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**104. Udhna Railway station adopted by Green Man Viral Desai enters the India Book of Records as a unique Green Railway station.**

**Udhna railway station is located in which state?**

- 1) Thrissur, Kerala
- 2) Surat, Gujarat
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Answer- 2) Surat, Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

Gujarat-Surat's Greenman Viral Desai's efforts to transform the station have been recognised by the prestigious record book.

**i.** Efforts made with the right intention always yield the results, The dramatic transformation of **Udhna railway station in Surat** by noted entrepreneur and environmental crusader Greenman Viral Desai is a perfect example of this adage.

**ii.** The transformation has been recognised by the India Book of Records, which has named the Udhna railway station as a green railway station for ecosystem restoration and climate action.

**105. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Conference On Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?**

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

**Answer- 4) Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About United Nations Conference On Trade and Development (UNCTAD): Secretary-General –** Rebeca Grynspan (She is the first woman and Central American to serve as UNCTAD's secretary-general)

**Established – 1964**

**Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland**

**106. Which city will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games?**

- 1) Victoria, Australia
- 2) Birmingham, England
- 3) Victoria, Canada
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Glasgow, Scotland

**Answer- 1) Victoria, Australia**

**Explanation:**

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has confirmed that the 2026 Commonwealth Games will be hosted by the State of **Victoria in Australia.**

**107. Real Madrid won the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time by defeating Eintracht Frankfurt in Helsinki.**

**In which Helsinki city is located?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) Italy
- 3) Finland
- 4) Germany
- 5) Spain

**Answer- 3) Finland**

**Explanation:**

Real Madrid defeated Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 to win the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time in Helsinki, **Finland**.

- i.** UEFA Super Cup is an annual football match organised by UEFA for the winners of the two main European club competitions, i.e. the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League.
- ii.** AC Milan and Barcelona also have five Super Cup wins. In the match, David Alaba opened the scoring for Madrid and Karim Benzema doubled the lead in the 65th minute. Notably, Benzema has now become the second-highest goalscorer for Real Madrid.

**108. Who authored the book, An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India?**

- 1) Rajnath Singh
- 2) Dadabhai Naoroji
- 3) Subramanian Swamy
- 4) Shashi Tharoor
- 5) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

**Answer- 4) Shashi Tharoor**

**Explanation:**

**Shashi Tharoor** is a former international diplomat, politician, writer and public intellectual, serving as a Member of Parliament (MP) for Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, since 2009.

- i.** He served 29 years at the United Nations(UN), rising to the position of Under-Secretary-General for Communications And Public Information in 2002

**Prominent books of Shashi Tharoor:**

- Bookless in Baghdad (2005)
- India Shastra: Reflections on the Nation in our Time (2015)
- **An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India** (2016)
- Why I Am A Hindu (2018)
- The Paradoxical Prime Minister (2018)
- The Hindu Way: An Introduction to Hinduism (2019)

**109. Who is the current (as of Aug '22) union minister of the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)?**

- 1) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- 2) Parshottam Rupala
- 3) G. Kishan Reddy
- 4) Giriraj Singh
- 5) Anurag Singh Thakur

**Answer- 1) Mahendra Nath Pandey**

**Explanation:**

**About Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI):**

**Union Minister-** Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey (Constituency- Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh)

**Minister of State (MoS)-** Krishan Pal Gurjar (Constituency- Faridabad, Haryana)

**110. The project Mike programme is a site-based system that was developed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).**

**The Mike programme is related to which of the following animals?**

- 1) Elephant
- 2) Tiger
- 3) Lion
- 4) one-horned rhino
- 5) Cheetah

**Answer- 1) Elephant**

**Explanation:**

Elephants are the world's largest land animals. An adult elephant can reach 3 m tall and weigh up to 7,500 kg. African elephants are listed as 'vulnerable' and Asian elephants as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of threatened species.

**i. Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) programme** was launched in 2003, is an international collaboration that tracks trends in information related to the illegal killing of **elephants** from across Africa and Asia, to monitor the effectiveness of field conservation efforts.

**ii. It is a site-based system that was developed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).**

**111. Where is the Headquarters of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)?**

- 1) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

**Answer- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**About National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT):**

NIOT, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is India's premier institute which specialises in the field of ocean engineering and coastline protection.

**Director** – G. A. Ramadass

**Establishment** – November 1993

**Headquarters** – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**112. President of India Droupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi pay tribute to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his 4th death anniversary on 16th August 2022 at his memorial Sadaiv Atal in New Delhi, Delhi.**

**In which year did the Indian government honour him with the Bharat Ratna?**

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

**Answer- 2) 2015**

**Explanation:**

The nation is remembering Bharat Ratna, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his 4th death anniversary on 16th August 2022. He passed away on 16th August in 2018.

**i.** Born on 25th December 1924 in Gwalior, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's contribution towards public life and India's development will always be cherished.

**ii.** Atal Bihari Vajpayee served three terms as prime minister of India, first for a term of 13 days in 1996, then for a period of 13 months from 1998 to 1999, followed by a full term from 1999 to 2004.

**iii.** He was awarded the highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna in **2015**.

**113. Space Kidz India unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometers above the planet on Independence Day.**

**Space Kidz India is located in which state/UT?**

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

**Answer- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Chennai, Tamil Nadu** based **Space Kidz India** unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometers above the planet on Independence Day. The flag was sent to an altitude of 1 lakh 6 thousand feet above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it.

**i.** The event was part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav slogan and under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to celebrate the historic anniversary.

**ii.** Space Kidz India is an organization creating 'young scientists for the country and spreading awareness among children for a borderless world.'

**114. Which city will host the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) in February 2023?**

- 1) Thrissur, Kerala
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

**Answer- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

India's tremendous strides in the seafood sector will be exhibited in all its facets as the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI), will hold the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) in **Kolkata, West Bengal** from February 15 to 17 in 2023.

**115. In which state 'Sirpur Wetland' is located?**

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

Answer- **1) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Sirpur Wetland (**Madhya Pradesh**) is a significant historical wetland situated in Indore. It is an important nesting place for terrestrial and aquatic migratory & residential birds. Presently, the wetland is being developed as a bird sanctuary and ecological learning center.

i. Recently in August 2022, Sirpur Wetland from Madhya Pradesh, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**116. On the occasion of India's 76th Independence Day, India donated 15,000 cycles to Madagascar.****What is the capital of Madagascar?**

- 1) Maputo
- 2) Rabat
- 3) Tripoli
- 4) Maseru
- 5) Antananarivo

Answer- **5) Antananarivo**

**Explanation:****About Madagascar:**

**Capital-** Antananarivo

**Currency-** Malagasy ariary

i. On the occasion of India's 76th Independence Day, India has donated 15,000 cycles to Madagascar "as a symbol of growing cooperation" between the countries.

ii. India announced the donation on June 3, which is World Bicycle Day. Meanwhile, the Town Hall in Madagascar's Antananarivo had also lit up in tricolour to mark India's independence.

**117. Which university recently (in Aug '22) created the Guinness World Record for Largest Human Image of Waving National Flag along with NID foundation?**

- 1) Madras University
- 2) Chandigarh University
- 3) University of Rajasthan
- 4) University of Delhi
- 5) University of Mumbai

Answer- 2) Chandigarh University

**Explanation:**

Students of **Chandigarh University**, in association with NID foundation, set a new Guinness World Record for the world's largest human formation of a waving national flag at Chandigarh cricket stadium, Sector 16 to mark 75 years of India's independence.

**118. The 131st edition of Asia's oldest football tournament, Durand Cup began on 16th August 2022.**

**Which of the following states are jointly hosting the Durand Cup?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

**Explanation:**

The **131st edition** of Asia's oldest football tournament - Durand Cup began on 16th August 2022. The opening match will be played between FC Goa and Mohammedan SC at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- i. The tournament will feature 20 teams, all divided into four groups of five teams each. Of the 20 teams, 11 teams will be the clubs that play Indian Super League, five teams will be from I-League and four teams from the Armed forces.
- ii. For the first time in its history, the tournament is being held in multiple cities. **West Bengal, Assam and Manipur** are hosting the Durand Cup 2022.

