad
- 4) Agha Tanveer
- 5) Auguste Tano Kouame

Answer- **5) Auguste Tano Kouame**

**Explanation:**

**Auguste Tano Kouamé**, a citizen of Côte d'Ivoire, took charge as the World Bank's Country Director for India with effect from 1st August 2022. He replaces Junaid Kamal Ahmad who recently completed a 5-year term. He has served as the World Bank's Country Director for Turkey.

- i. He has also served as the director of the department of human development and economic management in the World Bank Group's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) from January 2017 to April 2019.
- ii. As of July 2022, World Bank's net commitments to India stood at USD 21.86 billion across 99 projects.

**4. Inderjit Camotra was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which Small Finance Bank?**

- 1) Capital Small Finance Bank
- 2) Unity Small Finance Bank
- 3) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 4) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
- 5) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

**Answer- 2) Unity Small Finance Bank**

**Explanation:**

Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (**Unity Bank**) appointed **Inderjit Camotra** as its Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**). His appointment was approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Unity Bank's Board.

**About Unity Small Finance Bank Limited:**

In Jan 2022, the bank appointed Vinod Rai, the former CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) of India, as its Chairman.

**Commenced operation-** 2021

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**5. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Cabinet Secretary for a further period of one-year?**

- 1) Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- 2) Prabhat Kumar
- 3) Rajiv Gauba
- 4) Kamal Pande
- 5) Ajit Kumar Seth

**Answer- 3) Rajiv Gauba**

**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the extension in service of **Rajiv Gauba** as Cabinet Secretary for a further period of one-year beyond August 30, 2022. This is his second extension on the post.

**i.** Rajiv Gauba, former Union Home Secretary is a 1982 batch IAS officer from the Jharkhand cadre.

**ii.** He has also represented India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for four years.

**6. In August 2022, Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President of India against Margaret Alva.**

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

**Answer- 5) 14th**

**Explanation:**

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate and a former West Bengal Governor **Jagdeep Dhankhar** has won the 16th Vice President elections with 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes against Margaret Alva and became the **14th Vice President of India**.

i. Jagdeep Dhankhar will take the oath of office on 11th August 2022, a day after the term of the incumbent Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu comes to end.

**7. In August 2022, Arkady Dvorkovich from \_\_\_\_\_ was re-elected as the President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) for a 2nd term, while \_\_\_\_\_ from India was elected as the Deputy President of FIDE.**

- 1) Spain; Viswanathan Anand
- 2) United States of America; Vidit Gujrathi
- 3) Russia; Viswanathan Anand
- 4) Spain; Vidit Gujrathi
- 5) Russia; S. L. Narayanan

Answer- **3) Russia; Viswanathan Anand**

**Explanation:**

**Arkady Dvorkovich** of **Russia** was re-elected for a 2nd term as the **President** of the International Chess Federation (Fédération Internationale des Échecs – FIDE) with 157 votes out of 179 National Chess Associations voted in the meeting held in India.

i. India's Grandmaster **Viswanathan Anand**, 5-time World Chess Champion has been elected as the **new Deputy President** of FIDE.

ii. The FIDE elections took place during the FIDE General Assembly held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu(India) alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad.

iii. He was first elected as FIDE President in October 2018.

**8. Who was recently (in Aug '22) Becomes First Women Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)?**

- 1) Nallathamby Kalaiselvi
- 2) Ritu Karidhal
- 3) Aditi Pant
- 4) Nandini Harinath
- 5) Tessy Thomas

Answer- **1) Nallathamby Kalaiselvi**

**Explanation:**

**Nallathamby Kalaiselvi**, a senior electrochemical scientist has become the **first woman director** general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**), a consortium of 38 state-run research institutes across India.

- She succeeds Shekhar Mande, who was superannuated in April 2022.

i. The appointment is for a period of two years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

ii. She will also hold the charge as the Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research(DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology(MoST).

**9. Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar Nitish Kumar recently (in Aug '22) tendered his resignation for his position to Governor of Bihar.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) governor of Bihar?**

- 1) La. Ganesan
- 2) Phagu Chauhan
- 3) Lalji Tandon
- 4) Satya Pal Malik
- 5) Banwarilal Purohit

**Answer- 2) Phagu Chauhan**

**Explanation:**

**Nitish Kumar** tendered his resignation as the Chief Minister (**CM**) of the National Democratic Alliance (**NDA**) in Bihar to Governor **Phagu Chauhan**.

- i.** Nitish Kumar's resignation came shortly after former national president Ramchandra Prasad (RCP) Singh, who resigned when his party, the Janata Dal (United) [JD (U)], issued a notice demanding an explanation on corruption charges lodged against him.
- ii.** As a result, the coalition between the JD(U) and the BJP, its coalition partner in Bihar, has come to an end.
- iii.** He has filed a letter of support to the Governor with support of the entire opposition, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress, Left parties, and a few others—in order to establish a claim to form the next Government.

**10. In August 2022, James Marape was elected as the Prime Minister of which country for the 2nd term?**

- 1) Brunei
- 2) Vanuatu
- 3) Fiji
- 4) East Timor
- 5) Papua New Guinea

**Answer- 5) Papua New Guinea**

**Explanation:**

**Papua New Guinea's** Prime Minister (**PM**) **James Marape**, leader of the Pangu Party, was elected unopposed and sworn in for a second term. The oath was administered by the newly re-elected speaker Job Pomat. Voting in the general election started on July 4 and ended on July 22, 2022.

- i.** James Marape won support from a majority of members in the newly elected parliament in Papua New Guinea. The Parliament resumed despite the election outcome being declared for only 105 of 118 seats.
- ii.** Among the newly elected members were Rufina Peter and Kessy Sawang, the first female candidates confirmed to have secured a seat in parliament.

**11. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu?**

- 1) Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- 2) Hemant Gupta
- 3) Indira Banerjee
- 4) Uday Umesh Lalit

5) Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud

Answer- **4) Uday Umesh Lalit**

**Explanation:**

Justice **Uday Umesh Lalit** (UU Lalit), judge of the Supreme Court was appointed as the **49th** Chief Justice of India (**CJI**) by the warrant signed by President Droupadi Murmu.

- i.** In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President has appointed Justice U U Lalit as CJI.
- ii.** He will take oath and assume charge on 27th August 2022 replacing incumbent CJI Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana(N V Ramana), who will retire on 26th August 2022.
- iii.** Uday Umesh Lalit will have a brief tenure as the head of India's judiciary and would demit office on 8th November 2022 after holding the charge as the CJI for 3 months.
- iv.** Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was the **2nd CJI** who was directly elevated to the apex court bench from the Bar.
  - In 1971 Justice Sarv Mittra Sikri(SM Sikri) was the 1st lawyer to be elevated directly to the top court bench in March 1964.

**12. On 10th August 2022, Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar took oath as the Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar for the \_\_\_\_ consecutive time.**

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

Answer- **3) 8th**

**Explanation:**

Janata Dal (United) leader **Nitish Kumar** took oath as the Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar for the **8th** consecutive time. He was joined by Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav who swore in as his Deputy CM.

- i.** They were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Phagu Chauhan.
- ii.** Nitish Kumar joined hands with RJD, Congress, and the Left. He submitted his resignation to Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan to stake a claim to form a new government with the support of 164 MLAs.

**13. The government recently (in Aug '22) reappointed four independent directors on the board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for another 4 years.**

**Which of the following personalities is 'Not' in the list of 4 independent directors on Board of RBI?**

- 1) Venu Srinivasan
- 2) Swaminathan Gurumurthy
- 3) Sachin Chaturvedi
- 4) Satish Kashinath Marathe
- 5) Revathy Iyer

Answer- **1) Venu Srinivasan**

**Explanation:**

The government has reappointed **four independent directors** on the board of Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) for another **4 years**.

