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Answer- 2) 13th August 2022

Explanation:

International Lefthanders Day 2022 was celebrated on **13 August 2022** to mark the uniqueness of the left-handed people around the world.

- i.** International Lefthanders Day is designated to raise awareness about the challenges that they face while living in a right-hand-centric world.
- ii.** The year 2022 marks the 31st anniversary of International Lefthanders Day.
- iii.** The International Lefthanders Day was first celebrated in 1976 by Dean R. Campbell, the founder of Left-Handers International Inc.

18. When was the first National Javelin Day celebrated across India to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

- 1) 3rd August 2022
- 2) 5th August 2022
- 3) 7th August 2022
- 4) 4th August 2022
- 5) 6th August 2022

Answer- 3) 7th August 2022

Explanation:

The Athletics Federation of India (**AFI**) celebrated **7th August** as the **National Javelin Day** across India to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's 2020 Tokyo Olympic gold medal.

- i.** On 7th August 2021, Neeraj Chopra won the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games in track and field and became the 1st athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in men's javelin throw.
- ii.** The 7th August 2022 was the first National Javelin Day and the AFI decided to celebrate this day every year from 2022.
- iii.** Neeraj Chopra is the 2nd Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal after Abhinav Bindra (Shooter), who won gold medal in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

19. The 2nd Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2022 was observed across India on _____.

- 1) 18th August 2022
- 2) 16th August 2022
- 3) 14th August 2022
- 4) 17th August 2022
- 5) 15th August 2022

Answer- 3) 14th August 2022

Explanation:

India annually observes "**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**" on August 14 to acknowledge the difficulties faced by the Indians during the partition of India in 1947.

- i.** The **14th August 2022** marks the **2nd** edition of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. In 2021 Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced to observe 14th August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.
- ii.** Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" is observed on the line on "Holocaust Remembrance Day". The objective of observing this day is to honour the memory of victims.
- iii.** India was partitioned into India and Pakistan on August 14, 1947. Independence Day of Pakistan is on 14th August.

20. When was World Sanskrit Day 2022 observed across the globe?

- 1) 16th August 2022
- 2) 13th August 2022
- 3) 15th August 2022
- 4) 12th August 2022
- 5) 14th August 2022

Answer- 4) 12th August 2022

Explanation:

World Sanskrit Day, also known as Vishva-Samskrita-dinam and Sanskrit Diwas, is annually observed on '**Sawan Poornima**' to create awareness, promote and revive Sanskrit, one of the ancient Indian languages.

i. It is annually celebrated on Poornima day (Full Moon) of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar. World Sanskrit Day 2022 falls on **12th August 2022**.

ii. The first World Sanskrit Day was observed in 1969.

Note- Sanskrit is already having a special status in India under Article 351 and Sanskrit was declared as a classical language in the year 2005.

21. The United Nations (UN)'s World Humanitarian Day (WHD) 2022 observed on _____.

- 1) 19th August 2022
- 2) 18th August 2022
- 3) 17th August 2022
- 4) 16th August 2022
- 5) 15th August 2022

Answer- 1) 19th August 2022

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Humanitarian Day (WHD) 2022 is observed on **August 19 2022** to commemorate the humanitarian workers who have committed their lives to help others in the most extreme circumstances around the world.

i. World Humanitarian Day is a campaign by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA).

ii. The **First** World Humanitarian Day was commemorated on **19th August 2009**.

22. When was World Photography Day 2022 observed across the globe?

- 1) 23rd August 2022
- 2) 20th August 2022
- 3) 22nd August 2022
- 4) 19th August 2022
- 5) 21st August 2022

Answer- 4) 19th August 2022

Explanation:

World Photography Day 2022 was celebrated across the globe on **19th August 2022** with the **theme** of "Pandemic Lockdown Through the Lens".

i. World Photography Week is observed from 19th to 26th August 2022 across the world.

ii. The first official world photography day was observed on 19th August 2010 when the first online gallery was hosted with around 270 photographers who shared their photographs.

iii. The first photographic process named Daguerreotype was formally declared to the world by the French Academy of Sciences on 9th January 1839.

23. When was the World Mosquito Day 2022 observed across the globe?

- 1) 19th August 2022
- 2) 21st August 2022
- 3) 17th August 2022
- 4) 20th August 2022
- 5) 18th August 2022

Answer- **4) 20th August 2022**

Explanation:

World Mosquito Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **20th August 2022** to honour British Doctor **Sir Ronald Ross** who discovered the relationship between mosquitoes and the transmission of malaria between humans.

- i. World Mosquito Day also aims to create awareness about the cause and prevention of Malaria.
- ii. Sir Ronald Ross discovered that the Anopheles mosquitoes (female mosquitoes) are responsible for the transmission of malaria parasites to humans.

24. The Sadbhavana Diwas 2022 was celebrated across India on 20th August 2022 to mark the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister (PM) of India_____.

- 1) Rajiv Gandhi
- 2) Morarji Desai
- 3) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 4) Indira Gandhi
- 5) Vishwanath Pratap Singh

Answer- **1) Rajiv Gandhi**

Explanation:

Sadbhavana Diwas 2022 was celebrated across India on **20th August 2022** to mark the birth anniversary of **former Prime Minister (PM) of India Rajiv Gandhi**.

- i. The Sabhavana Diwas literally means "Harmony Day" is dedicated to promote national integration, social peace and harmony among the people of all religions and Languages.
- ii. The Sadbhavana Diwas 2022 marks the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi (born on 20th August 1944) and his birth anniversary is also celebrated as Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas.

25. When was the 5th International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2022 observed across the globe with the theme of "Memories"?

- 1) 23rd August 2022
- 2) 20th August 2022
- 3) 22nd August 2022
- 4) 19th August 2022
- 5) 21st August 2022

Answer- **5) 21st August 2022**

Explanation:

The **5th** International Day of Remembrance Of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2022 was observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN) on **21st August 2022** to honour the survivors of terrorism and also pay tribute to the victims of terrorism.

- i. The Theme of International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2022 is **"Memories"**.
- ii. The **first** International day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism was observed on 21st August **2018**.

26. The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief 2022 was observed on _____.

- 1) 22nd August 2022
- 2) 20th August 2022
- 3) 23rd August 2022
- 4) 19th August 2022
- 5) 21st August 2022

Answer- **1) 22nd August 2022**

Explanation:

An International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief 2022 was observed on **22nd August 2022**, which was adopted at 73rd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2019.

- i. The day was proposed by **Poland**.
- ii. The Day comes right after the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, 21 August.

27. When was World Senior Citizens Day 2022 celebrated across the globe?

- 1) 22nd August 2022
- 2) 20th August 2022
- 3) 18th August 2022
- 4) 21st August 2022
- 5) 19th August 2022

Answer- **4) 21st August 2022**

Explanation:

World Senior Citizens Day 2022 was celebrated across the globe on **21st August 2022** to acknowledge the contributions of elderly people in human society and honour them.

- i. The day also recognises the senior citizens' contributions in advancing the world by working as professionals and entrepreneurs throughout the course of their life.

28. When was International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition 2022 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) 21st August 2022
- 2) 19th August 2022
- 3) 23rd August 2022
- 4) 20th August 2022
- 5) 22nd August 2022

Answer- 3) 23rd August 2022

Explanation:

United Nations (UN)'s **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition 2022** was observed across the globe on **23rd August 2022** to abolish the practice of slave trading and to remember the tragedy of the slave trade across the globe during colonial rule.

i. The day was chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

29. What is the theme of World Water Week 2022 that was observed across the globe on 23rd August to 1st September 2022?

- 1) Water, Ecosystems and Human Development
- 2) Water and Climate Change: Accelerating Action
- 3) Seeing the unseen: The value of water
- 4) Water for society – Including all
- 5) Building Resilience Faster

Answer- 3) **Seeing the unseen: The value of water**

Explanation:

World Water Week is annually observed across the globe in the **last week of August** to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development.

i. World Water Week 2022 takes place from 23 August to 1 September, 2022 with the theme of **"Seeing the unseen: The value of water"**.

ii. The World Water Week is an annual event **organized** by the Stockholm International Water Institute (**SIWI**).

30. When was Women's Equality Day 2022 celebrated across the United States of America (USA)?

- 1) 25th August 2022
- 2) 28th August 2022
- 3) 26th August 2022
- 4) 29th August 2022
- 5) 27th August 2022

Answer- 3) **26th August 2022**

Explanation:

Women's Equality Day 2022 was celebrated on **26th August 2022** across the United States of America (**USA**) to honour the women of America for gaining the constitutional right to vote.

i. The day honours the **'Nineteenth Amendment 1920'** of the constitution of the USA to give equal voting rights to women.

ii. The 19th Amendment of the USA Constitution prohibits the United States and its states from denying the right to vote on account of sex.

31. When was the National Sports Day/ Rashtriya Khel Divas 2022 celebrated across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand?

- 1) 28th August 2022
- 2) 26th August 2022
- 3) 29th August 2022

4) 27th August 2022

5) 30th August 2022

Answer- **3) 29th August 2022**

Explanation:

The **National Sports Day** (Rashtriya Khel Divas) **2022** was celebrated on **29th August 2022** across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend **Major Dhyan Chand**.

i. The **1st** National Sports Day in India was observed on **29th August 2012**.

ii. On the occasion of National Sports Day on 29th August 2022, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and Fit India Mission aim to take the FIT India movement to Schools/Colleges/Ministries/Govt & Pvt Organizations by encouraging them to participate in a grand manner.

- The MYAS is conducting the '**Meet The Champion**' initiative in 26 schools across India on 29th August.

iii. In **August 2021**, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced that the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be renamed as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

32. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day against Nuclear Tests 2022 was observed across the globe on _____.