**119. Which state has the highest number of elephants, according to the elephant census conducted in 2017?**

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

Answer- 4) Karnataka

**Explanation:**

According to the elephant census conducted in 2017, the population of elephants in India has reached up to about 27,312. According to the 2017 census, **Karnataka** has the highest number of elephants (6,049), followed by Assam (5,719) and Kerala (3,054).

- i. It is included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES).

**120. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?**

**A) Subscribers of the Atal Pension Yojana scheme get a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1000-5000 per month after attaining 60 years of age.**

**B) Currently, all Indian citizens between the age group of 18-40 years can join APY through bank or post office branches where one has a savings bank account.**

**C) The scheme is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) through National Pension System (NPS) architecture.**

1) Only A

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

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

**Explanation:**

**About Atal Pension Yojana (APY):**

In June 2015, the government introduced APY to provide social security to workers mainly in the unorganized sector. Subscribers of the scheme get a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1,000-5,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age.

**ii.** Currently, all Indian citizens between the age group of 18-40 years can join APY through bank or post office branches where one has a savings bank account.

**iii.** More than 99 lakh APY accounts were opened during the last fiscal, taking the total number of subscribers to 4.01 crore at the end of March 2022.

**iv.** The scheme is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) through National Pension System (NPS) architecture.

**121. Who authored the book, 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India'?**

1) Annie Besant

2) Bipin Chandra Pal

3) Chittaranjan Das

4) Dadabhai Naoroji

5) Sarojini Naidu

**Answer- 4) Dadabhai Naoroji**

**Explanation:**

**Dadabhai Naoroji** was among the key proponents of the 'Drain Theory', disseminating it in his 1901 book '**Poverty and Un-British Rule in India**'. He is also referred to as the "Grand Old Man of India" and "Unofficial Ambassador of India".

**i.** What is Drain Theory: Imperial Britain was draining away India's wealth to itself through exploitative economic policies, including India's rule by foreigners; the heavy financial burden of the British civil and military apparatus in India; the exploitation of the country due to free trade; non-Indians taking away the money that they earned in India; and the interest that India paid on its public debt held in Britain.

**122. Where is the Headquarters of Razorpay Software?**

1) New Delhi, Delhi

2) Bengaluru, Karnataka



- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

**About Razorpay Software Private Limited:**

**CEO and Co-founder** - Harshil Mathur

**Co- Founder** - Shashank Kumar

**Establishment** - 2014

**Headquarters** - Bengaluru, Karnataka

**123. Every year, India observes National Organ Donation Day on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 27th November
- 2) 20th February
- 3) 17th May
- 4) 16th September
- 5) 27th December

Answer- **1) 27th November**

**Explanation:**

India observes the annual National Organ Donation day on **27th November**. It is organized by the National Organ & Tissue Transplantation Organization (**NOTTO**), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

**124. In which state Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary is located in the Tiruthuraiipoondi Taluk of Tiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu. Udhayamarthandapuram stores floodwaters during monsoon overflows and maintains surface water flow during drier periods.

**i.** Recently in August 2022, Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary from Tamil Nadu, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**125. As of 17th August 2022, which state has the maximum number of Ramsar sites in India?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

In 2022, a total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites. Based on the date of designation mentioned on the Ramsar Certificate, the number is 19 for this year (2022) and 14 for previous year (2021).

**i. Tamil Nadu** has **maximum** no. of Ramsar sites (14). It is followed by Uttar Pradesh (UP) which has 10 Ramsar sites.

**126. As of August 2022, India is the world's second largest producer of crude steel after \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) France
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) United States

Answer- **4) China**

**Explanation:**

As of July 2022, **India** is world's second largest producer of crude steel after **China** which produced 90.7 MT in June 2022, down 3.3 per cent over its 93.9 MT production in June 2021.

**i.** The production in the United States fell by 4.2 per cent to 6.9 MT last month from 7.1 MT in the same month of 2021.

**127. The Airbus A380, which is the world's largest aircraft, will land in Kempegowda International Airport for the first time on 30th October 2022.**

**Kempegowda International Airport is located in Which state?**

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

Answer- **5) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

The Airbus A380, which is the world's largest aircraft, will be deployed on the Bengaluru-Dubai route for the first time starting October 30. Emirates airline will be operating the double-decker aircraft service to and from Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**i. Bengaluru city** is set to see the world's largest plane, the Airbus A380, landing in its Kempegowda International Airport for the first time on October 30

**ii.** The aircraft will have three-class configurations apart from premium cabins, offering seats in Economy Class, Business Class and First Class.

**128. What is the ratio of the width of the National flag to its length?**

- 1) 3 : 2
- 2) 1 : 4
- 3) 2 : 3
- 4) 2 : 4
- 5) 1 : 2

Answer- **3) 2 : 3**

**Explanation:**

The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of India saffron (Kesari) at the top, white in the middle, and India green at the bottom in equal proportion.

- i. The **ratio** of the width of the flag to its length is **2 : 3**. Pingali Venkayya designed the present National Flag of India.
- ii. Under Article 19(i) Supreme Court declared the right to hoist the National Flag as the Fundamental Right.
- iii. Recently in 2022, On the occasion of Independence day, Filmmaker Subhash Ghai released a new song 'Tiranga' along with the students of Whistling Wood on his social media account.

**129. The ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways recently (in Aug '22) dedicated the newly built state-of-the-art ship building facility of Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited (HCSL) at West Bengal.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) union minister of Port, Shipping and Waterways?**

- 1) Parshottam Rupala
- 2) Pralhad Joshi
- 3) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 4) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 5) Sarbananda Sonowal

**Answer- 5) Sarbananda Sonowal**

**Explanation:**

Union **Minister of Port, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal** dedicated the newly built state-of-the-art ship building facility of Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited (HCSL) at Nazirgunge, Howrah, West Bengal to the nation.

- i. The Rs 180 crore HCSL facility, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Ltd, was set up by reviving the two-century old HDPEL ship building yard at Nazirgunge.

**130. The Bagmati River starts its flow from Kathmandu, Nepal and ends in which of the following rivers in India?**

- 1) Krishna
- 2) Kosi
- 3) Narmada
- 4) Ganga
- 5) Brahmaputra

**Answer- 2) Kosi**

**Explanation:**

Bagmati River is a transboundary river between Nepal and India border. It starts its journey from Kathmandu, Nepal and it ends in the Koshi river near Bornesthan, Bihar, India. The total length of the Bagmati River is 586.3 km.

- i. Recently, High on a mountain in the Himalayas, pristine drops fall from the mouth of a tiger statue installed at a stream thought to form the headwaters of the Bagmati River, long revered as having the power to purify souls.
- ii. From there it wends its way downhill past verdant forests and merges with other waterways, irrigating fields of rice, vegetables and other crops that are a livelihood for many Nepalese.

**131. The Railways conducted a test run of the 3.5-km-long freight train, Super Vasuki, with 295 loaded wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal between Korba, \_\_\_\_\_ and Rajnandgaon in Nagpur, Maharashtra.**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer- 4) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

The Railways conducted a test run of the 3.5-km-long freight train, Super Vasuki, with 295 loaded wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal between Korba in Chhattisgarh in Rajnandgaon in Nagpur, Maharashtra on August 15, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

**132. On 3rd August 2022, Massive Lava Eruption From Fagradalsfjall Volcano.**

**The Fagradalsfjall Volcano is located in which country?**

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Iceland
- 3) Australia
- 4) Spain
- 5) Brazil

**Answer- 2) Iceland**

**Explanation:**

Lava flowing from the volcano in Fagradalsfjall, **Iceland**, around 40 kilometers from the capital Reykjavik, following an eruption that has been ongoing since August 3, 2022.

**133. Ranjit Rath was recently (in Aug '22) appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of which company?**

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

**Answer- 5) Oil India Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Ranjit Rath** has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of state-run Oil India Ltd (**OIL**). His appointment came into effect on 2 August.

i. He replaces Sushil Chandra Mishra who retired on 30 June.