- i. The centre appointed directors including **Swaminathan Gurumurthy** and cooperative movement veteran **Satish Kashinath Marathe** with the effective from 11th August 2022, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- ii. The Centre also re-nominated **Revathy Iyer** and **Sachin Chaturvedi** as part-time, non-official directors on the Board of RBI for 4 years after the completion of their present tenure on 18th September 2022.
- iii. Revathy Iyer has also been re-appointed as a member on the Northern Local Board of the RBI and Sachin Chaturvedi has been re-appointed as a member on the Eastern Local Board of the RBI for a further period of 4 years after completion of their present tenure.

**14. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)?**

- 1) Joseph Kony
- 2) Mildred Barya
- 3) José Eladio Alcaín
- 4) Nester Odaga
- 5) Guillermo Pablo Ríos

Answer- **5) Guillermo Pablo Ríos**

**Explanation:**

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed a veteran Argentine naval officer Rear Admiral **Guillermo Pablo Ríos** as Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) on 10 August 2022.

- i. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ríos succeeds Major General José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay, South America, who completes his assignment shortly.
- ii. UNMOGIP was established in January 1949 in India and Pakistan at Islamabad and Srinagar., to oversee the ceasefire between India and Pakistan in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

**15. Indian Cricketer Rishabh Pant was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the brand ambassador of which state?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami has named **cricketer Rishabh Pant** as the **brand ambassador of Uttarakhand**, who would inspire youth in the field of sports. Special Principal Secretary Abhinav Kumar was also present on the occasion.

- i. Rishabh Pant, wicketkeeper-batter was born in Roorkee, Haridwar district of Uttarakhand and has emerged as one of India's biggest match-winners in recent matches.
- ii. Matches – In 31 Tests, he has scored 2,123 runs at an average of 43.32 and his individual best score is at 159 runs. Until now, he has scored 5 centuries and 10 half-centuries in the format.



**16. William Samoei Arap Ruto recently (in Aug '22) became the president of which of the following countries?**

- 1) Ethiopia
- 2) Uganda
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Kenya
- 5) Ghana

Answer- **4) Kenya**

**Explanation:**

Deputy President of **Kenya, William Samoei Arap Ruto** won the presidential election 2022. He defeated his rival former Prime Minister Raila Odinga securing 7176,141 votes, or 50.49% of the vote.  
**i.** He will be succeeding 4th President **Uhuru Kenyatta** and he becomes Kenya's **first sitting** deputy president to succeed the incumbent following competitive elections and first candidate to win the presidency at first attempt.

**17. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) for five years (2022-2027)?**

- 1) S Krishnan
- 2) Rajkiran Rai G
- 3) Partha Pratim Sengupta
- 4) KV Kamath
- 5) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer- **2) Rajkiran Rai G**

**Explanation:**

The Centre govt. and the board of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (**NaBFID**) appointed **Rajkiran Rai G** as its Managing Director (MD) for five years (2022-2027).  
**i.** He will take the charge of MD on August 8 2022, and will hold the top post till May 18, 2027.  
**ii.** He was Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Union Bank of India from 2017.

**18. Which of the following Indian badminton players was 'not' appointed as the brand ambassadors of Mastercard in India?**

- 1) PV Sindhu
- 2) Lakshya Sen
- 3) Kidambi Srikanth
- 4) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
- 5) Chirag Shetty

Answer- **1) PV Sindhu**

**Explanation:**

**Mastercard Inc.** is an American multinational financial services corporation, has appointed Indian badminton players **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** as brand ambassadors of Mastercard in India.

**About the Ambassadors:**

- Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth, won the First & Second Men's Singles in the Thomas Cup 2022 while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the First Doubles game.

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the gold medal in the 2022 Commonwealth Games while Lakshya Sen won the gold medal in Men's singles and Kidambi Srikanth won the bronze medal in the men's singles.

**19. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti Airtel for the period of five years?**

- 1) Balesh Sharma
- 2) Ravinder Takkar
- 3) Sushil Agarwal
- 4) Gopal Vittal
- 5) Akshaya Moondra

**Answer- 4) Gopal Vittal**

**Explanation:**

**Bharti Airtel's** (Airtel) shareholders have reappointed **Gopal Vittal** as the Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of Bharti Airtel for the span of **five years** with the effect from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2028.

**i.** Gopal Vittal was also approved for the special resolution related to the payment of his remuneration as MD and CEO of the company with 89.57 per cent votes in favour and 10.42 per cent votes in against.

**Note:** Gopal Vittal was first appointed as CEO of Airtel on March 1, 2013, then he was re-appointed with effect from February 2018 for 5 years, (up to January 31, 2023).

**20. Name the personality who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Secretary to the President of India Droupadi Murmu by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).**

- 1) Ajay Bhadoo
- 2) Joseph Antony
- 3) Rajesh Verma
- 4) Jagannath Srinivasan
- 5) K D Tripathi

**Answer- 3) Rajesh Verma**

**Explanation:**

**Rajesh Verma**, a 1987-batch Odisha-cadre IAS officer has been appointed as the **Secretary to the President of India** Droupadi Murmu by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**).

**i.** Rajesh Verma currently serves as Ministry Corporate Affairs Secretary (MCA).

**ii.** Rajesh Verma will replace the incumbent Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer.

**21. In August 2022, the GoI extended the tenure of Meenesh C Shah, an Executive Director (ED) of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) until \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 31st December 2022
- 2) 30th November 2022
- 3) 31st October 2022
- 4) 31st January 2023
- 5) 30th September 2022

**Answer- 2) 30th November 2022**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (GoI) extended the tenure of **Meenesh C Shah**, an Executive Director (ED) of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to hold charge as the Chairman of NDDB for another six months until **November 30, 2022**.

i. Maneesh C Shah has been holding the charge as NDDB Chairman since 1st June 2021.

**Note-** Meenesh C Shah's tenure extension starts from 1st June 2022 and ends on 30th November 2022 and it was notified by GoI on August 18th 2022.

**About National Dairy Development Board (NDDB):**

**Established-** 1965

**Headquarters-** Anand, Gujarat

**Founder-** Verghese Kurien

**22. Who was recently (in Aug '22) nominated to the UN Internet Governance Leadership Panel?**

- 1) Rajendra Kumar
- 2) Arun Sharma
- 3) Sandeep Mahatme
- 4) Alkesh Kumar Sharma
- 5) Prasad Nair

**Answer- 4) Alkesh Kumar Sharma**

**Explanation:**

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed **Alkesh Kumar Sharma**, Secretary of the Union Department of Electronics and Information Technology, to the **10-member** Internet Governance Forum (IGF) **Leadership Panel**.

i. The members will have a tenure of 2 years, from 2022 to 2023.

**ii. Other Members:**

- Vint Cerf, an Internet pioneer and Maria Reesa, Nobel Prize-winning journalist were also appointed to the Panel.
- Maria Reesa, a Filipino-American journalist who had been arrested in her home country Philippines.

iii. The Panel was constituted based on recommendations in the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation for dealing with strategic and urgent issues on the Internet.

**23. Name the personality who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm for five years.**

- 1) Bipin Preet Singh
- 2) Ravi Chandra Adusumalli
- 3) Madhur Deora
- 4) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- 5) Sameer Nigam

**Answer- 4) Vijay Shekhar Sharma**

**Explanation:**

**Paytm** has reappointed **Vijay Shekhar Sharma** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for **another five years** with a significant majority voting of 99.67 percent by the shareholders.

- i. He will be designated as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company and his remuneration is fixed for the next 3 years without any annual increment.
- ii. The voting happened at the 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of One 97 Communications Limited (OCL), which owns the Paytm brand, held virtually.
- iii. This was the first AGM for OCL after it became a publicly listed company in the year 2021.

**24. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the first brand ambassador of Heads Up For Tails (HUFT)?**

- 1) Shraddha Kapoor
- 2) Kiara Advani
- 3) Disha Patani
- 4) Kriti Sanon
- 5) Kartik Aaryan

Answer- **4) Kriti Sanon**

**Explanation:**

Pet-care brand Heads Up For Tails (**HUFT**) has announced the bollywood actor **Kriti Sanon**, who is an animal lover, as their **first brand ambassador**.