1) 27th August 2022

2) 25th August 2022

3) 28th August 2022

4) 26th August 2022

5) 29th August 2022

Answer- **5) 29th August 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day against Nuclear Tests 2022 was observed across the world on **29th August 2022** to bring awareness regarding the harmful effects of testing nuclear weapons.

i. The day aims at calling for an end to such nuclear tests.

ii. 29th August 2022 marks the thirteenth International Day against Nuclear Tests. The first International Day against Nuclear Tests was observed on 29th August 2010.

33. When was International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances 2022 observed across the globe by the United Nations (UN)?

1) 28th August 2022

2) 26th August 2022

3) 29th August 2022

4) 27th August 2022

5) 30th August 2022

Answer- **5) 30th August 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances 2022** was observed on **30th August 2022** across the world to commemorate and pay respect to those who have undergone enforced disappearances.

i. The **first** - ever International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances was observed on 30th August **2011**.

34. When was International Whale Shark Day 2022 observed across the globe with the theme of "The Future of Sharks: Guardians of Our Seas"?

- 1) 27th August 2022
- 2) 30th August 2022
- 3) 28th August 2022
- 4) 31st August 2022
- 5) 29th August 2022

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

Explanation:

International Whale Shark Day 2022 was observed across the globe on **30th August 2022** with the **theme** of "The Future of Sharks: Guardians of Our Seas."

i. The day was to spread awareness about the importance of whale sharks (Scientific Name: Rhincodon typus) and their conservation and efforts to protect them.

ii. 30th August has been declared as the International Whale Shark Day by the host of the Second International Whale Shark Conference, National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP), Isla Holbox, Mexico.

ENVIRONMENT

1. A new species named 'Miniopterus phillipsi' was recently (in Aug '22) discovered in India and Sri Lanka by a group of 13 eminent scientists.

Miniopterus phillipsi is a species of _____.

- 1) Snake
- 2) Lizards
- 3) Butterfly
- 4) Bat
- 5) Tortoise

Answer- **4) Bat**

Explanation:

A new species of **bat** named **Miniopterus phillipsi** has been discovered in **India** and **Sri Lanka** by a team of **13** renowned researchers using DNA barcoded specimens.

i. The 13-member team comprised researchers including 6 from Sri Lanka and 1 each from India, Russia, Switzerland, Hungary, UK, and USA and the team led by Tharaka Kusuminda of University of Rohana in Sri Lanka named the new species of long-fingered bats as **Miniopterus phillipsi**.

ii. The species was named after W W A Philips (1892-1981) in recognition of his contributions to studies on the mammals of Sri Lanka and South Asia.

iii. The long-fingered bats belong to the family **Miniopteridae** and are part of a large group comprising at least 40 species worldwide.

2. A new species of 'bent-toed gecko' was recently (in Aug '22) discovered by a group of researchers from Agasthyamalai hills.

In which state, Agasthyamalai hills are located?

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

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

A group of researchers has discovered a new species of bent-toed gecko from **Agasthyamalai hills** (Western Ghats, Tirunelveli District, **Tamil Nadu**) in the Western Ghats.

- i.** It was given a common name Aravind's Ground Gecko after noted malacologist Neelvara Ananthram Aravind. The scientific name of the species is *Cyrtodactylus Aravindi*.
- ii.** The details of the species published in the journal, *Vertebrate Zoology*.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Name ministry that was recently (in Aug '22) launched the Early Childhood Development Conclave, Paalan 1000 National Campaign and Parenting App?

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Education
- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Explanation:

Union Minister of State for **Health and Family Welfare**, Bharati Pravin Pawar virtually launched the Early Childhood Development Conclave, Paalan 1000 National Campaign and Parenting App in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- It focuses on the cognitive developments of children in the first 2 years of their life.
- i.** The programme is aligned with the mission of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), emphasizing responsive care and focusing interventions on the first 1000 days.

2. Name the state government that recently (in Aug '22) launched the "Lucky Bill App" to curb GST Evasion by offering attractive prizes to users.

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 5) Kerala

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of **Kerala**, Pinarayi Vijayan launched the mobile application "**Lucky Bill App**". It is the first-of-its-kind initiative to be introduced in India.

- i. The objective is to encourage consumers to upload invoices in a bid to curb Goods and Service Tax (GST) evasion; it encourages the citizen to ask for a bill every-time they make a purchase. To reward them in doing so, the app offers cash prizes upto Rs 25 lakh.
- ii. It was developed by the State Goods and Services Tax (GST) department of Kerala and designed by the Digital University Kerala (DUK).

3. Name the state government that recently (in Aug '22) Collaborated with the Government of India (GoI) to Develop 'District Good Governance Portal'.

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Government of India (**GoI**) intends to work with the **Arunachal Pradesh** Government (Govt.) to create a "**District Good Governance Portal**" to track and assess the performance of each district in the state on a monthly basis.

- i. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (**DARPG**) has established a District Good Governance Index, a first for NE States, in partnership with the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh & the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad (Telangana), to improve the efficiency of governance across districts.
- ii. Arunachal Pradesh has designated 2022-23 the year of e-governance and has already deployed a 100 % e-office, as well as e-assembly and e-cabinet modules, in the state civil secretariat.

4. Name the portal that was recently (in Aug '22) launched by the Union government for inviting nominations for all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments and agencies.

- 1) Rashtriya Puraskar Portal
- 2) Saphalata Puraskar
- 3) Upalabdhi Puraskar
- 4) India Puraskar
- 5) Bharatiya Puraskar

Answer- **1) Rashtriya Puraskar Portal**

Explanation:

The Union Government has launched **Rashtriya Puraskar Portal** (<https://awards.gov.in>) to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments and agencies of the government under one platform.

- This has been launched to ensure transparency and public partnership.
- i. It also facilitates every citizen or organisation to nominate individuals/organisations for various Awards instituted by the Government of India (GoI).
 - ii. Currently, nominations/recommendations for the following Awards are open:

- Padma Awards, Sardar Patel National Unity Award, Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, Jeevan Raksha Padak series of Awards and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Telecom Skill Excellence Award etc.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. In respect to the Money Market Instrument, the 'Term Money' refers to borrowing/lending of funds for a period exceeding _____.

- 1) 14 days
- 2) 20 days
- 3) 2 days
- 4) 7 days
- 5) 12 days

Answer- 1) 14 days

Explanation:

'Call Money' is the borrowing or lending of funds for 1 day. Where money is borrowed or lend for a period between 2 days and 14 days it is known as 'Notice Money'. And '**Term Money**' refers to borrowing/lending of funds for a period exceeding **14 days**.

2. _____ is a rate at which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) borrows money from commercial banks.

- 1) Repo rate
- 2) Reverse repo rate
- 3) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- 4) Bank Rate
- 5) Cash reserve ratio

Answer- 2) Reverse repo rate

Explanation:

Repo rate – Repo rate is the rate at which RBI gives loans to commercial banks against government securities.

Reverse repo rate – A reverse repo rate is a rate at which RBI borrows money from commercial banks.

3. In August 2022, State Bank of India dragged Simbhaoli Sugars to bankruptcy over a Rs 395 crore loan.

Where is the Headquarter of State Bank of India?

- 1) Vadodara, Gujarat
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Thrissur, Kerala
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Explanation:

State Bank of India headquarter is located in **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

- i. State Bank of India has dragged Simbhaoli Sugars to bankruptcy over a Rs 395 crore loan, according to people briefed on the matter.
- ii. The company markets sugar under the Trust brand and has a pan-India distribution set up. It also exports its products to the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Africa.
- iii. SBI has claimed at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) that it tried to restructure Simbhaoli Sugars' loans in 2015 but the company was still unable to service the debt.

4. The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI which provides an insurance cover of up to _____ on bank deposits.

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

Answer- **2) Rs 5 lakhs**

Explanation:

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Chairman – Michael Debabrata Patra(M.D.Patra)

Establishment – 15th July 1978

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

5. Which of the following is 'correct' with respect to the Callable Fixed Deposit (FD) and Non-Callable FD?

- 1) In Callable FD, customers are allowed premature money withdrawal.
- 2) In non-Callable FD, customers are not allowed to withdraw money before the end of maturity due date with some exceptions.
- 3) The amount required to be deposited in a non-callable fixed deposit is generally higher than callable term deposits.
- 4) Both 1 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

In Callable FD, customers are allowed premature money withdrawal, while in non-Callable FD, customers are not allowed to withdraw money before the end of maturity due date with some exceptions like bankruptcy, winding up of business, death etc.

- i. Hence, a non-Callable FD carries a higher interest rate.
- ii. The amount required to be deposited in a non-callable fixed deposit is generally higher than callable term deposits.

6. The Reserve Bank of India has disclosed its inspection report of City Union Bank under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank?

- 1) Sanjay Agarwal
- 2) G Subramonia Iyer
- 3) Madan Gopal Sharma
- 4) N. Kamakodi
- 5) R. Mohan

Answer- 4) N. Kamakodi

Explanation:

Dr. N. **Kamakodi** has been serving as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the City Union Bank since May 2011.

- i. The Reserve Bank of India has disclosed its inspection report of City Union Bank under the RTI Act, with the Supreme Court rejecting its opposition to making such reports public earlier.
- ii. The RBI provided the report to activist Subhash Agrawal nearly eight months after he had sought it under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

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CA STATIC GK

1. In which country Yosemite National Park is located?

- 1) China
- 2) Japan
- 3) Germany
- 4) United States
- 5) Russia

Answer- 4) United States

Explanation:

Yosemite National Park is located in east-central California, **United States**. It is situated about 140 miles (225 km) east of the city of San Francisco and some 100 miles (160 km) southeast of Sacramento.

i. Recently, a wildfire raging in central California's Mariposa County outside Yosemite National Park has burned more than 14,000 acres and forced thousands to evacuate from rural communities.