**134. In which state Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

**Answer- 2) 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. It is an ecologically important riverine wetland of India with 188 species of plants, over 225 species of birds, 69 species of fishes, 13 species of frogs, and 30 species of butterflies.
- ii. Recently in August 2022, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary from Karnataka, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**135. In which state Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

**Answer- 4) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary** is a Protected area near Mudukulathur Ramanathapuram District of **Tamil Nadu**. The site qualifies as an IBA as the threatened Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis* breeds here.

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

**136. What is the currency of Kenya?**

- 1) Kwanzaa
- 2) Shilling
- 3) Dinar
- 4) Hryvnia
- 5) Franc

**Answer- 2) Shilling**

**Explanation:**

**About Kenya:**

**Capital-** Nairobi

**Currency-** Kenyan shilling

**President-** Uhuru Kenyatta

**137. Who is current (as of Aug '22) India's Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India?**

- 1) Ajay Kumar Sood
- 2) Aditya Prasad Dash
- 3) K Vijay Raghavan
- 4) Subbanna Ayyappan
- 5) Moti Lal Madan

**Answer- 1) Ajay Kumar Sood**

**Explanation:**

India's Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India is **Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood** while the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NSEIT is Anantharaman Sreenivasan.

**138. The United States's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recently highlighted the loss of mangrove cover on Katchal island.**

**Katchal island is one which is situated in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Divar Island
- 2) Munroe Island
- 3) Nicobar Islands
- 4) Barren Island
- 5) North Sentinel Island

**Answer- 3) Nicobar Islands**

**Explanation:**

Katchal Island is one which is situated in the **Nicobar Islands** in the Indian Continent

- i. The United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recently highlighted **the loss of mangrove cover on Katchal island, a part of India's Nicobar archipelago.**
- ii. More than **90% of mangrove cover** on the island was lost due to the **Indian Ocean Tsunami.**

**139. INS Sumedha is on a visit to Port Tanjung Benoa, Bali, from 04 Aug to 06 Aug 2022.**

**The INS Sumedha was designed by which of the following companies?**

- 1) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- 2) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- 3) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- 4) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- 5) Goa Shipyard Limited

**Answer- 5) Goa Shipyard Limited**

**Explanation:**

As a part of the Indian Navy's Long-Range Deployment in the South Eastern Indian Ocean, **INS Sumedha** will conclude its journey to Bali in August 2022. The ship embarked on its journey to Port Tanjung Benoa in Bali, Indonesia on August 4.

- i. On March 7, 2014, INS Sumedha was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Goa. The third Saryu class patrol vessel of the Indian Navy, the ship has been indigenously designed and built by **Goa Shipyard Limited.**

**140. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology kicked off a daylong event to celebrate "8 Years of MyGov" in New Delhi on July 30, 2022.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology?**

- 1) Bhupender Yadav
- 2) Kiren Rijiju
- 3) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 4) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 5) G. Kishan Reddy

**Answer- 3) Ashwini Vaishnaw**

**Explanation:**

Taking forward PM Narendra Modi's vision of Jan Bhagidari, Shri **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, kicked off a daylong event to celebrate "8 Years of MyGov" in New Delhi on July 30, 2022.

i. The event also witnessed the presence of dignitaries including CEO NITI Aayog Shri Parameswaran Iyer, G20 Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant and Secretary of Capacity Building Commission Shri Hemang Jani.

**141. The Uttarakhand government recently (in Aug '22) decided to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each of the 13 districts in the state.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand?**

- 1) Naveen Patnaik
- 2) Jairam Thakur
- 3) Hemant Soren
- 4) Pushkar Singh Dhama
- 5) N. Biren Singh

Answer- **4) Pushkar Singh Dhama**

**Explanation:**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister- **Pushkar Singh Dhama** and Governor- Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh  
The Uttarakhand government has decided to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each of the 13 districts in the state. Citizens of these villages will be trained by experts to use the ancient Indian language as a medium of daily communication, Uttarakhand's Minister for Sanskrit Education.

**142. The government recently (in Aug '22) permitted companies to spend their CSR funds on activities relating to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.**

**What does CSR stands for:**

- 1) Corporate Social Regressive
- 2) Corporate Social Responsibility
- 3) Capital Social Regressive
- 4) Company Social Refund
- 5) Current Social Responsibility

Answer- **2) Corporate Social Responsibility**

**Explanation:**

The government has permitted companies to spend their CSR (**corporate social responsibility**) funds on activities relating to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

i. According to the Companies Act, firms with a net worth of Rs 500 crore or more, or a turnover of Rs 1,000 crore or above, or net profit of `5 crore or more, are required to spend 2% of their average net profit of the preceding three years on CSR activities.

ii. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Delhi and Tamil Nadu were major recipients of CSR funds in FY21.

**143. The Ministry of Textiles recently (in Aug' 22) approved the Pashmina Wool Development Scheme under Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP).**

**Who is the current (as of Aug'22) union minister of the Ministry of Textiles?**

- 1) Anurag Singh Thakur
- 2) Piyush Goyal

- 3) G. Kishan Reddy
- 4) Giriraj Singh
- 5) Virendra Kumar

Answer- **2) Piyush Goyal**

**Explanation:**

**Piyush Goyal** is the Union minister of Ministry of Textiles.

i. The Ministry of Textiles has approved Pashmina Wool Development Scheme under Integrated Wool Development Programme (**IWDP**) with a budget allocation of Rs.29.25 Cr. for implementation during FY from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

**144. As per the Ramsar Convention, which of the following points are 'correct' to get Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance) status?**

- 1) Wetland contains a representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland type found within the appropriate biogeographic region.
- 2) Wetlands should regularly support 20,000 or more waterbirds.
- 3) Wetlands should regularly support 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of wetland-dependent non-avian animal species.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

**Explanation:**

As per Ramsar Convention, a wetland should be considered wetlands of international importance (Ramsar sites) based on some of the following criteria:

- it contains a representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland type found within the appropriate biogeographic region.
- It regularly supports 20,000 or more waterbirds.
- It regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of wetland-dependent non-avian animal species.

[List of the nine criteria for identifying Wetlands of International Importance.](#)

**145. What is the capital of Scotland?**

- 1) Edinburgh
- 2) Vaduz
- 3) Bern
- 4) Lisbon
- 5) Valletta

Answer- **1) Edinburgh**

**Explanation:**

**About Scotland:**

**First Minister of Scotland** – Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon

**Capital** – Edinburgh

**Currency** – Pound Sterling



**146. Some Women heroes of India's freedom struggle including Rani Gaidinliu were mentioned by PM Narendra Modi in Independence Day speech 2022 in Red Fort, Delhi.**

**Rani Gaidinliu, "Daughter of the Hills", belongs to which state?**

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

**Answer- 3) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

Born in 1915 in present-day **Manipur**, Rani Gaidinliu was a Naga spiritual and political leader who fought the British. Acknowledging her role in the struggle against the British, Jawaharlal Nehru called her the "**Daughter of the Hills**" and gave her the title "Rani" or queen.

- **Jhalkari Bai** also known as Durga Dal, a soldier in Rani Laxmibai's women's army, looks up to her as an incarnation of God and also celebrates **Jhalkaribai Jayanti** every year in her honour. She is often presented as a representative of Bundeli identity.
- **Durgawati Devi**, who was popularly known as Durga Bhabhi, was a revolutionary who joined the armed struggle against colonial rule and she was also a member of the **Naujawan Bharat Sabha**.
- **Velu Nachiyar** waged a war against the British and emerged victorious. She went on to produce the **first human bomb** as well as establish the first army of trained women soldiers in the late 1700s.

**147. In August 2022, Charles Drew ship docked in India for the first time for repairs and maintenance.**

**Charles Drew was a navy ship from which country?**

- 1) Japan
- 2) United States
- 3) Russia
- 4) France
- 5) Australia

**Answer- 2) United States**

**Explanation:**

The United States (**UN**) Navy Ship has docked in India for the first time for repairs and maintenance. US naval ship **Charles Drew** arrived at **L&T's** Kattupalli Shipyard at Ennore, near **Chennai** in August 2022 for undertaking repairs and maintenance. This will be the first time that a US Navy ship is being repaired in an Indian shipyard.