- i. HUFT aims to help remove hunger and provide health, safety, and shelter for street animals.
- ii. Sanon committed to the foundation as a support to the mission focused by HUFT. She was also a HUFT customer for many years which made the foundation to pick her as its brand ambassador.

**25. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI Securities?**

- 1) Ananth Narayan
- 2) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 3) Varsha Purandare
- 4) Swaminathan Janakiraman
- 5) Deepak Kumar Lalla

Answer- **5) Deepak Kumar Lalla**

**Explanation:**

**SBI Securities**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBI Capital Securities Limited (**SBICAP**), has appointed **Deepak Kumar Lalla** as the new Managing Director (**MD**) & Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**). He succeeded Naresh Yadav.

- i. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Head of the Wealth Management Business for the State Bank of India (SBI).
- ii. SBI Securities, a part of the State Bank group, is engaged in DEMAT/Broking/Investment Products distribution and Retail Assets Acquisition for SBI.

**26. Name the personality who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Limited.**

- 1) Mahendra N Shah
- 2) Jaimini Bhagwati
- 3) Sunil Kakar
- 4) Ajay Sondhi

5) Deepak Shantilal Parekh

Answer- **1) Mahendra N Shah**

**Explanation:**

The Board of Infrastructure Development Finance Company (**IDFC**) Limited appointed **Mahendra N Shah**, the Company secretary & Compliance Officer of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited, as the Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) starting from October 1, 2022, till September 30, 2023.

i. Mahendra N Shah will replace Sunil Kakar whose tenure ends on September 30, 2022.

**27. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) & Secretary of the Department of Defence R&D?**

1) Radha Sridharan

2) G Satheesh Reddy

3) Muthuthevar Kannan

4) Samir V Kamat

5) Nivedita Shukla Verma

Answer- **4) Samir V Kamat**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) appointed Dr **Samir V Kamat** as the new **Chairman** of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) and Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development (**R&D**).

i. He succeeded Dr **G Satheesh Reddy** who took charge as Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister).

**28. Name the personality who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the first brand ambassador of DreamSetGo (DSG).**

1) Kapil Dev

2) Sourav Chandidas Ganguly

3) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

4) Sachin Tendulkar

5) Virender Sehwag

Answer- **2) Sourav Chandidas Ganguly**

**Explanation:**

A premium sports and travel platform, DreamSetGo (**DSG**) announced that the former Indian cricketer "Maharaja of Cricket" **Sourav Chandidas Ganguly** was appointed as its **first brand** ambassador.

i. Ganguly has also become the "Supercaptain" for the company DreamSetGo.

**Note-** Founder and Chief Business officer of DreamSetGo, Monish Shah.

**29. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the interim Secretary of All India Chess Federation (AICF) after the Delhi High Court (HC)?**

1) Krishna Menon

2) Sanjay Kapoor

3) Bharat Singh Chauhan

4) Ajay H Patel

5) Vipnesh Bharadwaj

**Answer- 5) Vipnesh Bharadwaj**

**Explanation:**

The All India Chess Federation (**AICF**) appointed **Vipnesh Bharadwaj** as its **interim Secretary** after the Delhi High Court (HC) reiterated its order of removing former Chief Bharat Singh Chauhan.

**i.** On 2 June 2022, the Delhi HC passed an order and unseated Bharat Singh Chauhan.

**ii.** On 7 June 2022, the Supreme Court overruled the HC's decision and reinstated Bharat Singh Chauhan in his post till 15 August 2022 keeping in mind the 44th Chess Olympiad which was held in Mamallapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 28 July to 9 August 2022.

**30. In August 2022, Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan was appointed as a whole-time member of which of the following organisations?**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (**ACC**) has appointed **Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan**, an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**).

**i.** He will hold office for 3 years from the date he assumes charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

**ii.** With this appointment, Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan becomes the 4th whole-time member of SEBI, which was vacant until November 2021.

- The 3 other whole-time members of SEBI are S. K. Mohanty, Ananta Barua and Ashwani Bhatia.

**31. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) w.e.f November 1, 2022?**

- 1) Sudhanshu Sekhar Das
- 2) V. Anantha Nageswaran
- 3) Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian
- 4) S. Ramakrishnan
- 5) Kusum Sharma

**Answer- 3) Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian**

**Explanation:**

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved Dr Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian (**K V Subramanian**), former Chief Economic Adviser as the Executive Director (**ED**) (**India**) at the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) with the effect from November 1, 2022.

**i.** Subramanian was appointed to the post for 3 years tenure. He is currently a Professor of Finance at the Indian School of Business (ISB).

**ii.** The current ED of India who has been curtailed to October 31 is, Surjit S Bhalla.

**32. Who was recently (in Aug '22) elected as Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) treasurer at its 65th CPA conference held at Halifax in Canada?**

- 1) Deepak Baij
- 2) Azam Khan
- 3) Shatrughan Sinha
- 4) Anurag Sharma
- 5) Dinesh Lal Yadav

**Answer- 4) Anurag Sharma**

**Explanation:**

**Anurag Sharma**, Minister of Parliament (MP) (Lok Sabha) from the Jhansi-Lalitpur parliamentary constituency (Uttar Pradesh), has been elected as Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) treasurer at its 65th CPA conference held at Halifax in Canada.

i. Sharma is the 2nd Indian office-bearer in the CPA, the World's largest and Oldest International Parliamentary Association.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**1. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (as on 29th July 2022), Savitri Jindal (India) became Asia's richest woman by surpassing \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Yang Huiyan (China)
- 2) Gina Rinehart (Japan)
- 3) Fan Hongwei (China)
- 4) Kartini Muljadi (Indonesia)
- 5) Zhong Huijuan (China)

**Answer- 1) Yang Huiyan (China)**

**Explanation:**

According to the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index** (as on 29th July 2022), **Savitri Jindal (India)** became **Asia's richest woman** by surpassing **Yang Huiyan (China)** due to the property crisis in China.

i. Yang Huiyan's (majority shareholder of Country Garden Holdings) total wealth dropped to USD 11 billion from nearly USD 24 billion in 2021 and lost more than USD 1 billion in just one day.

ii. Savitri Jindal has a USD 11.3 billion fortune in the Jindal Group. She is India's richest woman and the 10th-richest person in India of about 1.4 billion.

**2. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list (as of Aug'22)?**

- 1) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was ranked 86th and is the only Indian company ranked among the top 100 of the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list.
- 2) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has ranked 104th in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list by jumping 51 places from 155th rank in 2021 list.
- 3) Walmart topped the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list for the 9th consecutive year.
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only B & C

**Answer- 5) Only B & C**

**Explanation:**

Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) was ranked **98th**, with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million, in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list. It was listed as the initial public offering (IPO) in May 2022.

- i. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has ranked 104th in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list. RIL has jumped 51 places from 155th rank in the 2021 list.
- ii. LIC is the only Indian company ranked among the top 100 of the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list.
- iii. Walmart topped the list for the 9th straight year, followed by Amazon, and Chinese energy giant's State Grid.

**3. Name the personality who recently (in Aug '22) won the Mrs India World title 2022-2023.**

- 1) Navdeep Kaur
- 2) Amisha Sethi
- 3) Sargam Koushal
- 4) Juhi Vyas
- 5) Chahat Dalal

Answer- **3) Sargam Koushal**

**Explanation:**

Mrs. **Sargam Koushal**, hailing from Jammu & Kashmir, was crowned as the winner of the Mrs India World 2022-2023 by Navdeep Kaur, Mrs. India World 2021 and National Costume winner at Mrs. World in 2022. The winner will represent India at the Mrs World 2022.