2. In which state, Sakkarbaug zoo is located?

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

Answer- 1) Gujarat

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister – Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

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

Airports – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad; Dholera International Airport, Dholera

3. The NTPC Limited has invited bids to set up 1,150 MW of solar power projects in which country?

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Peru
- 3) Congo
- 4) Cuba
- 5) Kenya

Answer- 4) Cuba

Explanation:

NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, has invited bids to set up 1,150 MW of solar power projects in **Cuba**.

i. The company invited the participation of bidders through a request for qualification to set up 1150 MW Solar PV projects with 150 MW/150 MWhr BESS in the Republic of Cuba.

4. Which year is declared as the International Year of Millets by the United Nations (UN)?

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

Answer- 5) 2023

Explanation:

The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has said that nutritious grains should again get a respectable place in our food plate.

i. On the initiative of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the United Nations has declared the year **2023** as the **International Year of Millets**, under which the Group of Ministers has also been entrusted with the responsibility by the Prime Minister to promote nutri-cereals.

ii. Many programmes have been planned by the Central Government at the local, state, national and international levels.

5. Where is the Headquarters of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (SFB)?

- 1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) West Bengal, Kolkata
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh -headquartered **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** has refiled preliminary papers with markets regulator SEBI and reduced its initial public offering (IPO) size to Rs 500 crores. Earlier, the bank was looking to raise Rs 1,350 crore through an initial share sale.

6. The Kabul International Cricket Stadium is located in which country?

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) United Arab Emirates
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **2) Afghanistan**

Explanation:

Kabul International Cricket Stadium is a cricket stadium in **Kabul, Afghanistan**. It is the first international cricket stadium to be constructed in the country and is the home of cricket in Afghanistan. The stadium is located close to Ghazi Stadium.

i. An explosion went off inside Kabul's main cricket stadium during a domestic league match in July 2022. A total of 4 people were injured.

7. The UNESCO world heritage site 'Ellora Caves' is located in which state?

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

According to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), **Ellora Caves**, the UNESCO world heritage site in **Maharashtra's** Aurangabad district, will become the first monument in India to have a hydraulic lift.

i. Ellora is one of the largest rock-cut temple complexes in the world, housing Hindu, Buddhist and Jain sculptures, and witnesses the highest tourist footfall in the region.

8. According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (as of July'22), a new display image, with a warning written as "Tobacco causes painful death" will be printed on tobacco products manufactured on or after _____.

- 1) 1st August 2022
- 2) 1st September 2022
- 3) 1st October 2022
- 4) 1st November 2022
- 5) 1st December 2022

Answer- **5) 1st December 2022**

Explanation:

According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a new display image, with a warning written as "Tobacco causes painful death" will be printed on tobacco products manufactured, imported, or packaged on or after **December 1, 2022**. Existing specified health warnings will continue till November 30, 2022.

9. Who recently (in July'22) won the 109th edition of the Tour de France cycling race held in Paris, France?

- 1) Willy Gervin
- 2) Anders Lund
- 3) Evan Klamer
- 4) Jonas Vingegaard
- 5) Alexander Andersen

Answer- **4) Jonas Vingegaard**

Explanation:

Danish cyclist **Jonas Vingegaard** won the 109th edition of the Tour de France cycling race on July 24, 2022.

- This is his first Tour de France title in Paris, France.

i. The 25-year-old Jumbo-Visma rider beat two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar of Slovenia by three minutes and 34 seconds. Last year (2021), Vingegaard finished second to Pogacar.

10. In which state Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Goa
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Goa**

Explanation:

About Goa:

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, **Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary**, Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary.

Festivals – Goa Mango Festival

11. In which year, iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) was introduced by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi?

- 1) 2017
- 2) 2018
- 3) 2014
- 4) 2016
- 5) 2015

Answer- **2) 2018**

Explanation:

iDEX inked its **100th** contract with **Pacify Medical Technologies** Pvt Ltd in New Delhi. The initiative iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence), described as the Ministry of Defence's (MoD) centrepiece for technical innovation, was introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April **2018**.

12. The 'Han Kuang Exercise' is the military exercise of which country?

- 1) South Korea
- 2) North Korea
- 3) Taiwan
- 4) Japan
- 5) China

Answer- **3) Taiwan**

Explanation:

The Han Kuang Exercise is the annual military exercise of all the branches of **Taiwan's** military and its reserve forces in Taiwan, Kinmen, Penghu and Matsu.

i. It has been held since 1984. It is held to boost overall defence capabilities of the forces, in a bid to combat readiness during an attack from People's Liberation Army of China.

ii. First stage of the Han Kuang Military Exercises was concluded recently and its second stage started on July 25, 2022. Second stage will run until July 29 2022. The exercises involve all branches of the Military of Taiwan.

13. India's biggest-ever auction of spectrum that carries telephone and internet data signals, began on July 26, 2022 with a total of _____ 5G airwaves with the worth of Rs 4.3 lakh crore.

- 1) 48 GHz
- 2) 72 GHz
- 3) 89 GHz
- 4) 26 GHz
- 5) 58 GHz

Answer- **2) 72 GHz**

Explanation:

India's biggest-ever auction of spectrum that carries telephone and internet data signals, began on July 26 with a total of **72 GHz** (gigahertz) of 5G airwaves worth Rs 4.3 lakh crore on offer.

i. Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio, Sunil Mittal-led Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and a unit of billionaire Gautam Adani's flagship Adani Enterprises are in the race to bid for 5G spectrum, that offers ultra-high speeds (about 10 times faster than 4G), lag-free connectivity, and can enable billions of connected devices to share data in real-time.

ii. The auction is being held for spectrum in various low (600 MHz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz), mid (3300 MHz) and high (26 GHz) frequency bands.

14. In July 2022, the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed an MoU with which company to set up the Centre of Excellence for the MSME Sector?

- 1) Sony
- 2) LG Electronics India
- 3) Philips
- 4) Samsung Electronics
- 5) Panasonic

Answer- **2) LG Electronics India**

Explanation:

National Small Industries Corporation (**NSIC**) signs MoU with **LG Electronics India** Pvt Ltd and Electronics Sector Skills Council of India on July 22, 2022.

i. In this endeavor, the LG Electronics and Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) will set up a Centre of Excellence at NSIC - Technical Services Centre aimed at training underprivileged youth in the fields of consumer electronics and appliances.

15. Where is the headquarters of SpiceJet?

- 1) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 2) Gurugram, Haryana
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- **2) Gurugram, Haryana**

Explanation:

The Headquarters of SpiceJet is located in Gurgaon or **Gurugram in Haryana**.

i. Low-cost carrier SpiceJet Ltd has cleared all its outstanding principal dues with the state-run airport operator Airports Authority of India (AAI), sending its shares up nearly 5%.

ii. The airline will revert to an advance payment mechanism for its daily operations, and AAI will release a 500 million rupees (USD6.33 million) bank guarantee.

16. Which state organized the 'Megh Malhar Parv 2022' festival in July 2022?

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

Answer- 3) Gujarat

Explanation:

The **Gujarat** Tourism Development Corporation has organized '**Megh Malhar Parv 2022**' at Gujarat's only hill station, Saputara. Month long festival starts from July 30, 2022 amidst delightful monsoon in the State.

17. In which state/UT, Pangong Lake is located?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Ladakh
- 5) Assam

Answer- 4) Ladakh

Explanation:

Pangong Lake, situated in Ladakh at a height of almost 4,350m, is the world's highest saltwater lake. It derives its name from the Tibetan word, "Pangong Tso", which means "high grassland lake".

i. Mass meditation at Pangong Lake at a height of 4,225 meter involving 500 participants from national and international spheres has been included by the World Book of Records which was organized by Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre Leh, Ladakh, India on the occasion of International Festival of Yoga and Meditation on June 23, 2022.

18. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)?

- 1) Rakesh Asthana
- 2) C B Ananthkrishnan
- 3) R Madhavan
- 4) Alok Verma
- 5) Jayadeva E. P

Answer- 2) C B Ananthkrishnan

Explanation:

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Director (Finance) **C B Ananthkrishnan** took over the additional charge of the post of **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** following the superannuation of R Madhavan on July 31, 2022.

i. Ananthkrishnan will hold this post for a period of three months from Monday or till the post of CMD.

19. The National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL) comes under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 5) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Answer- 2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Explanation:

Alibi Global Private Limited, a startup registered under the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), has received accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL). It has become the first private forensic lab in south India to obtain the recognition.

i. NABL is a constituent board of Quality Council of India which is an autonomous body setup under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, Government of India.

20. Who authored the book, Karmayog Shashtra?

- 1) Bipin Chandra Pal
- 2) Lala Lajpat Rai
- 3) Bhagat Singh
- 4) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- 5) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Answer- **4) Bal Gangadhar Tilak**

Explanation:

Bal Gangadhar Tilak was a social reformer, Indian nationalist, and freedom fighter. He was a follower of Swaraj and died on 1 August 1920. His speeches in Marathi and Hindi were popular.

i. He is credited as the first leader of the Indian Independence Movement. He was lovingly called 'Lokmanya' which means 'accepted by people'. The British called him the 'Father of Indian Unrest'. Let's go through the amazing facts and slogans of Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

ii. Shrimadh Bhagvad Gita Rahasya, popularly also known as **Gita Rahasya or Karmayog Shashtra**, is a 1915 Marathi language book authored by Lokmanya **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** while he was in prison at Mandalay, Burma.

iii. Other books are: The Arctic Home in the Vedas, Orion or the Antiquity of the Vedas, Full and Authentic Report of the Tilak Trial 1908.

21. Who is the hero of the battle of Turtuk?

- 1) Col. Chewang Rinchen
- 2) Lt. Col. Arun Bhimrao
- 3) Col. Jag Mohan Nath
- 4) Lt. Col. Inder Bal Singh
- 5) Lt. Arvind Singh

Answer- **1) Col. Chewang Rinchen**

Explanation:

Ladakh built the seven feet high statue of twice Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) awardee and hero of battle of Turtuk, **Colonel Chewang Rinchen** at his native Sumoor village in Leh

i. The statue was inaugurated in a ceremony at Sumoor village by Brigadier Padam Thakur, Commander 102 Infantry brigade

ii. The bust of the statue was sculpted by Tsering Gurmet Kungyam.