**i.** The USNS Charles Drew will be at Kattupalli shipyard for 11 days and undergo repairs in various areas.

**148. According to recent data, the manufacturing sector attracted foreign direct investments (FDI) worth USD 21.34 billion in 2021-22.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ is the nodal Department for formulation of the policy of the Government on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).**

- 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 2) Reserve Bank of India
- 3) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

**Answer- 3) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**

**Explanation:**

The **Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion** is the nodal Department for formulation of the policy of the Government on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

**i.** According to the ministry of commerce, the manufacturing sector attracted foreign direct investments (FDI) worth USD 21.34 billion in 2021-22, an increase of 76 per cent year-on-year.

**ii.** Singapore (27.01 per cent) and the US (17.94 per cent) have emerged as the top two investors during 2021-22 in India. These were followed by Mauritius (15.98 per cent), the Netherlands (7.86 per cent) and Switzerland (7.31 per cent).

**iii.** Top five states receiving highest FDI in 2021-22 are Karnataka (37.55 per cent), Maharashtra (26.26 per cent), Delhi (13.93 per cent), Tamil Nadu (5.10 per cent) and Haryana (4.76 per cent).

**149. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) recently (in Aug '22) earned USD 279 million in foreign exchanges by launching foreign countries' satellites.**

**For which country the most number of satellites was launched?**

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Australia
- 3) France
- 4) Japan
- 5) United States

**Answer- 5) United States**

**Explanation:**

Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has earned USD 279 million in foreign exchanges (USD and Euros) by launching foreign countries' satellites. This money was earned by ISRO's commercial arm, Antrix, which launched 345 foreign satellites from 34 different countries.

**i.** The total is equivalent to 2,226 crore rupees. The most **number of satellites** launched for the **US**.

**150. In July 2022, the Centre is reported to be considering granting "tribal" status to the Trans-Giri region of Sirmour district, in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Jharkhand

**Answer- 2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Centre is reported to be considering granting “tribal” status to the Trans-Giri region of **Himachal Pradesh’s Sirmour district**. The reported proposal, if followed through, would mark a movement away from the government’s earlier position on the matter.

- i. The demand to declare Trans-Giri a tribal area is old — and is tied up with the demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the Hatti community which lives in the area.
- ii. The Hatti homeland straddles the Himachal-Uttarakhand border in the basin of the Giri and Tons rivers, both tributaries of the Yamuna.

**151. In August 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced, the government has set a target to increase the Health budget of India to 2.5% of the GDP from 1.9 percent (current).**

**Who is the current (in Aug ‘22) union minister of Health and Family Welfare?**

- 1) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 2) Raj Kumar Singh
- 3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- 4) Bhupender Yadav
- 5) Anurag Singh Thakur

**Answer- 3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya**

**Explanation:**

Union Health Minister Dr. **Mansukh Mandaviya** has announced, the government has set a target to increase the Health budget of India to 2.5% of the GDP, which is currently at 1.9 percent.

- i. Giving details about the allocations made in the Health budget, in 2014 the total health budget was to the tune of 33 thousand crore rupees which was increased continuously and now it has reached 83 thousand crore rupees in 2022-23.

**152. The IndiGo airline recently (in Aug ‘22) announced it had introduced a “Three-Point Disembarkation” process, in which both forward exits and one rear exit are used for deboarding passengers.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug ‘22) CEO of IndiGo?**

- 1) Viraj Mehta
- 2) Rahul Bhatia
- 3) Ronojoy Dutta
- 4) Rohini Bhatia
- 5) Pieter Elbers

**Answer- 3) Ronojoy Dutta**

**Explanation:**

Ronojoy Dutta is the Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) of IndiGo.

- i. In a release, the IndiGo airline announced it had introduced a “Three-Point Disembarkation” process, in which both forward exits and one rear exit are used for deboarding passengers.
- ii. The new disembarkation procedure will be initially implemented on IndiGo’s A320 and A321 jetliners on flights arriving at remote stands at Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru airports.

**Note-** IndiGo,has appointed **Pieter Elbers** as its new CEO with the effective from on or before **October 1, 2022**. He will replace incumbent Ronojoy Dutta, who has decided to retire on 30th September 2022.

**153. Former umpire Rudi Koertzen recently (in Aug '22) passed away. He belongs to which country?**

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) South Africa
- 3) West Indies
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) England

**Answer- 2) South Africa**

**Explanation:**

Former **South African** umpire Rudi Koertzen on August 9 2022, passed away in an accident. He was 73 when he breathed his last. As per reports, along with Koertzen, three other people died in a collision that occurred in an area named Riverdale in South Africa.

**i.** Rudi Koertzen started his umpiring career in 1981 Rudi Koertzen last officiated in an international match in 2010.

**ii.** At the age of 43, Koertzen umpired in the opening Test in Port Elizabeth. The International Cricket Council (ICC) appointed him as a full-time umpire in 1992. Thereafter, he didn't look back after becoming the second umpire to stand in 100 Tests and 200 ODIs.

**154. In which state Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

**Answer- 3) 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.** It is an ecologically important riverine wetland of India with 188 species of plants, over 225 species of birds, 69 species of fishes, 13 species of frogs, and 30 species of butterflies.

**ii.** In August 2022, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary from Karnataka, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**155. The world's highest rail bridge, Chenab Rail Bridge gets a 'golden joint' in August 2022.**

**In which state/UT Chenab Rail Bridge is located?**

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

**Answer- 3) Jammu and Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

In **Jammu and Kashmir**, the world's highest rail bridge **Chenab Rail Bridge**, over the Chenab river in the Kouri area of Reasi district achieved another milestone in August 2022 when the overarch deck of the bridge was completed with a golden joint.

i. To achieve this milestone, technical expertise from IIT-Roorkee, IIT-Delhi, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, DRDO, national remote sensing agency, GSI and other agencies were helped. This is the highest railway arch in the world. The bridge is 35 meters higher than Eiffel Tower

**156. Commonwealth Games silver medallist long jumper 'Murali Sreeshankar' finished sixth in his debut Monaco Diamond League meeting in August 2022.**

**What is the currency of Monaco?**

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Dinar
- 3) Peso
- 4) Franc
- 5) Euro

Answer- **5) Euro**

**Explanation:**

Capital of Monaco is Monaco and currency is **Euro**.

i. Commonwealth Games silver medallist long jumper **Murali Sreeshankar** finished sixth in his debut Monaco Diamond League meeting with a below-par 7.94m effort.

ii. Six days after winning a historic silver at the Birmingham CWG, Sreeshankar competed in his much-anticipated maiden Diamond League but was far from his best in a strong field under conditions not very ideal for jumping.

**157. Maharashtra Governor recently (in Aug '22) inaugurated the 22nd 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' at Ravindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

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

- 1) Kalraj Mishra
- 2) Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- 3) Ganga Prasad
- 4) Satya Pal Malik
- 5) Jagdish Mukhi

Answer- **2) Bhagat Singh Koshyari**

**Explanation:**

Maharashtra Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** inaugurated the 22nd 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' at Ravindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

i. The five-day drama festival (being held from August 9 to August 13 is being jointly organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and P.L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Akademi in the city to pay tribute to our freedom fighters.

**158. Karnataka Chief Minister recently (in Aug '22) announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Chief Minister of Karnataka?**

- 1) Basavaraj Bommai
- 2) Chandrasekhar Rao
- 3) Manik Saha
- 4) Ashok Gehlot
- 5) M. K. Stalin

**Answer- 1) Basavaraj Bommai**

**Explanation:**

Karnataka Chief Minister, **Basavaraj Bommai** has announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar, who died 2021, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously.

**i.** On November 1, which happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day. He will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian honour.