- i. Mrs India World 2022-2023 presented by Mrs. India Inc was held on 15th July 2022 at NESCO CENTER, Goregaon, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ii. Mrs. Juhi Vyas was adjudged as 1st runner up and Mrs. Chahat Dalal as 2nd runner up.

**4. Who recently (in Aug '22) received the 'Chevalier Award of France' for his contribution to the publishing collaboration between India and France?**

- 1) S Hareesh
- 2) Santhosh Echikkanam
- 3) Kannan Sundaram
- 4) Karunakaran
- 5) M. Mukundan

Answer- **3) Kannan Sundaram**

**Explanation:**

The French Government has honoured **Kannan Sundaram**, publisher of Kalachuvadu, with **Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite**, the Knight of the Order of the Merit, for his contribution to the publishing collaboration between India and France.

- i. A ceremony to confer the award will be organised in New Delhi at the residence of the French Ambassador in September or October.
- ii. L'Ordre national du Mérite is a French order of merit with membership awarded by the President of the French Republic. It was founded in 1963 by President Charles de Gaulle.



**5. In August 2022, Tenzin Gyatso, \_\_\_\_\_ Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader was honoured with the highest civilian honour of Ladakh, 'dPal rNgam Duston award'.**

- 1) 15th
- 2) 12th
- 3) 16th
- 4) 14th
- 5) 11th

**Answer- 4) 14th**

**Explanation:**

During the UT Ladakh Declaration Day, Tenzin Gyatso, **14th Dalai Lama**, the Tibetan spiritual leader was honoured with the highest civilian honour of Ladakh, '**dPal rNgam Duston award**' conferred by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh.

**i.** He received the 6th Ladakh dPal rNgam Duston award for his immense contribution towards humanity, especially in Ladakh, Union Territory (UT).

**ii.** UT Ladakh Declaration Day, Ladakh dPal rNgam Dusdon 2022 was celebrated with the theme "The Glory of Ltsangpo Singe Khababs" (Indus River).

**6. Who recently (in Aug '22) became the first Indian psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)?**

- 1) Ramadhar Singh
- 2) Prerna Kohli
- 3) Kishor Phadke
- 4) Eledath Mohamed
- 5) N Rangarajan

**Answer- 1) Ramadhar Singh**

**Explanation:**

Prof. **Ramadhar Singh**, professor at Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University has become the **first Indian** Social Psychologist to be inducted to the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (**SPSP**) in the United States(US).

**i.** Duane T Wegener, distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States (US) has nominated Ramadhar Singh for the honour and has also written Ramadhar Singh's biography.

**ii.** The nomination was supported by 9 social psychologists across China, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and the US.

**7. In August 2022, Sunil Chhetri was named for the 2021-2022 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year for the \_\_\_\_\_, while for the 1st time, \_\_\_\_\_ was named for 2021-2022 AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year.**

- 1) 7th; Manisha Kalyan
- 2) 4th; Sasmita Malik
- 3) 7th; Aditi Chauhan
- 4) 9th; Manisha Kalyan
- 5) 4th; Aditi Chauhan

**Answer- 1) 7th; Manisha Kalyan**

**Explanation:**

Indian Men's Football Team (The Blue Tigers) captain Sunil Chhetri was named the 2021-2022 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year for the seventh time. In the Women's Category, **Manisha Kalyan** bagged her maiden award for the 2021-22 season.

i. Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan were nominated as the winners by their respective national team coaches Igor Stimac and Thomas Dennerby.

**Other AIFF Awards 2021-2022:**

2021-22 AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year	Martina Thokchom
2021-22 AIFF Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year	Vikram Partap Singh
2021-22 AIFF Best Referee of the Year	Crystal John
2021-22 AIFF Best Assistant Referee of the Year	Ujjal Halder

**8. Name the personality from Kerala, who was recently (in Aug '22) won the World Women Entrepreneurs' Award 2022 by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK).**

- 1) Aditi Gupta
- 2) Ashwini Asokan
- 3) Basudha Shrivastav
- 4) Isha Choudhry
- 5) Sangeetha Abhayan

Answer- **5) Sangeetha Abhayan**

**Explanation:**

Kerala's based entrepreneur **Sangeetha Abhayan**, Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of **eweworld.com** (Shakthiwe Pvt. Ltd), has won the **World Women Entrepreneurs' Award 2022** instituted by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK) at a virtual event held at Hong Kong.

i. She was awarded for her handloom and handicrafts startup's performance in tune with the United Nations(UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

ii. Sangeetha's online platform named 'eWe' (Empowering Women Entrepreneurs), topped among the competitors for its adherence to UN's sustainable development goals that aim at curbing climate changes as well. eweworld.com, founded in 2017, is based out of Kasaragod, Kerala.

**9. Who recently (in Aug '22) won the title of Miss India USA 2022 at the annual beauty pageant held in New Jersey, USA?**

- 1) Aarya Walvekar
- 2) Vanya Mishra
- 3) Koyal Rana
- 4) Veena Sanjani
- 5) Aditi Arya

Answer- **1) Aarya Walvekar**

**Explanation:**

Indian American **Aarya Walvekar** from Virginia, The United States of America(USA) has been crowned Miss India USA 2022 at the annual beauty pageant held in New Jersey, USA.

i. Akshi Jain from Washington was crowned Mrs India USA 2022 and Tanvi Grover from New York was crowned Miss Teen India USA 2022.

- ii. The 2022 pageant marks the 40th anniversary of the Miss India USA, the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India.
- iii. 74 contestants representing 30 US states participated in three different pageants – Miss India USA, Mrs India USA and Miss Teen India USA.

**10. Who was recently (in Aug '22) awarded with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021?**

- 1) Jordan Peterson
- 2) Steven Pinker
- 3) Mark Carney
- 4) Albert Bandura
- 5) Jeffrey Armstrong

Answer- **5) Jeffrey Armstrong**

**Explanation:**

**Jeffrey Armstrong** (Kavindra Rishi) Canadian scholar and founder of the **VASA** (Vedic Academy of Science & Arts) has been awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (**ICCR**) **Distinguished Indologist for 2021** in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the research in India's philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation and society.

- i. Manish, India's consul-general in Vancouver, Canada presented the award to him. He becomes the 7th recipient of this award.
- ii. The award was instituted in 2015 and the inaugural award (2015) was presented to Prof. Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron of Germany.
- iii. ICCR was founded in 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, independent India's first education minister.

**11. Name the personality who was recently (as of 13th Aug'22) the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour) award for writings and speeches.**

- 1) Shashi Tharoor
- 2) M. Mukundan
- 3) Karunakaran
- 4) S Hareesh
- 5) Santhosh Echikkanam

Answer- **1) Shashi Tharoor**

**Explanation:**

Congress Member of Parliament (MP) and wordsmith **Shashi Tharoor** received the **Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour)**, for his writings and speeches.

- i. The award will be conferred on him by the French government during the next visit of any minister of the French government to India.
- ii. The National Order of the Legion of Honour, formerly the Royal Order of the Legion of Honour, is the highest French order of merit.
- iii. The French order of merit was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is awarded to people for their excellent civil or military conduct.

**12. Which Indian freedom fighter's south London home was recently (in Aug '22) got honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque?**

- 1) Motilal Nehru
- 2) Surendranath Banerjee
- 3) Dadabhai Naoroji
- 4) Lala Lajpat Rai
- 5) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

**Answer- 3) Dadabhai Naoroji**

**Explanation:**

The south London home at 72 Anerley Park, Penge, London, United Kingdom (UK), where **Dadabhai Naoroji**, a prominent member of the Indian freedom struggle and Britain's first Indian parliamentarian, lived for around 8 years at the end of the 19th century, was honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque.

**i.** The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity, honors the historic significance of particular buildings across London.

**ii.** That red-brick home now has a plaque which reads: "Dadabhai Naoroji 1825-1917 Indian Nationalist and MP lived here".