22. The monkeypox virus belongs to which genus of Virus?

- 1) Adenoviridae
- 2) Parvovirinae
- 3) Betapleolipovirus

- 4) Orthopoxvirus
- 5) Alphatorquevirus

Answer- **4) Orthopoxvirus**

Explanation:

About Monkeypox:

It is a zoonotic disease. Monkeypox is caused by the monkeypox virus, a member of the **Orthopoxvirus genus** in the family Poxviridae.

- The disease is endemic in regions like West and Central Africa. Kerala has reported the first death of a monkeypox case in India.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 18,000 cases are reported from 78 countries. India confirmed some monkeypox cases in Kerala and Delhi.

23. What is the capital of Mozambique?

- 1) Malabo
- 2) Maputo
- 3) Moroni
- 4) Gitega
- 5) Luanda

Answer- **2) Maputo**

Explanation:

About Mozambique:

Capital- Maputo

Currency- Mozambican metical

President- Filipe Nyusi

24. The _____ edition of the international film festival will be held in Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir in September 2022.

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

Answer- **3) 2nd**

Explanation:

The **second** edition of the international film festival at Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir will be held here from the 3rd of September with films from 54 countries slated to be screened over two days of the event.

i. The first-ever international film festival here was held in September 2019 in Jammu, the winter capital of the Union Territory. The event was on the cold shelf for the last two years due to the COVID pandemic.

25. In which country, the port of Chabahar is located?

- 1) Mauritius
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Saudi Arabia

4) Iran

5) Egypt

Answer- **4) Iran**

Explanation:

The **port of Chabahar** is located in southeastern **Iran** in the Gulf of Oman. It is the only Iranian port with direct access to the ocean. It's located in the Sistan-Baluchistan province on the energy-rich Iran's southern coast.

i. The Chabahar port is considered a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with central Asian countries.

ii. On July 31, 2022, Chabahar Day Conference was launched in Mumbai, by Union Shipping Minister Sarbanand Sonowal and Minister of State for Shipping, Shripad Naik. The Inauguration event was attended by dignitaries from Kazakhstan, Iran, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Afghanistan.

26. Which company recently (in Aug '22) signed a 5 years contract for digital transformation with Nokia of Finland?

1) Accenture

2) HCL Technologies

3) Infosys

4) Wipro

5) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer- **4) Wipro**

Explanation:

Bengaluru, Karnataka- based **Wipro** Ltd. announced the signing of a new, five-year contract for digital transformation with Nokia of Finland. The new contract expands on a connection that was first formed more than 20 years ago.

27. Which organisation compiles the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) every month on the basis of retail prices?

1) Labour Bureau

2) Department of Revenue

3) National Statistical Office

4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

5) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Answer- **1) Labour Bureau**

Explanation:

The All-India CPI-IW for June 2022 increased by **0.2 points** and stood at 129.2 points.

i. The CPI-IW is mainly used for determining dearness allowance (DA) paid to central/state government employees and workers in the industrial sectors besides measuring inflation in retail prices, fixation and revision of minimum wages in scheduled employment.

ii. The **Labour Bureau**, an attached office of the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, has been compiling the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices.

28. Who was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner?

- 1) Rajesh Khanna
- 2) Arvind Kumar
- 3) Babu Nand Rai
- 4) Suresh N. Patel
- 5) Shravan Kumar

Answer- 4) Suresh N. Patel

Explanation:

Vigilance Commissioner **Suresh N. Patel** was appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner, a year after the post fell vacant. Mr. Patel, who has been working as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since June 2022.

29. The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched in 2015 by which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 5) Ministry of Finance

Answer- 5) Ministry of Finance

Explanation:

A total of Rs 9.98 lakh crore was sanctioned to 16.67 crore loan accounts under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) in 3 years, announced by Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha. The **Ministry of Finance** implements PMMY scheme in the year 2015

i. The minister stated that loans under the scheme are extended across three categories, viz. Shishu (loans up to Rs 50,000), Kishore (loans above Rs 50,000 and up to Rs. 5 lakh) and Tarun (loans above Rs 5 lakh and up to Rs 10 lakh).

ii. As per the survey by the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), PMMY helped in generating 1.12 crore net additional employment during a period of approximately 3 years.

30. Who is the current (as of Aug'22) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Union Bank of India (UBI)?

- 1) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 2) Rajkiran Rai
- 3) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 4) A. Manimekhalai
- 5) Partha Pratim Sengupta

Answer- 4) A. Manimekhalai

Explanation:

About Union Bank of India (UBI):

MD & CEO – A. Manimekhalai

Establishment – 1919

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline – Good People to Bank with

31. In which state Rakhigarhi site is located?

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

Answer- 2) Haryana

Explanation:

Twenty heritage sites, including two ancient mounds at **Haryana's Rakhigarhi** and the age-old Anangtal in Delhi, have been identified for the national importance tag. Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy shared the details in a written response to a question in Lok Sabha.

i. They include the two ancient mounds at rock painting at Chintakunta in Andhra Pradesh and Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple in Himachal Pradesh.

ii. Notably, the **Rakhigarhi site** is one of the "five iconic sites", which was declared by the Centre in Union Budget 2020-21.

32. The United Kingdom (UK)'s Royal Mint has issued a new 24-karat gold bar engraved with an image of Lord Ganesh for Ganesh Chaturthi.

Where is the headquarters of the Royal Mint of the United Kingdom?

- 1) Liverpool
- 2) Llantrisant
- 3) Glasgow
- 4) Birmingham
- 5) London

Answer- 2) Llantrisant

Explanation:

The Royal Mint is a government-owned mint that produces coins for the United Kingdom. The Headquarters is located at **Llantrisant**, United Kingdom.

i. The UK's Royal Mint has issued a new 24-karat gold bar engraved with an image of Lord Ganesh for sale in the lead up to Ganesh Chaturthi on August 31, marking an expansion of its Indian-inspired gold minted bullion bar range.

ii. The 20-gram "999.9 fine gold" Ganesh bullion bar is on sale online from this week and is priced at GBP 1,110.80, the same as Royal Mint's 24-karat Goddess Lakshmi gold bar launched for Diwali 2021.

33. Euro currency Falls to Equal the U.S. Dollar for the First Time in 20 Years in July 2022.

Which country on the list below 'does not' have the Euro as its official currency?

- 1) Montenegro
- 2) Hungary
- 3) Belgium
- 4) Estonia
- 5) Zimbabwe

Answer- 5) Zimbabwe

Explanation:

Zimbabwe's capital is Harare and the United **States Dollar** is the currency.

- i. In July 2022, the euro achieved parity with the US dollar for the First Time in 20 Years. In other words, in terms of the exchange rate, one euro became equal to one US dollar. This is only the **second time** since 2002 that the euro has fallen this low to a dollar.
- ii. The latest blow to the exchange rate has come from the energy crisis in the wake of Russia's war against Ukraine. One, the weakness of the Eurozone's economy. Two, the difference in the monetary policy response between the US and European central banks.
- iii. If the euro continues to weaken, the rupee, which is already just a whisker away from 80 to a dollar, will further weaken against the dollar.

34. In July 2022, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) invited applications for filling one post of trustee on the board of National Pension System Trust. Which of the following is 'Not' a flagship scheme of PFRDA?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
- 2) National Pension System
- 3) Atal Pension Yojana
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 1) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

Explanation:

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (**PFRDA**) has invited applications for filling one post of trustee on the board of National Pension System Trust.

- i. Applications are invited from Indian citizens for appointment as a trustee on the board of NPS Trust for a period of three years from the date of appointment with provision of extension for another term of two years only.
- ii. The PFRDA has two flagship pension schemes-- National Pension System (**NPS**) and Atal Pension Yojana (**APY**).

35. Indian Railways' Western Railway (WR) zone was recently (in July'22) commissioned a new Skywalk at Andheri station in Maharashtra for the convenience of passengers.

The Andheri station is located in which city of Maharashtra?

- 1) Solapur
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Aurangabad
- 4) Amravati
- 5) Pune

Answer- 2) Mumbai

Explanation:

Indian Railways' Western Railway (**WR**) zone has commissioned a new **Skywalk** at Andheri station, **Mumbai, Maharashtra** for the convenience of passengers. The new Skywalk at Andheri is 6 metre wide and 98 metre long and was commissioned on 1 August.

- i. The total cost of the Skywalk is approx. Rs4.50 Crores. With this, a total of eight FOBs and Skywalks have been commissioned in the Mumbai suburban section of Western Railway in the financial year 2022 - 23, taking the total to 141.

36. As per the data released by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), 4,31,86,423 subscribers have been enrolled under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) up to 21st July 2022.

The Atal Pension Yojana comes under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 5) Ministry of MSME

Answer- 2) Ministry of Finance

Explanation:

As per information received from Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), 4,31,86,423 subscribers have been enrolled under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) up to 21.07.2022.

i. This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha in August 2022.

ii. The **APY** is a Government of India Scheme which was launched on 9th May, 2015 by the **Ministry of Finance**, and was operationalised w.e.f. 1st June, 2015. It is open to all citizens of India between 18-40 years of age, having a savings bank account in a bank or post-office.

37. The UNESCO World Heritage Site, "Hegra Archaeological Site," will be open to the public.

In which country is the Hegra Archaeological Site located?

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Qatar
- 4) United Arab Emirates
- 5) Egypt

Answer- 1) Saudi Arabia

Explanation:

Saudi Arabia will open the ancient archaeological site Hegra for the public. Hegra, undisturbed for almost 2,000 years, is **Saudi Arabia's** first UNESCO World Heritage Site.

i. The Nabateans, an ancient Arab people who inhabited northern Arabia and the southern Levant, had built this lesser-known sister city of Petra in Jordan.

ii. They had created a huge empire in the desert from the 4th century BC to the 1st century AD when Emperor Trajan conquered them and they became subjects of the Romans.