**159. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold the seventh meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi in August 2022**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog?**

- 1) V. K. Paul
- 2) Parameswaran Iyer
- 3) Suman Bery
- 4) V. K. Saraswat
- 5) Ramesh Chand

**Answer- 2) Parameswaran Iyer**

**Explanation:**

**Parameswaran Iyer** is the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog.

**i.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold the seventh meeting of the Governing Council of Niti Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi in August 2022.

**ii.** Notably, this would be the first in-person meeting of the Governing Council since July 2019, according to news agency ANI.

**160. Zee Entertainment recently (in Aug '22) received approval from stock exchanges BSE and NSE for its proposed merger with Sony Pictures Networks India.**

**In which year, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) was established?**

- 1) 1896
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1992
- 4) 1892
- 5) 1875

**Answer- 5) 1875**

**Explanation:**

Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**), is an Indian stock exchange located in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Bombay Stock Exchange is Established in **1875** by cotton merchant Premchand Roychand.

**i.** Zee Entertainment has received approval from stock exchanges BSE and NSE for its proposed merger with Sony Pictures Networks India.

ii. The proposed merger with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly Sony Pictures Networks India) has been approved by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE), said a statement from Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd

**161. The government recently (in Aug '22) eased the policy for import of Malonylurea.**

**Malonylurea is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Metal
- 2) Pesticide
- 3) Acid
- 4) Cement
- 5) Fertilizer

**Answer- 3) Acid**

**Explanation:**

The government eased the policy for import of compounds containing a pyrimidine ring or piperazine ring in the structure: **Malonylurea** (Barbituric **Acid**) and its salts.

i. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has done away with the condition of importing the product after obtaining a No Objection Certificate from the Narcotics Commissioner. The product is used in drugs and pharmaceuticals.

**162. In which state Tampara Lake is located?**

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

**Answer- 1) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**Tampara Lake** is located in the Ganjam district of **Odisha**. It supports at least 60 species of birds, 46 species of fishes, at least 48 species of phytoplanktons, and more than seven species of terrestrial plants and macrophytes.

i. In August 2022, Tampara Lake from Odisha, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**163. The "Hamari Dharohar" scheme under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 3) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**Answer- 3) Ministry of Minority Affairs**

**Explanation:**

The **Ministry of Minority Affairs** formulated the "**Hamari Dharohar**" scheme for preservation of rich heritage and culture of minority communities of India in **2014-15**. The scheme aims to support curation of iconic exhibitions, calligraphy, research and development, etc.

i. Preservation of minority heritage buildings has not been undertaken so far under the Hamari Dharohar Scheme.

**164. What is the maximum age for a child to be screened for leprosy under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)?**

- 1) 8 years
- 2) 12 years
- 3) 15 years
- 4) 10 years
- 5) 18 years

Answer- **5) 18 years**

**Explanation:**

The Government is implementing the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (**NLEP**) with the goal of making India leprosy free. NLEP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the umbrella of National Health Mission (NHM). This programme is implemented in all the States/UTs.

**Some initiatives under NLEP:**

Convergence of leprosy screening under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) for screening of children (**0-18 years**) and under Ayushman Bharat for screening of people above **30 years of age**.

**165. In which year did the government of India honoured him with Bharat Ratna (posthumously)?**

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1994
- 3) 1991
- 4) 1993
- 5) 1995

Answer- **3) 1991**

**Explanation:**

**Rajiv Gandhi** was born on 20th August 1944 in Bombay (now Mumbai) as the second son of Feroze Gandhi (Indian politician) and Indira Gandhi (former PM). He became the PM of India after the 1984 assassination of his mother, then PM Indira Gandhi.

i. At the age of 41, Rajiv Gandhi became the **youngest PM of India** and served from 31st October 1984 to 2nd December 1989. He was one of the youngest elected heads of Government in the world.

ii. The Indian government honoured him with **Bharat Ratna** (posthumously) in **1991**.

**166. In which year, the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme was launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industry (MoFPI)?**

- 1) 2021
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2018
- 4) 2020
- 5) 2014

Answer- **4) 2020**

**Explanation:**

The centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (**PMFME**) Scheme was launched on 29th June, **2020** by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.



- i. The centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, has completed **two years** (2020-2022).
- ii. The scheme to be implemented over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with a total outlay of Rupees 10,000 crore.

**167. Which state will implement 100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes along the lines of the National Education Policy in Next academic year?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Goa
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Goa**

**Explanation:**

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced that the **state** will **implement 100%** of the syllabus in higher education institutes along the lines of the National Education Policy in Next academic year.

**168. In August 2022, US President Joe Biden signed documents endorsing Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO alliance.**

**What is the Capital of Finland?**

- 1) Praia
- 2) Lima
- 3) Helsinki
- 4) Warsaw
- 5) Lisbon

Answer- **3) Helsinki**

**Explanation:**

The Capital of Finland is **Helsinki** and the currency of Finland is Euro.

- i. US President Joe Biden has signed documents endorsing Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO alliance.
- ii. Sweden and Finland applied for NATO membership in response to Russia's military actions in Ukraine. Moscow has repeatedly warned both countries against joining the alliance.

**169. In August 2022, ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines and ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute developed the Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) vaccine "Lumpi-ProVacInd" for cattle.**

**In which city, the ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute is located?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Kochi, Kerala
- 3) Hisar, Haryana
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **5) Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRCE), Hisar (Haryana), in collaboration with ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), **Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh** has developed a homologous live-attenuated Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) vaccine "Lumpi-ProVacInd" in cattle.

**170. On 9th August 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath debuted "Radio Jaighosh" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action.**

**In which year, the Kakori Train Action was committed by the revolutionaries of the Indian independence movement against the British Raj?**

- 1) 1926
- 2) 1938
- 3) 1919
- 4) 1925
- 5) 1920

Answer- **4) 1925**

**Explanation:**

As part of the celebrations for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath debuted "Radio Jaighosh" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action.

**i. The Kakori Train Action** was a train robbery, committed by the revolutionaries of the Indian independence movement against the British Raj on August 9, **1925**, in a village called Kakori near Lucknow.

**ii.** It is renamed because the word 'Kand' refers to the sense of humiliation of the incident during India's freedom struggle.

**171. Singapore recently (in Aug '22) declared its iconic green site Padang as its 75th national monument.**

**Which of the following freedom fighters gave the slogan of 'Delhi Chalo' in July 1943 from Padang?**

- 1) Subhas Chandra Bose
- 2) Bhagat Singh
- 3) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- 4) B. R. Ambedkar
- 5) Lala Lajpat Rai

Answer- **1) Subhas Chandra Bose**

**Explanation:**

Singapore declared its iconic green site Padang, from where Netaji **Subhas Chandra Bose** gave the slogan of '**Delhi Chalo**' in July 1943, as its 75th national monument as the city-state celebrates its 57th National Day.

**i.** The Padang, meaning a field in Malay, was distinguished by its public nature, as one of the only few open spaces accessible to the public in the colonial period.

**ii.** The Padang has special significance for the Indian community in Singapore. It was here that Indian sepoys first established their camp sites when the British established their outpost on the island.

- 4) Kerala
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary** is Locally known as Chitrangudi Kanmoli, it is located in Ramanathapuram district in **Tamil Nadu**. The wetland has been a protected area since 1989 and declared as a Bird Sanctuary.

**i.** In August 2022, **Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary** from **Tamil Nadu**, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**176. For how many years the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag status was valid in India?**

- 1) 8 years
- 2) 6 years
- 3) 10 years
- 4) 12 years
- 5) 5 years

Answer- **3) 10 years**

**Explanation:**

**Geographical Indication (GI) Tag:**

**i.** A GI is primarily a product that comes from a specific geographical location, whether it be a manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods), a natural product, or an agricultural product.

**ii.** After a product receives a GI tag, no individual or company may sell a similar item under that name. This tag is valid for **10 years**; after which it can be renewed.

**177. In which state/UT, India will host the International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit 2022 in September 2022?**

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **1) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

India will host the world's biggest dairy conference, International Dairy Federation (**IDF**) **World Dairy Summit 2022** in New Delhi, **Delhi** during September 12-15, 2022.