**13. Which company recently (in Aug '22) became the 1st Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List of the top 100 Private Cloud Companies in the world?**

- 1) Ciphercloud
- 2) Wipro Limited
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Razorpay Software
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

**Answer- 4) Razorpay Software**

**Explanation:**

**Razorpay Software Private Limited**, India's leading full-stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses, has become the 1st Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world.

**i.** Razorpay has entered the Forbes list for the 2nd time and the rank has been listed at the 49th position for being a Financial Solutions Software.

**ii.** In 2021, Razorpay had ranked 57th position in the Forbes list.

**14. Name the company that recently (in August '22) won the 'Best Growth Performance Award' at Dun & Bradstreet's 22nd edition of "India's Top 500 Companies" corporate awards under the category of Financial Institutions/NBFCs/Financial Services.**

- 1) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd
- 2) Bajaj Finance Ltd
- 3) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd
- 4) Muthoot Finance Ltd
- 5) HDB Finance Services

**Answer- 4) Muthoot Finance Ltd**

**Explanation:**

**Muthoot Finance Limited** won '**Best Growth Performance Award**' at Dun & Bradstreet's 22nd edition of 'India's Top 500 Companies' corporate awards under the category of Financial Institutions (FIs) / Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) / Financial Services.

- i. The Dun & Bradstreet Corporate Awards 2022 will be virtually presented across 30+ categories including sectoral, growth-based and special award categories.
- ii. The theme for the Top 500 Companies 2022 publication is 'ESG: The only way for sustainable and responsible growth'.

**15. Which state's police received the "President's Colour" award from Vice-President of India Venkaiah Naidu on 31st July 2022?**

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

**Answer- 5) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**On 31st July 2022**, Vice-President of India Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu presented the distinguished award "**President's Colour**" for the **Tamil Nadu** (TN) Police to M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister(CM) of Tamil Nadu at Rajarathinam Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- i. TN Police has become the first state in South India and among the 10 other states in India to showcase the honours.
- ii. "President's Colour" is the highest honour given to the Military, Paramilitary and Police forces of States and Union Territories.
- iii. The Tamil Nadu Police is among the few police forces in the country to receive the coveted 'President's Colours'. Though the 'President's Colours' for the Tamil Nadu Police was approved as early as August 19, 2009.

**16. In August 2022, \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director of HDFC Bank, emerged the highest earning banker in FY22, while Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO of \_\_\_\_\_ tops the highest paid MD & CEOs of India in the FY22.**

- 1) Sumant Kathpalia; ICICI Bank
- 2) Kaizad Bharucha; IndusInd Bank
- 3) Sashidhar Jagdishan; Axis Bank
- 4) Sumant Kathpalia; IndusInd Bank
- 5) Kaizad Bharucha; Axis Bank

**Answer- 5) Kaizad Bharucha; Axis Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Kaizad Bharucha**, executive director of HDFC Bank, emerged the highest earning banker for 2021-22 (FY22), receiving Rs 10.64crore remuneration in FY22, mainly due to Rs 4.46 crore as a performance bonus.

- i. **Amitabh Chaudhry**, Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of Axis Bank Ltd, has topped among the **highest paid MD & CEOs of India** in FY22. He received a total payment of Rs 7.63 crore in FY22, including his performance pay of Rs 89 lakh.

ii. Sumant Kathpalia MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank, was the 2nd highest paid MD&CEO (Rs 7.3 crore) followed by Sandeep Bakhshi MD and CEO of ICICI Bank(RS 7.08 crore) and Sashidhar Jagdishan MD and CEO of HDFC Bank(Rs 6.51 crore).

**17. In the Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-2022, which company recently (in August 2022) won the 1st prize in the categories of safety, production & productivity, and quality?**

- 1) Eastern Coalfields Limited
- 2) Northern Coalfields Limited
- 3) Central Coalfields Limited
- 4) Mahanadi CoalFields Limited
- 5) Western Coalfields Limited

**Answer- 4) Mahanadi CoalFields Limited**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Pralhad Joshi addressed the **2nd** edition of the Coal Minister's awards ceremony in New Delhi, Delhi. He also felicitated the winners of the Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-22 in Different Categories.

**About Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-22:**

- **Mahanadi CoalFields Ltd (MCL)** bagged the first prize in three categories– Safety, Production & Productivity, and Quality.
- The first prize in the Sustainability category won by Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) won first prize in implementation of ERP (Enterprise resource planning).
- Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), a Jharkhand- based subsidiary of CIL, bagged the award under Safety and Sustainability category.

**18. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards 2020?**

**A) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited won the winner award in Corporate Awards for Excellence in CSR category.**

**B) ITC Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited won the winner and Honourable Mentions award in CSR Awards for CSR in Aspirational Districts / Difficult Terrains category respectively.**

**C) Tata Steel Limited won the winner Awards under the education sub-category in the CSR Awards for contribution in National Priority Areas.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs(**MCA**) has announced the winners and honourable mentions of the National Corporate Social Responsibility (**CSR**) Awards 2020, which was presented to **20** winners and **17 Honourable Mentions** across the three main categories.

- i. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited won the winner award in Corporate Awards for Excellence in CSR category.
- ii. ITC Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) won the winner and Honourable Mentions award in CSR Awards for CSR in Aspirational Districts / Difficult Terrains category respectively.
- iii. Tata Steel Limited won the winner Awards under the education sub-category in the CSR Awards for contribution in National Priority Areas.

**19. Identify the personality who will receive the Liberty Medal award in October 2022.**

- 1) Sauli Niinisto
- 2) Volodymyr Zelensky
- 3) Nancy Pelosi
- 4) Kamala Harris
- 5) Jayshree Ullal

Answer- **2) Volodymyr Zelensky**

**Explanation:**

The **2022 Liberty Medal** is set to be awarded to the Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelensky**. He will be honoured at the National Constitution Centre (**NCC**), Philadelphia, United States in October 2022.

- i. President Zelensky will be honoured with the medal and a prize of USD100,000 to recognize his leadership in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- ii. He was also being the recipient of awards:
  - The Ronald Reagan Freedom Award 2022
  - John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022
- iii. The Liberty Medal is an annual award by the NCC of the United States (US), established in 1988 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. It was found by the Philadelphia Foundation.

**20. As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index's daily ranking of the world's richest people (on 30th Aug '22) report, Gautam Adani became the world's third-richest person by overtaking \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Bernard Arnault
- 2) Jeff Bezos
- 3) Larry Page
- 4) Bill Gates
- 5) Warren Buffett

Answer- **1) Bernard Arnault**

**Explanation:**

According to **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, a daily ranking of the world's richest people, as on 30th August 2022, Adani Group's chairman **Gautam Adani** has now become the **world's third-richest person** with a total net worth of USD 137 billion, after overtaking Louis Vuitton chairman **Bernard Arnault** (France).

- i. SpaceX and Tesla Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Elon Musk topped the list with a net worth of USD 251 billion followed by Amazon's Jeff Bezos with a net worth of USD 153 billion respectively.
- ii. Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Mukesh Ambani is at the 11th position with a total of USD 91.9 billion worth.

**21. Name the personality who was recently (in Aug '22) awarded with the Félix Houphout-Boigny, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Peace Prize.**

- 1) Kim Campbell (Canada)
- 2) Khaleda Zia (Bangladesh)
- 3) Edith Cresson (France)
- 4) Angela Merkel (Germany)
- 5) Mary Robinson (Ireland)

**Answer- 4) Angela Merkel**

**Explanation:**

Former **German** Chancellor **Angela Merkel** was awarded Félix Houphout-Boigny, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) **Peace Prize** for her courageous decision in **2015** to welcome more than 1,2 million refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea.

**i.** She held the office of German Chancellor for a period of 16 years and resigned in 2021 and in November 2005, Angela Merkel became Germany's 1st female chancellor.

**Note-** Nelson Mandela and Frederik W. De Klerk were the 1st recipients of UNESCO Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize in 1992.