38. The New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank) is located in which city of China?

- 1) Tianjin
- 2) Hong Kong
- 3) Shanghai
- 4) Beijing
- 5) Wuhan

Answer- 3) Shanghai

Explanation:

The New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank) is located in **Shanghai**, China.

i. Recently, Satellite photos show that China is building a new nuclear test site in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) speeding up the nuclear arms race to achieve the ambition of becoming military power on a par with the US contradictory to President Joe Biden has advocated a "nuclear-free world."

39. In August 2022, The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) allowed the drilling investigation in the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve which experiences high seismic activity due to the Koyna dam.

In which state Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is a reserve in the state of Maharashtra. Located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats of **Maharashtra**, it is part of the ecoregions of North Western Ghats moist deciduous forests and North Western Ghats montane rain forests.

i. The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has allowed the drilling investigation in the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve which experiences high seismic activity due to the Koyna dam in Maharashtra.

ii. The Koyna dam comes under the core area of the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve notified by the Maharashtra government.

40. In which state 'Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary is one of the oldest bird-protected areas located in Maduranthagam Taluk of Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu (TN).

i. This freshwater wetland is a people-protected water bird area. This site is also recognized internationally, as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA). It belongs to the Coromandel Coast biotic province.

ii. Recently in July 2022, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary from Tamil Nadu, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

41. Kerala tops in holding Assembly sittings in 2021 with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest in India.

Who is the Present (as of Aug'22) Governor of Kerala?

- 1) Arif Mohammed Khan
- 2) Jagdish Mukhi
- 3) Banwarilal Purohit
- 4) Satya Pal Malik
- 5) Ganga Prasad

Answer- 1) Arif Mohammed Khan

Explanation:

Arif Mohammed Khan is the **governor** of Kerala.

i. Kerala, which slipped to the eighth slot in holding Assembly sittings during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, returned to the top spot in 2021, with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest in the country.

ii. The report on the functioning of State Assemblies for 2021 is published by the PRS Legislative Research (PRS), a New Delhi-based think tank.

iii. Odisha secured 2nd place with 43 sitting days; Karnataka 40, and Tamil Nadu 34 days.

42. The largest pink diamond in 300 years named 'Lulo Rose' was found in Angola.

What is the capital of Angola?

- 1) Asmara
- 2) Kinshasa
- 3) Luanda
- 4) Bangui
- 5) Gitega

Answer- 3) Luanda

Explanation:

About Angola:

Capital- Luanda

Currency- Angolan kwanza

A rare 170-carat pink rough diamond, weighing 34 grams, has been discovered at Lucapa's Lulo Mine in Angola. Titled 'The Lulo Rose', it is touted to be the largest pink diamond discovered in the last 300 years.

43. In August 2022, the Anamalai Reed-tail was first spotted at Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary.

In which state Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 2) Kerala

Explanation:

Anamalai Reed-tail was first spotted at Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary. The odonates' checklist of Kerala has now grown to 182 with the discovery of a new damselfly species from the Western Ghats in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Thrissur, **Kerala**.

44. In August 2022, the Manipur government issued an order to remove all floating houses and fishing structures on Loktak lake.

Loktak Lake is the largest _____ lake situated in the North-eastern state of Manipur.

- 1) Artificial Lake
- 2) Crater Lake
- 3) Oxbow Lake
- 4) Freshwater Lake
- 5) Saltwater Lake

Answer- 4) Freshwater Lake

Explanation:

A recent notice by the Manipur government to remove all floating houses and fishing structures on Loktak lake has evoked a reaction from the fishing community and homestay operators.

i. Loktak lake is the largest freshwater lake situated in the North-eastern state of Manipur, India.

45. The Election Commission of India (ECI) announced that all the Indian citizens above 17 years of age will now be able to apply for having their names enrolled in the voters' list in advance.

Who is the present (as of Aug'22) Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of ECI?

- 1) Sunil Arora
- 2) Om Prakash Rawat
- 3) Sushil Chandra
- 4) Rajiv Kumar
- 5) Anup Chandra Pandey

Answer- 4) Rajiv Kumar

Explanation:

Former Finance Secretary **Rajiv Kumar** on May 15 2022 assumed charge as Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), taking over from outgoing CEC Sushil Chandra who retired on May 14, 2022.

i. The Election Commission of India (ECI) announced that the youngsters above the age of 17 years need not wait till the prerequisite criterion of attaining age of 18 years to apply for their voter card, they can now apply in advance.

46. Russia becomes the third-largest coal supplier to India in July 2022.

What is the currency of Russia?

- 1) Peso
- 2) Lira
- 3) Ruble
- 4) Euro
- 5) Won

Answer- 3) Ruble

Explanation:

About Russia:

Capital- Moscow

Currency- Russian **Ruble** or Rouble

i. Russia became India's third-largest coal supplier in July 2022 with imports rising by over a fifth compared with June to a record 2.06 million tonnes.

ii. Russia has historically been the sixth-largest supplier of coal to India, behind Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, and the United States, with Mozambique and Colombia alternatingly featuring in the top five.

47. The Government of India informed the Unit 3 of the Kakrapar atomic plant is expected to commence commercial operation by December 2022.

In which state Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is located?

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

Answer- 5) Gujarat

Explanation:

The **Kakrapar Atomic Power Station** is a nuclear power station in India, which lies in the state of **Gujarat**.

i. The Government was informed that Unit 3 of Kakrapar atomic plant is expected to commence commercial operation by December 2022, after obtaining stage-wise regulatory clearances.

ii. In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh

48. India will host the diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council (UNSC) in October 2022 for a special meeting on counter-terrorism.

Where is the Headquarters of UNSC?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) New York, United States
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- 2) New York, United States

Explanation:

The Headquarters of the UN Security Council- **New York, United States**.

i. India will host diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council in October for a special meeting on counter-terrorism.

ii. India chairs the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022 and will in October host diplomats of the 15-nation Security Council, including US, China and Russia, for the counter-terrorism committee's special meeting.

49. The 5th August 2022 is the third anniversary of abrogation of special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

Which of the following articles gives the provisions of special status to J&K ?

- 1) Article 377
- 2) Article 290
- 3) Article 15
- 4) Article 289
- 5) Article 370

Answer- 5) Article 370

Explanation:

The 5th August 2022 is the third anniversary of abrogation of Article 370. It is on this day (5th August) in August 2019, when provisions of Article **370**, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was abrogated by the Union Government. The State was further divided into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

i. Earlier, Jammu and Kashmir was the only state in the country with a separate constitution as per the provisions mentioned in Article 370, a 'temporary provision' that grants special autonomous status to the State.

50. The Ministry of Culture organized 'Tiranga Utsav' to celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, who is a freedom fighter and designer of India's National Flag.

When was the 146th Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya celebrated across India?

- 1) 5th August 2022
- 2) 3rd August 2022
- 3) 1st August 2022
- 4) 4th August 2022
- 5) 2nd August 2022

Answer- 5) 2nd August 2022

Explanation:

On August 2, 2022, the Ministry of Culture organized 'Tiranga Utsav' to celebrate Pingali Venkayya's **146th** Birth Anniversary.

i. Pingali Venkayya, a freedom fighter and the designer of India's National Flag was a follower of Gandhian principles, and it was upon the request of Mahatma Gandhi that he designed the Indian National Flag with saffron, white and green colours with chakra in the middle.

ii. He wrote a book titled "National Flag for India," which was published in 1916. The book showcased thirty designs of what could make the Indian flag.

51. The 'Bazball strategy' related to which of the following sports?

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

Answer- 2) Cricket

Explanation:

During the recently concluded fifth cricket Test match between England and India at Edgbaston Cricket ground in Birmingham, England, the team's new approach - known as "BazBall" in the British media - was credited for its big win with their highest-ever Test run chase of 378 runs.

- i. The word "Bazball," which refers to England's new strategy for Test matches under head coach Brendon McCullum, has received significant attention in the cricket fraternity. Brendon McCullum, the Kiwi head coach of England who goes by the title "Baz," inspired the name.
- ii. "Bazball" is the no-holds-barred strategy that prioritizes freedom of speech and a win-at-all-costs approach.

52. In which state 'Dihang Dibang Biosphere Reserve' is located?

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

Answer- **4) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:**About Arunachal Pradesh:**

Chief Minister-Pema Khandu

Airport- Tezu Airport, Itanagar Airport

Biosphere Reserve- Dihang Dibang Biosphere Reserve

53. Who is the ex-officio Chairperson of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha)?

- 1) Chief Justice of India
- 2) Vice President of India
- 3) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- 4) President of India
- 5) Prime Minister of India

Answer- **2) Vice President of India**

Explanation:

The elections to the next Vice-President of India is currently being held on **6 August 2022**.

- i. The Vice President is the second highest constitutional office in India. He/She serves for a five-year term, but can continue to be in office irrespective of the expiry of the term, until the successor assumes office.
- ii. The Vice President is the ex-officio Chairperson of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) and does not hold any other office of profit.
- iii. As per Article 66 of the Constitution of India, the Vice-President is elected by the members of the Electoral College.

54. In which country the 'Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station' is located?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Israel
- 3) Belarus
- 4) Ukraine

5) Afghanistan

Answer- **4) Ukraine**

Explanation:

The **Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station** is located near the city of Enerhodar, Southeastern **Ukraine**, on the Kakhovka Reservoir's southern shore on the River Dnieper. It is Europe's largest nuclear power plant and is among the world's top 10 largest.

i. Recently, Russia was willing to assist the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) with a potential visit to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant but the United Nations Secretariat refused to approve such a visit.