**i. Theme-** "Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood."

**178. On 23rd August 2022, Google paid special tributes to Anna Mani, with a doodle on her 104th birth anniversary.**

**Who is Anna Mani?**

- 1) Economist
- 2) Scientists
- 3) Author
- 4) Doctor

5) Freedom Fighter

Answer- 2) **Scientists**

**Explanation:**

**Google** has paid special tributes to one of India's first female **scientists, Anna Mani**, with a doodle on her 104th birth anniversary on 23rd August 2022.

i. Anna Modayil Mani was born in 1918, was a physicist and meteorologist from Kerala and Died on 16 August 2001, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

ii. After her graduation (B.Sc honors in physics and chemistry ), she worked with the Nobel laureate, Professor C.V Raman, and researched on the optical properties of ruby and diamond.

iii. She also served as former deputy director general of the Indian Meteorological Department.

**179. The Ministry of Civil Aviation recently (in Aug '22) announced that Kolhapur Airport will get a new terminal building with enhanced capacity & world-class facilities by March 2023.**

**In which state Kolhapur Airport is located?**

1) Jharkhand

2) Uttar Pradesh

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Maharashtra

5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) **Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced that **Kolhapur Airport**, Kolhapur, **Maharashtra**, will get a new terminal building with enhanced capacity and world-class facilities by March 2023.

ii. The tremendous passenger traffic growth at the Kolhapur airport, the Airports Authority of India has undertaken the work for developing the airport for enhanced capacity.

**180. According to data released by the Ministry of Mines, Mineral production in India rose by 7.5% in June 2022 as compared with the production level of the corresponding month of 2021.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) minister of the Ministry of Mines?**

1) Hardeep Singh Puri

2) Raj Kumar Singh

3) Pralhad Joshi

4) Ashwini Vaishnaw

5) G. Kishan Reddy

Answer- 3) **Pralhad Joshi**

**Explanation:**

**Pralhad Joshi** is the union minister of **Mines**.

i. Mineral production in India rose by 7.5 per cent in June 2022 as compared with the production level of the corresponding month of the last year, as per the government data released by the Ministry of Mines.

ii. The index of mineral production of the mining and quarrying sector for the month of June 2022 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 113.4, was 7.5 per cent higher as compared to the level in the month of June 2021.

**181. In August 2022, Leopard died after water entered the low-lying areas of the Tata Steel Zoological Park.**

**The Tata Steel Zoological Park is located in which state?**

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

**Answer- 2) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:**

A 17-year-old male leopard died after water entered the low-lying areas of the **Tata Steel Zoological Park**, especially the area near the leopard enclosure, due to incessant rains in Jamshedpur, **Jharkhand**.

**182. National Council of Teachers Education (NCTE) celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation Day in New Delhi on 17th August 2022.**

- 1) 30th
- 2) 26th
- 3) 29th
- 4) 25th
- 5) 28th

**Answer- 5) 28th**

**Explanation:**

National Council of Teachers Education (**NCTE**) celebrated its **28th** Foundation Day in New Delhi on **17th August 2022**.

**i.** Additional secretary, ministry of education LS Changsan was the guest of honour on the occasion. NCTE chairperson Dinesh Prasad Saklani, NCTE member-secretary Kesang Sherpa and senior officials of the ministry of education attended the event.

**183. In which state/UT Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve is located?**

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer- 3) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

**Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve** is located in Srinagar, **Jammu & Kashmir**. It has extensive reedbeds of *Phragmites communis* and *Typha angustata*, and rich growth of *Nymphaea candida* and *N. stellata* on open water. The wetland is important for the recharge of aquifers.

**i.** In August 2022, Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve from Jammu & Kashmir, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**184. Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center was recently (in Aug '22) installed the 1st-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System named "SSI-Mantra".**

**The Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center is located in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Thrissur, Kerala
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Answer- 2) New Delhi, Delhi**

**Explanation:**

Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, **New Delhi, Delhi** have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, "SSI-Mantra", devised by the new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations.

**i.** The ingenious SSI Mantra, a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon Dr Sudhir P Srivastava, will be signifying the beginning of a new era of surgical procedures in India, making robotic surgery accessible and affordable for the people of India.

**185. On 10th August 2022, Dabur India's board accepted the resignation of Amit Burman from the post of the Chairman.**

**Who was recently (as of 11th Aug '22) appointed as the non-executive chairman of Dabur India for a period of five years?**

- 1) Aditya Burman
- 2) Rohit Burman
- 3) Anand Burman
- 4) Mohit Burman
- 5) Mohan Burman

**Answer- 4) Mohit Burman**

**Explanation:**

**Dabur India's** board has accepted the resignation of Amit Burman from the post of the Chairman of the company with effect from the close of working hours of August 10, 2022 Burman will continue as the non-executive director of Dabur India.

**i. Mohit Burman** has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of the board of **Dabur India** from August 11 for a period of five years.

**186. The 1st Khelo India Women's Hockey League U16 was held at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium from August 16 to 23, 2022.**

**In which state/UT Major Dhyanchand Stadium was located?**

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Tamil Nadu

**Answer- 1) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The **first** Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 was held at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi, Delhi from August 16 to 23, 2022.

i. The Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) is yet another endeavour by the Khelo India's Sports for Women component, which takes the most necessary steps to power in more female participation in a wide array of sports competitions.

**187. The three Rafale jets made a strategically crucial stopover at the Indian Air Force (IAF)'s Sulur base in Tamil Nadu in August 2022.**

**The Rafale jets belong to which country?**

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

Answer- **1) France**

**Explanation:**

A **French** Air and Space Force contingent, including three Rafale jets, made a strategically crucial stopover at the Indian Air Force (IAF)'s Sulur base in Tamil Nadu as part of a mega military operation it carried out in the Pacific Ocean.

i. The support provided by the Indian Air Force to the French force reflected the implementation of the reciprocal logistics support agreement signed by France and India in 2018 to boost military cooperation.

**188. As of August '22, which country is the world's biggest producer, exporter, and consumer of palm oil?**

- 1) Thailand
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) India

Answer- **4) Indonesia**

**Explanation:**

As of Now, **Indonesia** is the world's biggest producer, exporter, and consumer of palm oil. Together Indonesia and Malaysia account for almost 90% of the global palm oil production.

i. Palm oil is an edible vegetable oil derived from the mesocarp (reddish pulp) of the fruit of the oil palms.

ii. It is used as cooking oil, and in everything from cosmetics, processed foods, cakes, chocolates, spreads, soaps, shampoo, and cleaning products to biofuel.

iii. India is the biggest importer of palm oil. The prices of palm oil rose this year as demand increased because of the short supply of alternative vegetable oils.

**189. In which city, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) is located?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Answer- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Explanation:**

**About Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR):**

It is a premier agricultural research institute engaged in basic and strategic research under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

**Director-** Dr C. V. Ratnavathi

**Established in-** 1958

**Location-** Hyderabad, Telangana

**190. Manipur observed its \_\_\_\_ Manipuri language day on 20th August, 2022.**

- 1) 31st
- 2) 29th
- 3) 25th
- 4) 40th
- 5) 28th

**Answer- 1) 31st**

**Explanation:**

Manipur observed its **31st** Manipuri language day on 20th August, 2022. On this occasion, state Chief Minister N Biren Singh paid respect to those who were involved in the movement for inclusion of the Manipuri language in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India.

**191. In August 2022, UNESCO joined hands with Royal Enfield to celebrate the intangible cultural heritage of India in the Himalayas through exhibition.**

**Where is the Headquarters of UNESCO?**

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

**Answer- 3) Paris, France**

**Explanation:**

The Headquarters of UNESCO is **Paris, France**.

**i.** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) has joined hands with a popular motorcycle manufacturing company **Royal Enfield** to celebrate the intangible cultural heritage of India, as part of which an exhibition on the Himalayas will open in Delhi.

**ii.** The exhibition, titled 'Journeying Across the Himalayas', will be hosted from August 22 to 25 at the Bikaner House.