## **SUMMITS, CONFERENCES**

**1. Name the union minister who recently (in Aug '22) inaugurated a 2-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi.**

- 1) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 2) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 3) Raj Nath Singh
- 4) Jitendra Singh
- 5) Amit Shah

**Answer- 5) Amit Shah**

**Explanation:**

Union Home Minister, **Amit Shah** inaugurated a 2-day National Security Strategies (**NSS**) Conference 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi. The NSS Conference 2022 was attended by 600 officers from across India, physically and virtually.

**i.** He also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) developed by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

**ii.** This system will support quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of a centralized fingerprint database.



# COMMITTEE AND MEETING

**1. Who was recently (in Aug '22) chaired the 9th governing body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) in New Delhi, Delhi?**

- 1) Parshottam Rupala
- 2) L. Murugan
- 3) Sanjeev Kumar Balyan
- 4) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 5) Piyush Goyal

**Answer- 1) Parshottam Rupala**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister **Parshottam Rupala**, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, presided over the **9th governing body** meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board (**NFDB**), which was held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) was established in 2006 as an autonomous body under the administrative supervision of the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- ii. Objective: To increase fish production and productivity in India, as well as to coordinate fishery development in a holistic and integrated manner.

**2. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 3rd Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022?**

**A) The 3rd Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022 between India and the Republic of Mauritius for cooperation in the field of MSMEs was held in New Delhi, Delhi.**

**B) A MoU was signed between SME Mauritius Ltd. and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)-Noida in Uttar Pradesh**

**C) SME Mauritius Ltd and the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, an institute under the Ministry of MSME signed another MoU in New Delhi, Delhi.**

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

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

**Explanation:**

The 3rd Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022 between the Ministry of MSME, Government of India (GoI), and the Ministry of Business, Enterprises and Cooperatives, Republic of Mauritius for cooperation in the field of MSMEs was held in New Delhi, Delhi.

During the visit of the Mauritius delegation, two MoUs on Cooperation to boost the MSME sector were also signed.

**The Two MoUs on Cooperation to Strengthen the MSME Sector**

- **First MoU:** It was signed on August 23, 2022, in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, between SME Mauritius Ltd. and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)-**Ahmedabad**.

- **Second MoU:** It was signed on August 24, 2022, in New Delhi, Delhi, between SME Mauritius Ltd and the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), an institute under the Ministry of MSME.

**3. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 38th meeting of the Ministerial Level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh in August 2022?**

**A) The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS).**

**B) Both India and Bangladesh finalized the text of MoU on Interim Water Sharing of Brahmaputra River.**

**C) Both countries also welcomed finalization of the design & location of the water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura.**

1) Only A

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

The **38th meeting** of the Ministerial Level Joint Rivers Commission (**JRC**) of India and Bangladesh was held in New Delhi, Delhi. This meeting was held after a gap of 12 years, however, the technical interactions under the framework of JRC have continued in the intervening period.

**i.** The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS).

**ii.** Both countries finalized the text of MoU on Interim Water Sharing of **Kushiyara river**.

**iii.** Both countries also welcomed finalization of the design and location of water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura as per the October 2019 India -Bangladesh MoU on this subject.

## **INDEX**

**1. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Nature Index 2022 ranking based on May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022?**

**A) The Jawaharlal Nehru University was placed 1st among Indian universities and 16th among all academic institutions in India under the institutions ordered by research outputs in the academic sector.**

**B) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru in Karnataka secured 1st rank in Among the Indian Institutions.**

**C) Harvard University, United States of America (USA) secured 1st rank in Global wise academic institutions.**

1) Only A

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

The **University of Hyderabad (UoH) in Telangana**, an Institution of Eminence (IoE), was placed **first** among Indian universities and **16th among** all academic institutions in India under the institutions ordered by research outputs in the academic sector in the Nature Index 2022 ranking.

**i.** The rankings are based on Nature Index data from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

**ii.** Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru in Karnataka secured 1st rank in Among the Indian Institutions.

**iii.** Harvard University, United States of America (USA) secured 1st rank in Global wise academic institutions.

**2. According to Forbes Asia's 200 "Best Under A Billion" 2022 Ranking, India secured \_\_\_\_ rank among Asian countries with 24 companies, while \_\_\_\_ tops the Index with 30 companies.**

1) 2nd; Japan

2) 3rd; South Korea

3) 4th; China

4) 3rd; Japan

5) 4th; Taiwan

Answer- **5) 4th; Taiwan**

**Explanation:**

According to Forbes Asia's 200 "**Best Under A Billion**" 2022 Ranking, 24 Indian companies made the list, a decrease from 26 in 2021. This placed **India** in **4th place** among Asian countries, one spot ahead of China, which had 22 firms on the list.

Forbes Asia's 2022 edition of the best 200 mid-sized companies in the Asia-Pacific region includes publicly listed companies with yearly revenue of less than one billion dollars.

Rank	Country	No. of Companies
4	India	24
1	<b>Taiwan</b>	30
2	Japan	29
3	South Korea	27

**3. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Mercom India Research released in August 2022?**

1) Solar capacity installations in India rose by 59 per cent to record 7.2 gigawatt (GW) during the first half of 2022

2) Cumulative large-scale solar PV installations in Rajasthan reached almost 13 GW as of June 2022.

3) During the Q2 of 2022, Andhra Pradesh were the top states for large-scale solar, accounting for 53%.

4) Only 1 & 2

5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

Solar capacity installations in India rose by **59%** to record **7.2 gigawatt (GW)** during the first half of 2022, as per the report released by Mercom India Research.

- i. Cumulative large-scale solar PV installations in **Rajasthan** reached almost 13 GW as of June 2022.
  - Rajasthan became the first state to cross 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations at the end of March 2022.
- ii. **Rajasthan** topped the large-scale **solar installations** during the **Q2 of 2022** with 53% followed by Gujarat (14%) and Maharashtra (9 %).

**4. As per the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) & MEC Intelligence (MEC+)'s report, India can add another 23.7 Gigawatts(GW) of Clean Energy by \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer- **2) 2026**

**Explanation:**

The Global Wind Energy Council (**GWEC**) and MEC Intelligence (**MEC+**) released the 3rd edition report titled 'Renewing wind growth to power the energy transition: India Wind Energy Market Outlook 2026' which suggests that India can add another **23.7 Gigawatts(GW)** within next 5 years (**2026**) provided necessary enabling policies, facilitative instruments, and the right institutional interventions are put in place

- i. The report highlights Wind energy's critical relation with India's green energy transition.

## **ACQUISITION AND MERGERS**

**1. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in Aug '22) steps taken by the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**

- A) The CCI approved the proposal of Rs 4,500 crore deal wherein the Bandhan Financial Holdings (BFHL)-led consortium bought stakes in IDFC Asset Management and IDFC AMC Trustee.
- B) CCI also approves the Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shriram Group Companies under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- C) CCI granted its approval for the acquisition of a 50.1% stake of Sanmina-SCI India (SCIPL) by Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL).

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

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposal of Rs 4,500 crore deal wherein the Bandhan Financial Holdings (BFHL)-led consortium will buy stakes in IDFC Asset Management Company Ltd and IDFC AMC Trustee.

- i. CCI also approves the Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shriram Group Companies under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- ii. CCI granted its approval for the acquisition of a 50.1% stake of Sanmina-SCI India (SCIPL) by Reliance Strategic Business Ventures (RSBVL). RSBVL is a subsidiary of Reliance Industries (RIL).

**2. In July 2022, the board of Bank of Baroda (BoB) approved the divestment of \_\_\_\_\_ stake in its Insurance arm IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IFLIC).**

- 1) 15.9%
- 2) 14.9%
- 3) 12.5%
- 4) 10.6%
- 5) 9.2%

Answer- **3) 12.5%**

**Explanation:**

The board of Bank of Baroda (BoB) has approved the divestment of up to **12.5%** of its shareholdings in its subsidiary, IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IFLIC).