55. In August 2022, the Tata Power Green Energy Limited commissioned a 225 MW hybrid power project in which state?

1) Punjab

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) Uttar Pradesh

4) Rajasthan

5) Kerala

Answer- **4) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Tata Power Green Energy Limited (**TPGEL**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has commissioned a 225 MW hybrid power project in **Rajasthan**.

i. The power generated from the project will be supplied to Tata Power for distribution in Mumbai under a power purchase agreement (PPA) that is valid for 25 years.

ii. This is the first hybrid project developed by Tata Power consisting of recently commissioned 225MW of solar power at Noorsar in Rajasthan and existing wind assets of 96MW which is expected to generate about 700 MUs of energy per year.

56. Which country is the world's largest milk producer?

1) India

2) Brazil

3) Germany

4) China

5) United States America

Answer- **1) India**

Explanation:

International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12, 2022.

i. India will look to improve its per animal milk productivity by drawing lessons from advanced nations. Currently, **India is the world's largest milk producer** with about 210 million tonnes of production per year, India lags behind many advanced countries in dairy productivity.

57. In August 2022, Tamim Iqbal became the first batter in _____ to score 8000 runs in the One Day International (ODI) Cricket.

1) Afghanistan

2) New Zealand

- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) West Indies
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- **3) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

Bangladeshi ODI skipper Tamim Iqbal became the first batter in Bangladesh to score 8000 runs in the ODI during the first ODI being played against Zimbabwe in Harare.

- i. Tamim Iqbal had scored a total of 7943 runs. In his over a century long partnership with Liton Das, he achieved this feat scoring 62 runs off 88 balls.
- ii. Tamim Iqbal has now joined the list of great players like Sachin Tendulkar, Sanath Jayasuriya, Chris Gayle, Adam Gilchrist and Sourav Ganguly among a total of 33 batters who have scored over 8000 runs in ODIs.

58. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated renovated Bakshi Stadium which was damaged in the 2014 floods.

Manoj Sinha is the Lieutenant Governor of which state/UT?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Puducherry
- 5) Delhi

Answer- **3) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** inaugurated renovated Bakshi Stadium, in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir which was damaged in the 2014 floods.

- ii. It was chosen to open this stadium today as it is the third anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, which is now constructed on FIFA guidelines. The stadium has been renovated at the cost of Rs 50 crores.

59. Flash flooding at Death Valley National Park due to heavy rainfall in August 2022.

In which country Death Valley National Park is located?

- 1) Ecuador
- 2) Brazil
- 3) United States
- 4) Canada
- 5) Mexico

Answer- **3) United States**

Explanation:

Flash flooding at Death Valley National Park triggered by heavy rainfall in August 2022, buried cars, forced closed all roads in and out the park and stranded about 1,000 people.

- i. The park near the California-Nevada state, United States line received at least 1.7 inches (4.3 centimeters) of rain in the Furnace Creek area. The park's average annual rainfall is 1.9 inches (4.8 centimeters)

60. In August 2022, First Himalayan spice garden was inaugurated in Ranikhet.

Ranikhet is a hill station in which state/UT?

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

Answer- 2) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

A Himalayan spice garden, a first of its kind in the entire Indian Himalayan Region and India, was inaugurated by noted historian Shekhar Pathak in Ranikhet, hill station in **Uttarakhand**.

i. It showcases major Himalayan spices ranging from Kesar from Kashmir to famed Tejpat, Timoor and Wild Heeng, found in the Bhaironghati area of Uttarkashi District.

ii. The garden has been established over an area of around 4 acres in Ranikhet, with funding from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) over a period of two years.

iii. It has been developed by the research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department.

61. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded in 1967 with the signing of _____ declaration.

- 1) Declaration of Philippines
- 2) Brunei Declaration
- 3) Myanmar Declaration
- 4) Bangkok Declaration
- 5) Vietnam Declaration

Answer- 4) Bangkok Declaration

Explanation:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded in 1967 with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration in Bangkok, Thailand (**Bangkok Declaration**).

i. Purpose: To accelerate the economic growth, social progress, and cultural development in the South Asian region, & promote regional peace and stability.

ii. Members – Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

iii. ASEAN's 2022 chairmanship theme – 'ASEAN A.C.T: Addressing Challenges Together'

Note- August 8 is observed as ASEAN Day.

62. What is the currency of Cambodia?

- 1) Riel
- 2) Lira
- 3) Dollar
- 4) Pound
- 5) Dinar

Answer- 1) Riel

Explanation:

About Kingdom of Cambodia:

Prime Minister (PM) – Hun Sen

Capital – Phnom Penh

Currency – Cambodian Riel

63. Astronomers discovered the heaviest known neutron star, an object that forms when the core of a massive star undergoes gravitational collapse at the end of its life.

The brightest star in the Earth's night sky is _____.

- 1) Constellation
- 2) Pleiades
- 3) Sirius
- 4) Orion
- 5) Polo

Answer- 3) Sirius

Explanation:

Sirius, also known as the Dog Star or Sirius A, is the brightest star in Earth's night sky. Sirius has been the shiniest star in the sky for a long, long time.

- i.** Astronomers have for the first time discovered the heaviest known neutron star, an object that forms when the core of a massive star undergoes gravitational collapse at the end of its life.
- ii.** The neutron star is a kind dubbed a "black widow," named in honor of female black widow spiders that eat their male partners after mating.
- iii.** Neutron stars are unique formations in space that have about 1.3 to 2.5 solar masses (mass of the sun) into a city-sized sphere perhaps 20 kilometers. The newly discovered neutron star weighs roughly 2.35 times the mass of the sun, and if it gets heavier could collapse and form a black hole.

64. Ranjit Vasant Rao More was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

In which year the CAT Act was created under Article 323A of the Constitution of India?

- 1) 1995
- 2) 1985
- 3) 1997
- 4) 2000
- 5) 1992

Answer- 2) 1985

Explanation:

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, was appointed Justice Ranjit Vasant Rao More (former Chief Justice, Meghalaya High Court), to the post of Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

- i.** The CAT was created by the Act in **1985** under Article 323A of the Constitution of India. The Tribunal derives its jurisdiction, powers, and authority from this Section.

65. NASA's James Webb Space Telescope recently (in Aug '22) captured a new image of the Cartwheel Galaxy.

What is the area of space around which the James Webb space telescope orbits?

- 1) Asteroid points
- 2) Trojan point
- 3) Coriolis Points
- 4) Lagrange point
- 5) Gravity Point

Answer- 4) Lagrange point

Explanation:

The **James Webb Space Telescope** will not be in orbit around the Earth, like the Hubble Space Telescope is - it will actually orbit the Sun, 1.5 million kilometers (1 million miles) away from the Earth at what is called the second **Lagrange point** or L2.

i. NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has peered through time and huge amounts of dust to capture a new image of the Cartwheel Galaxy, revealing the spinning ring of colour in unprecedented clarity,

66. In August 2022, Air France-KLM Group appointed Claude Sarre as the new General Manager (GM) for the Indian subcontinent.

In which year Air France-KLM Group was founded?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 2010
- 3) 1997
- 4) 2004
- 5) 2000

Answer- 4) 2004

Explanation:

Air France-KLM group founded in May **2004**.

i. Air France-KLM has appointed Claude Sarre as the new General Manager (GM) for the Indian subcontinent from August 1, 2022.

ii. Claude takes over from Jean-Noel Rault and will be responsible for the overall strategy, strengthening the presence of Air France-KLM in the Indian subcontinent including the codeshare partnership with IndiGo.

67. In which country the Port of Odessa is located?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Israel
- 3) Belarus
- 4) Ukraine
- 5) Afghanistan

Answer- 4) Ukraine

Explanation:

The first shipment of Ukrainian grain since the Russian invasion in February 2022 left the port of Odessa, Ukraine under a landmark deal to lift Moscow's naval blockade in the Black Sea.

68. The date palm is the symbol and pride of which country?

- 1) Chile
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Brazil
- 4) India
- 5) United States America

Answer- 2) Iraq

Explanation:

The date palm is the symbol and pride of **Iraq**. Iraq was once known as the country of 30 million palm trees and is home to 600 varieties of dates. The fruit is Iraq's second-largest export commodity after oil and adds USD120 million annually to the national economy.

i. However, Iraq's production of dates has been severely affected by environmental challenges, political issues and war.

ii. Officials accuse Iran of upstream diversions of the Mirzabad River, locally known as Al-Kalal.

69. In which state Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

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

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

70. Who among the following elects Vice-President of the Indian Union?

- 1) Members of Lok Sabha
- 2) Members of both the houses of Parliament
- 3) Member of State Legislatures
- 4) Member of Rajya Sabha
- 5) Member of Nominated MP

Answer- 2) Members of both the houses of Parliament

Explanation:

The Vice President shall be elected by the members of an electoral college consisting of the members of **both Houses of Parliament** in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and the voting at such election shall be by secret ballot.

Eligibility:

- He should be a citizen of India.
- He should have completed 35 years of age.
- He should be qualified for election as a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- He should not hold any office of profit under the Union government or any state government or any local authority or any other public authority.

71. In August 2022, Sujoy Lal Thaosen took over the additional charge of Director General (DG) of Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

In which year Indo-Tibetan Border Police was founded?

- 1) 1980
- 2) 1972
- 3) 1967
- 4) 1958
- 5) 1962

Answer- 5) 1962

Explanation:

Indo-Tibetan Border Police was Founded in **1962** with the headquarters in Delhi, India
Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Sujoy Lal Thaosen took over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi.

i. Sujoy Lal Thaosen is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre. IPS Sanjay Arora handed over the charge and customary baton to Sujoy Lal Thaosen.

72. In August 2022, R S Sodhi was elected as the new President of Indian Dairy Association (IDA).

R S Sodhi is the Managing Director (MD) of which company?

- 1) Mother Dairy
- 2) Amul Federation
- 3) Dynamix Dairy
- 4) Karnataka Co-Operative Milk Federation
- 5) Kwaliti Limited

Answer- 2) Amul Federation

Explanation:

R S Sodhi, Managing Director (MD) of Amul Federation has been elected as the new President of Indian Dairy Association (IDA).

i. IDA is the apex body of the dairy industry in India and founded in 1948.