**192. In which state/UT Ansupa Lake is located?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer- 1) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**Ansupa Lake** is **located** in the Banki subdivision of Cuttack district of **Odisha**, it is an oxbow lake formed by River Mahanadi and is spread over an area of 231 ha. It is home to at least 194 species of birds, 61 species of fishes and 26 species of mammals in addition to 244 species of macrophytes.

**i.** In August 2022, Ansupa Lake from Odisha, India was added into the Ramsar Sites.

**193. Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) number is a \_\_\_\_\_ digit number that helps users to share and access their health records digitally.**

- 1) 11
- 2) 7
- 3) 12
- 4) 9
- 5) 14

**Answer- 5) 14**

**Explanation:**

Ayushman Bharat Health Account (**ABHA**) is the first step towards creating digital health records which is currently optional.

**i.** Digital Health ID or ABHA number is a **14-digit number** that helps users to share and access their health records digitally with registered healthcare providers and this unique ABHA number can be generated through Edelweiss website.

**194. In which year the Postal Identification Number (PIN) was introduced in India?**

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1958
- 3) 1947
- 4) 1972
- 5) 1966

**Answer- 4) 1972**

**Explanation:**

The 75th Independence Day coincides with another milestone in India's history, it was on August 15, **1972**, that the Postal Identification Number (**PIN**) was introduced in India. As the PIN code turns.

**i.** The PIN is made up of six digits. The first number indicates the postal region — Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern; and number 9, which signifies the Army Postal Service.

**ii.** The second number denotes a sub-region, and the third represents the sorting district. The remaining numbers narrow the geography further to the specific post office making the delivery.

**195. Which state was recently (in Aug '22) announced the 'Dahi Handi' as an adventure sport?**

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

**Answer- 2) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**Maharashtra** Assembly passed amended GST Bill and State Public University Act and also Announced that the government's decision to accord adventure sport status to **Dahi Handi** (in which a human pyramid is formed) just like kabaddi, wrestling and kho kho.

**196. In which city, the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) U-18 women Asian Basketball championship will be held in September 2022?**

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

**Answer- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

Karnataka Sports and Youth Empowerment minister Dr.Narayanagowda has announced International Basketball Federation (**FIBA**) **U-18 women Asian** Basketball championship will be held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** from September 5th to 11th, 2022.

**197. In August 2022, Tamara Walcott broke the powerlifting Guinness World Record by lifting 737.5 kg three compound lifts – the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift.**

**Tamara Walcott belongs to which country?**

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Spain
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States
- 5) Germany

**Answer- 4) United States**

**Explanation:**

**Tamara Walcott**, a female powerlifter from Maryland in the **United States** broke according to sources in the investigating agency for the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of **737.5 kg** across three compound lifts-the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift.

i. She was honoured at the 2022 World Raw Powerlifting Federation American Pro in Manassas, Virginia last month. GWR compared the weight she lifted with a female adult giraffe that weighs about 680.3 kg.

**198. The 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo was observed on 15th August 2022.**

**Which of the following newspapers was edited by Sri Aurobindo in 1905?**

- 1) Bande Mataram
- 2) The India Gazette
- 3) Amrita Bazar Patrika
- 4) New India
- 5) Bombay Gazette

**Answer- 1) Bande Mataram**

**Explanation:**

August 15, 2022 marks the **150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo**, popularly known as yogi Rishi Aurobindo. He was a revolutionary, nationalist, poet, educationist and philosopher.

**i.** He was the first political leader in India to openly put forward the idea of complete independence for India in his newspaper Bande Mataram.

**ii.** The **Bande Mataram** was an **English** language weekly newspaper published from Calcutta (now Kolkata) founded in **1905** by Bipin Chandra Pal and **edited** by Sri Aurobindo.

**199. In which state Bondla 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

**200. In which state/UT Yashwant Sagar is located?**

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

**Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Yashwant Sagar** is one of the two Important Bird Areas (IBA) in the Indore region as well as one of the most important birding sites in Malwa region of **Madhya Pradesh.**

**i.** It is mainly used for water supply to the city of Indore and is also being used for fish culture on a commercial scale. It is considered to be a stronghold of the vulnerable Sarus Crane in central India.

**ii.** In August 2022, **Yashwant Sagar** from Madhya Pradesh, India was added to the Ramsar Sites.

**201. What is the capital of Malta?**

- 1) Oslo
- 2) Valletta
- 3) Chisinau
- 4) Vilnius
- 5) Podgorica

Answer- **2) Valletta**

**Explanation:**

**About Malta:**

**Prime Minister** – Robert Abela

**Capital** – Valletta

**Currency** – Euro (EUR)

**202. Name the India's longest freight train which is 3.5 km long with 295 loaded wagons.**

- 1) Super Vasuki
- 2) Garib Rath
- 3) Sampark Kranti
- 4) Rajdhani
- 5) Durgam Cheruvu

Answer- **1) Super Vasuki**

**Explanation:**

The test run of India's longest freight train **Super Vasuki** took place on 15 August as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

**i. The 3.5 km long train** with 295 loaded wagons and powered by five engines carried a load of about 27,000 tonne of coal, the highest ever carried by the Indian Railway in a single train arrangement.

**203. In which country, the World Shooting Para Sports (WSPS) World Cup 2022 was held?**

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Changwon, South Korea
- 3) Sydney, Australia
- 4) Toronto, Canada
- 5) Madrid, Spain

Answer- **2) Changwon, South Korea**

**Explanation:**

Paralympian Rahul Jakhar wins Gold, Avani Lekhara Silver while Pooja Agarwal bags Bronze on Day one of **2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup** in **Changwon, South Korea** in August 2022.

**204. In August 2022, the State Bank of India (SBI) announced that the bank will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) chairman of SBI?**

- 1) Mukesh Kumar Jain
- 2) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 3) Sanjiv Chadha
- 4) Ashwani Bhatia
- 5) Rakesh Sharma

Answer- 2) **Dinesh Kumar Khara**

**Explanation:**

The State Bank of India (SBI) will **manage** the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in **Bangladesh** for two more years. The agreement to extend the operations for two more years was signed between the officials of the SBI and the High Commission of India in Dhaka.

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

**Established in** – 1955

**Chairman** – Dinesh Kumar Khara

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**205. In August 2022, James Webb Space Telescope captured new images of Jupiter that presented its massive storms, colourful auroras, faint rings & two small moons.**

**The James Webb Telescope was developed by NASA with the assistance of which of the following organizations?**

- 1) JAXA
- 2) European Space Agency
- 3) Canadian Space Agency
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 5) **Both 2 & 3**

**Explanation:**

The James Webb Space Telescope, **NASA's** most powerful telescope, has captured new images of our solar system's largest planet, Jupiter, presenting it in a never before seen light.

- i. The photographs published in August 2022, have captured a new view of the planet, presenting in detail its massive storms, colourful auroras, faint rings and two small moons — Amalthea and Adrastea.
- ii. Jupiter's famous Great Red Spot, a storm so big that it could swallow Earth, appeared bright white in the image, since it was reflecting a lot of sunlight.
- iii. **NASA's \$10 billion James Webb Telescope** was developed with the assistance of the **European Space Agency** and the **Canadian Space Agency**.

**206. Recently, some parts of Kerala in India reported 'Tomato Flu' among children under five years of age.**

**The Tomato Flu belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ Virus Family.**

- 1) Adenoviridae
- 2) Parvovirinae
- 3) Enterovirus
- 4) Orthopoxvirus
- 5) Alphatorquevirus

Answer- 3) **Enterovirus**

**Explanation:**

Recently, some parts of Kerala reported Tomato Flu among children under five years of age.

- i. The '**tomato flu**' is caused by Coxsackievirus A 16. It belongs to the **Enterovirus** family.

ii. Tomato fever is a rare contagious disease of viral nature in humans whose origins are not yet known. However, medical experts have opined that it might be an aftereffect of dengue or chikungunya.

iii. It gets its name from the tomato-shaped red rashes that it causes on the body of infected individuals. The flu is said to affect children below five years of age.