- i. BoB plans to divest up to 12.5% of IFLIC's current paid-up share through an offer of sale in Initial Public Offer (IPO) of the insurer or any other mode permissible under the applicable law and subject to market conditions and statutory approvals.
- ii. BoB will also ensure that its stake in IFLIC does not fall below 51% of the current paid-up equity share.

**3. In August 2022, Uber Technologies sold its entire 7.8% stake by selling 61.2 crore shares of Zomato Ltd for how many crores?**

- 1) Rs.3,088 crore
- 2) Rs.2,135 crore
- 3) Rs.4167 crore
- 4) Rs.5,871 crore
- 5) Rs.1,998 crore

Answer- **1) Rs.3,088 crore**

**Explanation:**

**Uber Technologies**, through its arm Uber BV, offloaded its entire **7.8% stake** by selling 61.2 crore shares of **Zomato Ltd** for **Rs.3,088 crore** through an open market transaction. Uber B.V held 612.19 million shares in Zomato, representing 7.78% shareholding, as of 30 June.

- i. Uber is the second biggest single shareholder in Zomato after Info Edge

**4. Which company recently (in Aug '22) signed an MoU with Eutelsat Communications SA to combine its fleet of satellites in an all-share deal?**

- 1) ASTRA Space
- 2) OneWeb
- 3) Rocket Lab

4) Blue Origin

5) Roscosmos

Answer- **2) OneWeb**

**Explanation:**

British satellite firm **OneWeb**, backed by Bharti Group, and France-based **Eutelsat Communications SA**, have signed an **MoU** for merger, entailing an all-share transaction.

**i.** Post-closing of the deal, Bharti Group will become the single largest shareholder of Eutelsat. The transaction values OneWeb at USD 3.4 billion (over Rs 27,000 crore).

**ii.** Eutelsat, a French geo-stationary satellite operator will combine its fleet of 36 Geostationary Orbit (GEO) satellites with OneWeb's 648 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites, to create a leading player in global satellite connectivity.

**iii.** Currently, 428 of OneWeb's LEO satellites are already in space.

**5. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) recently (in Aug '22) sold \_\_\_\_\_ of its shareholding in Mahindra & Mahindra Limited(M&M) for about Rs 2,222.49 crore.**

1) 2%

2) 5%

3) 8%

4) 4%

5) 6%

Answer- **1) 2%**

**Explanation:**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) has sold **2%** of its shareholding in Mahindra & Mahindra Limited(**M&M**) for about Rs 2,222.49 crore.

**i.** The shares were sold through open market transactions during the period from December 21, 2020, to August 8, 2022.

**ii.** After the completion of the sale, the shareholding of LIC in the passenger cars and utility vehicles company decreased from 8.43 % to 6.42%.

**About Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):**

**Founded** -1 September 1956

**Headquarters**- Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Chairperson**- Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar

**6. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) is set to invest \_\_\_\_\_ in Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL) for a 9.99% stake value.**

1) Rs 289 crore

2) Rs 529 crore

3) Rs 328 crore

4) Rs 665 crore

5) Rs 416 crore

Answer- **4) Rs 665 crore**

**Explanation:**

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (**ADIA**) will invest **Rs 665 crore** in Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (**ABHICL**) for a **9.99%** stake value.

i. This transaction has been approved by the board of directors of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), the holding company for financial services of the aluminum to telecom conglomerate.

**About Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL):**

**CEO & Whole time Director – Mayank Bathwal**

**Establishment – 2016**

**7. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the recent (in Aug '22) approval by Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**

- 1) The CCI has approved the acquisition of a stake in IIFL Home indirectly by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) group.
- 2) The CCI approves the acquisition of majority shareholding in Optimus Drugs Private Limited (ODPL) by Sekhmet Pharmaventures Private Limited (Sekhmet).
- 3) The CCI also approved ODPL's acquisition of shareholding in Optimus Pharma Private Limited and Optimus Life Science Private Limited under Section 25 of the Competition Act, 2001.
- 4) The CCI approves the acquisition of Holcim's stake in Holderind Investments Limited, Ambuja Cements Limited and ACC Limited by Endeavour Trade and Investment Limited.
- 5) The CCI has given approval for the merger of HDFC Limited, India's largest housing finance company and HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank.

**Answer- 3) The CCI also approved ODPL's acquisition of shareholding in Optimus Pharma Private Limited and Optimus Life Science Private Limited under Section 25 of the Competition Act, 2001.**

**Explanation:**

The CCI has approved the acquisition of stake in IIFL Home indirectly by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) group, sole beneficiary and settlor of the Platinum Jasmine Trust.

- The CCI approves the acquisition of majority shareholding in Optimus Drugs Private Limited (ODPL) by Sekhmet Pharmaventures Private Limited (Sekhmet).
- The CCI also approved ODPL's acquisition of shareholding in Optimus Pharma Private Limited (OPPL) and Optimus Life Science Private Limited (OLSPL) under **Section 31(1)** of the Competition Act, **2002**.
- The CCI approves the acquisition of Holcim's stake in Holderind Investments Limited, Ambuja Cements Limited and ACC Limited by Endeavour Trade and Investment Limited, an Adani Group company.
- The CCI has given approval for the merger of HDFC Limited, India's largest housing finance company and HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank.

**8. In August 2022, BRDN Investment Management divested its \_\_\_\_\_ stake in HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) for over Rs 2,300 crore.**

- 1) 2.67%
- 2) 6.78%
- 3) 5.58%
- 4) 3.89%
- 5) 4.17%

**Answer- 3) 5.58%**

**Explanation:**

**BRDN Investment Management**, formerly Standard Life Investments, divested its **5.58%** stake in HDFC Asset Management Company(**AMC**) for over **Rs 2,300 crore**.

**i.** According to Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**) transaction data, BRDN has sold approximately Rs 1.19 crore shares in HDFC AMC through open market transactions.

**ii.** The relieved shares of each were sold at Rs 1,935.63 and the transaction size aggregated to Rs 2,303.4 crore.

**Note-** HDFC AMC operates as a joint venture between Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) and BRDN Investment Management.

**9. In August 2022, the CCI approved the acquisition of the stake in \_\_\_\_\_ by IBEF IV, India SME, Motilal Oswal Finvest, partners of Simpolo Ceramics, shareholders of Nexion and Ceramiche SPA.**

- 1) Somany Ceramics
- 2) Asian Granito India
- 3) AJM India
- 4) Simpolo Vitrified Private Limited
- 5) Kajaria Ceramics

Answer- **4) Simpolo Vitrified Private Limited**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of the stake in **Simpolo Vitrified Private Limited (SVPL)** by India Business Excellence Fund IV (IBEF IV), India SME Investments Fund – I (India SME), Motilal Oswal Finvest Limited (MOFPL), partners of Simpolo Ceramics (SC or Simpolo Ceramics) and the shareholders of Nexion International Private Limited (Nexion) including Aghara & Sons (Aghara) and Ceramiche Speranza SPA (Ceramiche SPA).

**i.** The proposed combination also involves the transfer of the business of SC and Nexion into SVPL.

**10. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in Aug '22) approval by Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**

**A) The CCI approves the amalgamation of Creixent Special Steels Limited (CSSL) and JSW Ispat Special Products Limited (JSW Ispat) with and into JSW Steel Limited (JSW Steel).**

**B) The CCI approves the acquisition by Katsura Investments in Varmora Granito Private Limited and certain other entities.**

**C) The CCI also approved EQT AB's acquisition of Baring Private Equity Asia Group Limited (BPEA) and its subsidiaries including majority control of its general partner entities.**

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

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

**Explanation:**

The CCI approves the amalgamation of Creixent Special Steels Limited (CSSL) and JSW Ispat Special Products Limited (JSW Ispat) with and into JSW Steel Limited (JSW Steel) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.