73. Jeffrey Armstrong was recently (in Aug '22) awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021.

Jeffrey Armstrong belongs to which country?

- 1) China
- 2) Russia
- 3) Spain
- 4) Canada
- 5) Germany

Answer- 4) Canada

Explanation:

Canadian scholar **Jeffrey Armstrong** has been awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (**ICCR**) Distinguished Indologist for 2021. He was presented the award in a ceremony by Manish, India's consul-general in Vancouver.

i. He becomes the seventh recipient of this award and joins the earlier recipients from Germany, China, Japan, the UK, South Korea and the USA.

74. According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Unified Payments Interface (UPI) reported 6.28 billion transactions worth Rs 10.62 trillion in July 2022.

Who is the current (as of Aug '22) MD & CEO of NPCI?

- 1) Biswamohan Mahapatra
- 2) Dilip Asbe
- 3) Deepak Kumar
- 4) Venkatraman Srinivasan
- 5) Umesh Bellur

Answer- 2) Dilip Asbe

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

In 2012, NPCI launched 'RuPay' – an Indian Multinational Payment System

MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe

Established – 2008

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

- i.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the achievement of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions crossing 6 billion in July, the highest ever since its launch six years back.
- ii.** According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI reported 6.28 billion transactions worth Rs 10.62 trillion in July, an increase of 7 percent over June.

75. The International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) is a ____ digits unique number that is used to identify a device on a mobile network.

- 1) 10 digits
- 2) 11 digits
- 3) 15 digits
- 4) 9 digits
- 5) 12 digits

Answer- 3) 15 digits

Explanation:

The International Mobile Equipment Identity (**IMEI**) is a unique number that is used to identify a device on a mobile network. It has **15 digits**, and is like your phone's unique identity.

- i.** When you use the internet or place a call through your cellular service provider, then this number is used to verify the identity of your device. If you have a dual SIM phone, then you will have two IMEI numbers, one for each slot.
- ii.** Device manufacturers print it on stickers and paste them on the device and its box. It is usually found on the back of your phone, under the battery pack.
- iii.** However, the easiest way to find it is to dial ***#06#** on your mobile, and your screen will immediately display the IMEI number of your current device.

76. The Union government recently (in Aug '22) restricted exports of maida, semolina and all variants of wheat flour (atta) from 14 August 2022, according to an official order by the (DGFT).

In DGFT, what does D stands for:

- 1) Directorate
- 2) Department
- 3) Demand
- 4) Direct
- 5) Direction

Answer- 1) Directorate

Explanation:

The Union government restricted exports of maida, semolina and all variants of wheat flour (atta) from **14 August 2022**, a month after it restricted the exports of plain atta in view of global supply disruptions in wheat.

i. The move is part of a series of measures to prevent the sharp rise in domestic wheat prices which have spiked since March on account of low production and a sharp drop in procurement.

ii. Exports of maida, semolina, etc will be allowed subject to clearance from the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on wheat exports, according to an official order by the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)**.

iii. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) organization is an attached office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It is responsible for formulating and implementing the Foreign Trade Policy with the main objective of promoting India's exports.

77. The Uttarakhand tourism department is working on a plan to develop a "Modi circuit" at the Corbett Tiger Reserve.

Which of the following is not a Uttarakhand national park?

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

Answer- 1) Dudhwa National Park

Explanation:

Other Major Protected Areas of Uttarakhand:

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

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

i. The Uttarakhand tourism department is working on a plan to develop a "Modi circuit" at the Corbett Tiger Reserve, covering the places visited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while shooting for a television programme in 2019.

78. Sanjay Agarwal appointed as new Assistant Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

The ICRISAT headquarters is located in Patancheru, _____.

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

Answer- 4) Telangana

Explanation:

Sanjay Agarwal from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), who is currently the Chair of the Government of India's Committee on Minimum Support Price, joined International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (**ICRISAT**) as its new Assistant Director General.

i. Mr. Agarwal is a 1984-batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre. He has over 37 years of experience in administration and public policy.

ii. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics is an international organization which conducts agricultural research for rural development, headquartered in Patancheru, **Telangana** with several regional centers

79. PM Narendra Modi remembered the contribution of freedom fighters made during the Quit India Movement on the anniversary of Movement on 8th August 2022.

Who coined the slogan 'Quit India'?

- 1) Sucheta Kriplani
- 2) Mahatma Gandhi
- 3) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 4) Yusuf Meher Ali
- 5) Aruna Asaf Ali

Answer- 4) Yusuf Meher Ali

Explanation:

The iconic 'Quit India' slogan was coined by socialist Congress leader and lesser-known hero of the Indian National movement **Yusuf Meher Ali** in 1942.

i. On the anniversary (8th August) of Quit India Movement, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi remember the contribution of freedom fighters made during the Movement.

ii. On 8th August 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai.

80. What is the currency of Papua New Guinea?

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

Answer- 3) Kina

Explanation:

About Papua New Guinea:

Capital- Port Moresby

Currency- Papua New Guinean kina

81. In August 2022, Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to play 600 Twenty20 (T20) matches. He belongs to which country?

- 1) Ireland
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) West Indies
- 4) Australia
- 5) England

Answer- 3) West Indies

Explanation:

Former **West Indies** all-rounder **Kieron Pollard** became the first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches.

- i. The hard-hitting batter achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals during ongoing The Hundred tournament.
- ii. Pollard smashed an unbeaten 34 runs off just 11 balls consisting of one four and four big sixes.

82. In August 2022, Rajasthan sent the first Limestone goods train from Parbatsar, Near Makrana station to Lakheri in Bundi district.

Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Governor of Rajasthan?

- 1) Acharya Dev Vrat
- 2) Kalraj Mishra
- 3) Jagdish Mukhi
- 4) Banwarilal Purohit
- 5) Satya Pal Malik

Answer- 2) Kalraj Mishra

Explanation:

Kalraj Mishra is the Governor of Rajasthan.

In Rajasthan, the first Limestone goods train was sent from Parbatsar, Near Makrana station to Lakheri in Bundi district.

- i. The Jodhpur division has earned a revenue of 22.50 lakh rupees from the goods train.

83. In August 2022, A study carried out by researchers from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru undertook to understand the Peninsular Rock Agama in and around Bengaluru specifically.

Peninsular Rock Agama is a which of the following?

- 1) A type of Butterfly
- 2) Formation of sediments Rock
- 3) A Type of Lizard
- 4) Rock Eruption
- 5) Volcanic Rocks in Mountain

Answer- 3) A Type of Lizard

Explanation:

The Peninsular Rock Agama (*Psammophilus dorsalis*) which is a **type of garden lizard** has a strong presence in southern India.

i. A study carried out by researchers from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, undertook to characterize urbanization in the region and also to understand where the rock agama reside in and around Bengaluru specifically.

- This lizard is a large animal, strikingly coloured in orange and black.

ii. The study, published in *Frontiers in Conservation Science*, examined several environmental factors that could affect the presence of the lizard and revealed that they are found mainly in rocky places and warm spots.

84. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have the highest number of registered and active taxpayers who have paid nil Goods and Services Tax (GST) since its implementation.

The GST was introduced through which of the following Constitution Amendments?

- 1) 102nd
- 2) 96th
- 3) 101st
- 4) 97th
- 5) 100th

Answer- **3) 101st**

Explanation:

GST was introduced through the **101st Constitution Amendment Act, 2016**. It is one of the biggest indirect tax reforms in the country. The GST has subsumed indirect taxes like excise duty, Value Added Tax (VAT), service tax, luxury tax etc.

i. The Centre announced in Parliament that Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have the highest number of registered and active taxpayers who have paid nil GST since its implementation.

ii. The total 2.22 lakh active normal registered persons under Centre jurisdiction from UP have paid nil tax in cash under GST (that is, by not debiting any amount from electronic cash ledger) since its implementation.

iii. This is followed by Bihar with 1.10 lakh registered taxpayers and 1.05 lakh taxpayers from Maharashtra.

85. In which country Po River is located?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Kenya
- 3) Spain
- 4) Russia
- 5) Italy

Answer- **5) Italy**

Explanation:

Po River is the longest river in **Italy**, rising in the Monte Viso group of the Cottian Alps on Italy's western frontier. It emptying into the Adriatic Sea.

i. It has 141 tributaries, some major tributaries are Pellice, Varaita, Maira, Chisola, Sangone, Dora Riparia, Stura di Lanzo and Malone.

ii. Recently, Members of the Italian army remove a World War Two bomb that was discovered in the dried-up River Po which has been suffering from the worst drought in 70 years, in Borgo Virgilio, Italy.

86. In which state Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan.

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

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

87. The Term 'stablecoin' is seen in News Recently. What does Stablecoin refer to?

- 1) Air Pollution
- 2) Coin used in Indus Valley Civilization
- 3) Environmental hazards
- 4) Physical Experiment
- 5) A digital currency

Answer- **5) A digital currency**

Explanation:

A stablecoin is a **digital currency** whose value is pegged to a 'stable' asset, such as the United States dollar or gold.

i. Recently, the Financial Stability Board (FSB), a body which advises major economies on international finance, promised to push for stablecoin regulation citing recent turmoil in the cryptocurrency market.

88. In which state Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **1) Karnataka**

Explanation:

Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located in Mandya district, of the state of **Karnataka**. It has been enlisted as one of the Important Bird Areas (IBA) in Karnataka and India by Bombay Natural History Society.

i. Recently in August 2022, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary from Karnataka, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

89. Which of the following articles deal with the promotion of cottage industries on an individual or co-operative basis in rural areas?

- 1) Article 47
- 2) Article 52
- 3) Article 43
- 4) Article 64
- 5) Article 41

Answer- **3) Article 43**

Explanation:

According to the Gandhian principles embodied in the Indian Constitution's Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP), **Article 43 states** that: The State shall endeavor to promote cottage industries on an individual or co-operative basis in rural areas.

- i. Cooperatives are people-centered enterprises owned, controlled and run by and for their members to realize their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations.
- ii. In India, nearly 8.54 lakh cooperatives with a membership of 29 crore purchase goods and services on the open market.
- iii. On July 2, 2022, the 100th International Day of Cooperatives (CoopsDay) was celebrated.

90. Which country has the highest number of lions in the world?

- 1) Zambia
- 2) Kenya
- 3) India
- 4) Tanzania
- 5) Brazil

Answer- **4) Tanzania**

Explanation:

Lions are designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). **Tanzania** has the **highest number of lions** in the world followed by South Africa and Kenya.

The lion population in India:

- The lion is divided into two subspecies: the African lion (*Panthera leo leo*) and the Asiatic lion (*Panthera leo persica*).
- India is home to the majestic Asiatic Lion, who inhabit the protected territory of Sasan desert and in Gir National Park in Gujarat.
- Between 2015 and 2020, their population increased from 523 to 674.

Note- The first Lion Census was conducted by the Nawab of Junagadh in 1936 and since 1965, the Forest Department of Gujarat regularly conducts the Lion Census every five years in India.

91. In August 2022, the United States (US) Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited which country that caused tension between China and the US?

- 1) Ukraine
- 2) Philippines
- 3) North Korea
- 4) Hong Kong
- 5) Taiwan

Answer- **5) Taiwan**

Explanation:

The visit by US speaker Nancy Pelosi to **Taiwan** is not being well received by China. It has sparked intense tensions between the two powerful countries- China and US as China sees Taiwan as a breakaway province.

i. In 2020, amid worsening US-China relations over Covid and trade, the State Department sent its highest-ranking delegation till then to Taipei. During the visit, the Chinese conducted a military exercise in the Taiwan Strait, which separates Taiwan from mainland China.

Note- The First Island Chain comprises the Kuril Islands, the Japanese Archipelago, Ryukyu Islands, Taiwan, northwest Philippines and ending at Borneo.

92. In which state Manas National Park is located?

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

Answer- **1) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor – Prof. Jagadish Mukhi

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

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary, Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary

93. Clofazimine Drug has been in short supply in the Indian market for several months, and is now “not available” in India.

Clofazimine is a key drug for the treatment of which disease?

- 1) Cancer
- 2) Tuberculosis
- 3) Leprosy
- 4) Monkeypox
- 5) AIDS

Answer- **3) Leprosy**

Explanation:

Clofazimine, a key drug for the treatment of **leprosy**, which had been in short supply in the Indian market for several months, is now “not available. The medicine is available in the government hospitals and primary health centers. It is in the private sector that the shortage is being felt.

i. Clofazimine is one of the three essential drugs in the MultiDrug Treatment of Multibacillary Leprosy (MBMDT) cases, along with Rifampicin and Dapsone.

ii. Leprosy is also known as Hansen’s Disease. Leprosy is a chronic, progressive bacterial infection caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium Leprae, which is an acid-fast rod-shaped bacillus.

iii. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), leprosy is endemic in several States and Union Territories of India, with an annual case detection rate of 4.56 per 10,000 population.

94. In August 2022, the United States confirmed that Washington has supplied some AGM-88 HARM air-to-surface anti-radiation missiles to Ukraine.

What is the currency of Ukraine?

- 1) Pound
- 2) Peso
- 3) Hryvnia
- 4) Euro
- 5) Dollar

Answer- 3) Hryvnia

Explanation:

About Ukraine:

President – Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Capital & Currency– Kyiv & Ukrainian hryvnia

i. United States Under Secretary of Defence for Policy Colin Kahl confirmed that Washington has supplied some “anti-radiation missiles” to Ukraine, which could be fired from some Ukrainian Air Force aircraft.

ii. The statement has put meat on Russian allegations that an American anti-radar missile, AGM-88 HARM, which is part of NATO’s inventory, has been used in the theater of conflict.

iii. The acronym ‘HARM’ in the AGM-88 HARM air-to-surface missile stands for High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile.

95. The Group of Monuments at Hampi, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in which state?

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

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

Hampi or Hampe, also referred to as the Group of Monuments at Hampi, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Hampi town, Vijayanagara district, east-central Karnataka, India.

i. Various monuments at the Unesco World Heritage Site of Hampi have come under water following the release of 1.10 lakh cusecs of water from the Tungabhadra dam in Karnataka’s Vijayanagar district.

ii. The water inflow to the dam has been drastically increased due to incessant rain in the region. The water has been released from 30 crest gates of the dam and as a result Purandara Dasa Mantap, Saalu Mantap and Dahrmika Vidhi Vidhana Mantapa have been inundated.

96. _____ is a cyber-attack wherein a computing device is hijacked and controlled by the attacker and its resources are used to illicitly mine cryptocurrency.

- 1) Crypto Swapping
- 2) Crypto Blocking
- 3) Cryptojacking
- 4) Crypto Control

5) Cryptoware

Answer- **3) Cryptojacking**

Explanation:

Cryptojacking is a cyber attack wherein a computing device is hijacked and controlled by the attacker, and its resources are used to illicitly mine cryptocurrency.

i. 'Cryptojacking' attacks on computer systems have gone up by 30% to 66.7 million in the first half of 2022 compared to the first half of last year, according to a report by SonicWall, a US-based cybersecurity firm.

ii. Coin mining is a legitimate, competitive process used to release new crypto coins into circulation or to verify new transactions

97. The world's No. 2 exporter Bangladesh's garment industry is facing a double whammy from slowing global demand and an energy crisis in Bangladesh.

Which country is the world's largest exporter in the garment industry?

- 1) United States of America
- 2) Peru
- 3) India
- 4) Brazil
- 5) China

Answer- **5) China**

Explanation:

Bangladesh's garment industry, the world's No. 2 exporter after **China**, is facing a double whammy from slowing global demand and an energy crisis in Bangladesh.

i. Plummy Fashions Ltd., a supplier to PVH Corp., the parent company of fashion brand Tommy Hilfiger, and Inditex SA's Zara, saw new orders in July drop 20% from a year earlier.

98. The Supreme Court collegium is headed by the _____.

- 1) Attorney-General for India
- 2) Chief Justice of India
- 3) Vice-President of India
- 4) Prime Minister of India
- 5) President of India

Answer- **2) Chief Justice of India**

Explanation:

The **Supreme Court collegium** is headed by the **Chief Justice of India** and comprises four other senior-most judges of the court.

i. The collegium system is the system of appointment and transfer of judges that has evolved through judgments of the Supreme Court (Judges Cases), and not by an Act of Parliament or by a provision of the Constitution.

ii. The Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court (SC) are appointed by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution.

99. What is the retirement age of High Court judges under Article 217(1) of the Constitution of India?

- 1) 63
- 2) 65
- 3) 68
- 4) 62
- 5) 60

Answer- **4) 62**

Explanation:

According to Article 124(2) of the Constitution, the age of retirement for Supreme Court judges is 65. As per **Article 217(1)** of the Constitution, **High Court judges** retire at **62**.

i. Initially, the retirement age of High Court judges was 60, which was later in 1963 increased to 62 through the 114th constitutional amendment.

100. Which city will host the 45th Chess Olympiad in 2024?

- 1) Budapest, Hungary
- 2) Lucerne, Switzerland
- 3) Moscow, Russia
- 4) Havana, Cuba
- 5) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Answer- **1) Budapest, Hungary**

Explanation:

The **45th Chess Olympiad**, organised by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (**FIDE**) and comprising open and women's tournaments, as well as several events designed to promote the game of chess, will be held in **Budapest, Hungary** from 10 to 23 September 2024.

101. Which state is the chess capital of India?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, speaking at the Chess Olympiad event in Chennai, stated that 36 per cent of grandmasters are from the southern state and Chennai is the chess capital of India and Chennai is the 'mecca of Indian chess'.

i. As of August 2022, Tamil Nadu has a large number of GMs (27) which is followed by Maharashtra with 10 Grandmasters and West Bengal with 9.

ii. Tamil Nadu State has produced seven women Grandmasters, including India's first, S Vijayalakshmi and India's 1st Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, 5-time World Chess Champion also from Tamil Nadu.

102. Which of the following dates was celebrated as the Independence Day of India from 1930 till 1947?

- 1) 1st October
- 2) 26th January
- 3) 15th January
- 4) 26th November
- 5) 9th December

Answer- **2) 26th January**

Explanation:

From **1930 till 1947**, India celebrated **January 26** as its Independence Day. It was changed to August 15 in 1947.

i. The 'Purna Swaraj' resolution was adopted in the 1929 Lahore session of the Indian National Congress. The resolution was adopted as the talks between Lord Irwin and Indian delegates failed. As the delegates failed to reach any conclusion, INC decided to demand only complete independence and chose January 26, 1930, as the first 'Independence Day.'

ii. The British parliament then gave the mandate to Lord Mountbatten to transfer the power to India by June 30, 1948. Mountbatten was the last British governor-general of India. Mountbatten chose August 15 as the date of the Indian independence to also mark the second anniversary of Japan's surrender in World War 2.

iii. Since then, till 1947, India celebrated January 26 as Independence Day. It was the same date on which, in 1950, India adopted the Constitution and became a republic. We celebrate the day as Republic Day today.

103. *Portulaca oleracea* offers important clues about creating drought-tolerant crops in a world beset by climate change.

***Portulaca oleracea* is a _____**

- 1) Fertilizer Product
- 2) Type of Virus
- 3) A weed
- 4) A Pesticides
- 5) Type of Algae

Answer- **3) A weed**

Explanation:

A **common weed** named ***Portulaca oleracea***, also commonly known as purslane, offers important clues about creating drought-tolerant crops in a world beset by climate change, as noted in a new study.

i. Purslane has the evolutionary adaptations that help it to be both highly productive and drought tolerant, an unlikely combination for a plant.

ii. Plants have independently evolved various mechanisms to improve photosynthesis, the process by which green plants use sunlight to synthesise nutrients from carbon dioxide and water.