- i. The CCI approves the acquisition by Katsura Investments in Varmora Granito Private Limited and certain other entities.
- CCI also approves Varmora Granito Private Limited in some of its Group Companies and other entities.
- ii. The CCI has approved EQT AB's acquisition of Baring Private Equity Asia Group Limited (BPEA) and its subsidiaries including majority control of its general partner entities.
- iii. CCI has also approved Jean Eric Salata Rothleder, BPEA Founder's acquisition of up to 9.9 percent of the equity shareholding of EQT.

**11. In August 2022, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) approved the amalgamation of \_\_\_\_\_ with its parent company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).**

- 1) Bharat Shell Limited
- 2) Bharat Renewable Energy Limited
- 3) Indraprastha Gas Limited
- 4) Bharat Petroresources Limited
- 5) Bharat Gas Resources Limited

**Answer- 5) Bharat Gas Resources Limited (BGRL)**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (**MCA**) approved the amalgamation of Bharat Gas Resources Limited (**BGRL**) with its parent company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (**BPCL**).

- i. Bharat Gas Resources Limited (BGRL), incorporated in June 2018, is a wholly owned subsidiary of BPCL for handling the Natural Gas business.
- ii. The scheme of amalgamation became effective on 16 August 2022

**12. The Adani group's AMG Media Network Limited (AMNL) recently (in Aug '22) acquired a \_\_\_\_\_ stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) and also launched an Open Offer to acquire 26% stake for \_\_\_\_\_ to get a majority stake in NDTV.**

- 1) 34.92%; Rs 493 crore
- 2) 19.52%; Rs 207 crore
- 3) 29.18%; Rs 493 crore
- 4) 19.52%; Rs 376 crore
- 5) 29.18%; Rs 207 crore

**Answer- 3) 29.18%; Rs 493 crore**

**Explanation:**

The Adani group's AMG Media Network Limited (**AMNL**) announced that it will indirectly acquire a **29.18%** stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (**NDTV**) through the conversion of loans into an equity stake in NDTV.

- i. NDTV owns three national news channels — NDTV 24x7, NDTV India and NDTV Profit.
- ii. It will also launch an Open Offer to acquire **26% stake** for **Rs 493 crore** to get a majority stake in NDTV.

**13. In August 2022, the Norwegian Climate Investment Fund (CIF) signed an agreement to acquire a \_\_\_\_\_ stake in Thar Surya 1, a 420 MW solar energy plant in Rajasthan.**

- 1) 51%
- 2) 35%

3) 80%

4) 49%

5) 65%

Answer- **4) 49%**

**Explanation:**

The Norwegian Climate Investment Fund (**CIF**), managed by Norfund and KLP, signed an agreement to acquire a **49%** stake in a **420 MW** (Megawatt) solar energy plant named **Thar Surya 1** in Rajasthan.

i. Norfund and KLP together will take 49% for approximately Rs 280 crore.

ii. The 420-MWDC (300-MWAC) solar energy was developed by the Italian gas and power utility company, Enel Green Power.

**14. From which company, Bharti Telecom Limited (BTL) to buy 3.33% Stake in Bharti Airtel for Rs 12,895 crore?**

1) Telefonica

2) Singtel

3) Deutsche Telekom

4) Verizon Communications

5) Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp

Answer- **2) Singtel**

**Explanation:**

Bharti Telecom Limited (**BTL**) the promoter of Bharti Airtel and joint venture between Bharti Enterprises will acquire a **3.33% stake** in Bharti Airtel from Singapore-based telecommunications company (**Singtel**) for Singapore dollars 2.25 billion (**Rs 12,895 crore**) in 90 days.

i. After the stake purchase, the direct shareholding of Singtel will stand at 10% and Bharti Airtel at 6%.

**15. In August 2022, TVS Motor Company acquired \_\_\_\_ stake in Narain Karthikeyan's Two-Wheeler Start-up DriveX for Rs.85 crores.**

1) 74.19 %

2) 54.17 %

3) 64.78 %

4) 48.27 %

5) 36.26 %

Answer- **4) 48.27 %**

**Explanation:**

**TVS Motor Company** announced it will acquire **48.27 %** stake in NKares Mobility Millennial Solutions Private Limited (**NMMSPL**) for **Narain Karthikeyan's** pre-owned **two-wheeler start-up 'DriveX'** for a consideration of **Rs. 85 crores**.

i. NMMSPL operates under the brand '**DriveX**' which was founded by Formula 1 driver Narain Karthikeyan.

**16. Which bank recently (in Aug '22) acquired a 10% stake in Go Digit-Life Insurance for an amount ranging between Rs 49.9 crore & Rs 69.9 crore in two tranches?**

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) YES Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

**Answer- 4) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

**HDFC Bank Limited** is set to invest between **Rs 49.9 crore to Rs 69.9 crore** to pick up around 9.994% (~10%) stake in **Go Digit Life Insurance** Limited owned by promoters of (Initial Public Offering) IPO-bound Go Digit General Insurance.

i. The deal is subject to the execution of a definitive agreement whose terms and conditions are to be mutually agreed upon, and fulfillment of other terms and conditions.

**About HDFC Bank Limited:**

**Chairman-** Atanu Chakraborty

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Founded-** 1994

## **DEFENCE**

**1. Which country recently (in Aug '22) commenced the 4th edition of the AL NAJAH-IV joint military exercise along with India in Rajasthan?**

- 1) Kyrgyzstan
- 2) Seychelles
- 3) Kazakhstan
- 4) Oman
- 5) Mongolia

**Answer- 4) Oman**

**Explanation:**

The **4th edition** of **India-Oman** joint military exercise **AL NAJAH -IV** will be held from August 1 to 13, 2022 at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. It saw the participation of the Indian Army (IA), and the Royal Army of Oman (RAO).

i. The previous edition of Ex AL NAJAH was organized at Muscat from March 12 to 25, 2019.

ii. IA will be represented by troops from 18 Mechanized Infantry Battalion. RAO will be represented by the 60-member parachutes team of the Sultan of Oman.

**2. Which country recently (in Aug '22) commenced the 3rd edition of 'Ex VINBAX 2022' bilateral army exercise along with India in Haryana?**

- 1) Seychelles
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Venezuela
- 4) Kazakhstan
- 5) Oman

## Answer- 2) Vietnam

### Explanation:

The **3rd edition** of **Vietnam-India** bilateral army exercise '**Ex VINBAX 2022**' is scheduled to be conducted at Chandimandir in **Haryana** from August 1-20, 2022 which will see the participation of Indian Army (IA) and Vietnam People's Army.

- i. The theme of Ex VINBAX – 2022 is employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations.
- ii. IA is represented by troops from the 105 Engineer Regiment.
- iii. Vietnam is the 15th largest trade partner of India and India is its 10th largest partner with bilateral trade standing at USD 11.12 billion in 2020-21.

### 3. Name the company that recently (in Aug '22) signed an Rs. 250 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence for the supply of 9 integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) complex (IAC) MOD 'C' Systems.

- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 3) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

### Answer- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

### Explanation:

Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) ,a Navratna Defence Public Sector Unit(PSU) signed a contract worth Rs. 250 crore with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the supply of 9 integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) complex (IAC) MOD 'C' Systems.

- i. IAC MOD C has been indigenously developed by BEL in association with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ii. The IAC MOD 'C' System is an integrated anti-submarine warfare (ASW) system for all surface ships of the Indian Navy.

### 4. By which aircraft, the Indian Navy's all-women crew led by 'Aanchal Sharma', recently (in Aug '22) created history by completing the 1st independent maritime surveillance mission over the Arabian Sea?

- 1) Dornier 328
- 2) Dornier 27
- 3) Antonov An-32
- 4) Ilyushin Il-76
- 5) Dornier-228

### Answer- 5) Dornier-228

### Explanation:

Five officers of the Indian Navy created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the north of the Arabian Sea, onboard a **Dornier-228 aircraft**. The mission was completed on 3rd August 2022. This first-of-its-kind independent maritime mission showcased 'Nari Shakti' in its real spirit.