**207. In which state/UT Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex is located?**

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

**Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex** is a part of the Suchindram-Theroor Manakudi Conservation Reserve located in **Tamil Nadu**. It is declared an Important Bird Area and lies at the southern tip of the Central Asian flyway of migratory birds.

i. It was formed for birds' nesting purposes and it attracts thousands of birds every year.

ii. In August 2022, Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex from Tamil Nadu, India was added to the Ramsar Sites.

**208. In August 2022, Simon Stiell was named as Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).**

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

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

**Answer- 4) Bonn, Germany**

**Explanation:**

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed **Simon Stiell** as the new **Executive Secretary** of the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat based in Bonn, Germany. The appointment has been endorsed by the Bureau of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (**UNFCCC**), **Bonn, Germany**.

i. From March 2013 to June 2022, Simon Stiell served as a senior minister in the Government of Grenada holding the portfolios of Minister for Climate Resilience and the Environment for five years.

**209. In which city, the 1st Tiranga Park was set up (in Aug '22) under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan?**

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Gurugram, Haryana
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- **3) Gurugram, Haryana**

**Explanation:**

Under the **Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan**, the **first Tiranga Park** was set up in **Gurugram, Haryana** by the district administration. This park has been constructed with the support of the M3M Foundation at the Swatantrata Senani Bhavan located at the Civil Lines, Gurugram.

**i.** In the park, 75 national flags of 12-ft height have been installed on the 75th anniversary of Independence. The park was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State, Rao Inderjit Singh.

**210. In August 2022, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the Statue of Veer Durgadas Rathore on his 385th birth anniversary in Jodhpur, \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) Uttar Pradesh

2) Haryana

3) Gujarat

4) Rajasthan

5) Punjab

Answer- **4) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the Statue of Veer Durgadas Rathore on his 385th birth anniversary in **Rajasthan's** Jodhpur.

**i.** Veer Durgadas Rathore single-handedly preserved the rule of the Rathore dynasty over Marwar (Jodhpur) after the death of Maharaja Jaswant Singh in the 17th century.

**211. 16 parks were renamed by Delhi Lt-Governor recently (in Aug '22) in honour of unsung heroes of freedom struggle, as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Lieutenant Governor of Delhi?**

1) Tejendra Khanna

2) Najeeb Jung

3) Anil Baijal

4) Vinai Kumar Saxena

5) Banwari Lal Joshi

Answer- **4) Vinai Kumar Saxena**

**Explanation:**

**Sixteen parks** in Delhi bearing the names of several unsung heroes of the freedom struggle were dedicated to the people of Delhi by Lt-Governor **Vinai Kumar Saxena** on the 75th Independence Day.

**i.** As part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', Saxena unveiled a plaque of 'Lala Hardayal Park' at Jasola and symbolically dedicated the remaining parks located across the city.

**ii.** Lala Hardayal Park was earlier known as "District Park, Jasola".

**212. As per the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, India will start supplying petrol with \_\_\_\_\_ ethanol at select petrol pumps from April 2023.**

1) 20%

2) 40%

3) 10%

4) 30%

5) 25%

Answer- **1) 20%**

**Explanation:**

**India** will start supplying petrol with **20 % ethanol** at select petrol pumps from April next year (**2023**) and will ramp up supplies thereafter as it looks to cut oil import dependence and address environmental issues. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas minister Hardeep Puri said a fifth of petrol will be made up of ethanol by 2025.

**213. In August 2022, Piyush Goyal was appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of which organization?**

- 1) Intelligence Bureau
- 2) Research and Analysis Wing
- 3) National Intelligence Grid
- 4) Narcotics Control Bureau
- 5) National Investigation Agency

Answer- **3) National Intelligence Grid**

**Explanation:**

**Piyush Goyal** has been appointed by the Central Government as the new chief executive officer (**CEO**) of **NATGRID** (National Intelligence Grid). Along with this, the Central Government has also issued an order to post 26 other officers on the post of Additional Secretary.

i. Piyush Goyal is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry.

**214. Keerthi Prakash as Managing Director (MD) of Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd (RNAIPL).**

**Where is the Headquarters of Renault Nissan Automotive India located?**

- 1) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 2) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Nissan has announced the appointment of **Keerthi Prakash as Managing Director (MD)** of Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd (**RNAIPL**) to lead operations at the company's alliance plant in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu** from September 1, 2022. Keerthi Prakash is currently deputy MD of RNAIPL.

i. He joined the plant in 2008 and has over 20 years of automotive manufacturing experience.

ii. He replaces Biju Balendran, who has decided to pursue opportunities outside of Nissan after four successful years as plant MD and over a decade in the plant.

**215. When was International Dog Day 2022 observed across the globe?**

- 1) 23rd August 2022
- 2) 27th August 2022
- 3) 24th August 2022
- 4) 26th August 2022
- 5) 25th August 2022



Answer- 4) 26th August 2022

**Explanation:**

**International Dog Day 2022** is celebrated on **August 26 2022**, and it is to commemorate the unconditional love that our furry friends have for humans. It is also celebrated to highlight the deplorable conditions of the canines who stay on the streets, in shelters or in abusive households.

i. Dogs often star in popular movies and even become more talked about than the lead actors like Tuffy in 'Hum Apke Hai Kaun'.

**216. In which state/UT Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve is located?**

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

Answer- 3) Jammu & Kashmir

**Explanation:**

**Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve** is Located in the Baramulla district of **Jammu & Kashmir**, it falls within the River Jhelum basin. It plays a significant role as a flood absorption basin, biodiversity conservation site, eco-tourism site, and livelihood security for the local communities.

i. In August 2022, Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve from Jammu & Kashmir, India was added to the Ramsar Sites.

**217. In which year 'Qutub Minar' was declared as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?**

- 1) 1993
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1995
- 4) 2000
- 5) 2005

Answer- 1) 1993

**Explanation:**

**Qutub Minar** and its monuments were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993.

i. It is a five-storeyed red sandstone tower (72.5 m high) built by Muslim conquerors in the thirteenth century to commemorate their final triumph over the Rajput rulers of **Delhi** (Qutub means victory), while also serving as a tower from where muezzins (criers) call for prayer at the Quwwatu'l-Islam mosque

ii. A 7 m-high iron pillar stands in the courtyard of the mosque and its surrounding contains Alai-Darwaza Gate, the masterpiece of Indo-Muslim art (built in 1311).

**218. Recently, the West Bengal Government has decided to erect a statue of Bardhaman's Maharaja Bijay Chand Mahatab and his wife Radharani in front of the Lord Curzon Gate. Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India who partitioned Bengal in \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 1927
- 2) 1919
- 3) 1905

4) 1909

5) 1911

Answer- **3) 1905**

**Explanation:**

Recently, the West Bengal Government has decided to erect a statue of Bardhaman's Maharaja Bijay Chand Mahatab and his wife Radharani in front of the Lord Curzon Gate.

**i.** Maharajadhiraja Bijay Chand Mahtab (1881 – 1941) was the ruler of Burdwan Estate, Bengal in British India from 1887 till his death in 1941.

**ii.** Lord Curzon succeeded Lord Elgin and served as India's Viceroy between 1899 and 1905. He became the youngest Viceroy of India at the age of 39.

**iii. Lord Curzon**, the Viceroy of India who partitioned Bengal in **1905** and Curzon left for Britain in 1905, but the agitation continued for many years.

**219. One Year of the Rice Fortification Programme was observed in August 2022.**

**As per the 75th Independence Day (2021) address of PM Narendra Modi, the supply of Fortified Rice in every scheme of the Government of India throughout India by \_\_\_\_\_ in a phased manner.**

1) 2024

2) 2026

3) 2023

4) 2027

5) 2025

Answer- **1) 2024**

**Explanation:**

The Hon'ble **PM Narendra Modi** in his address on the 75th Independence Day (15th August, **2021**), announced the supply of Fortified Rice in every scheme of Government of India throughout India by **2024** in a phased manner.

- Nearly 6.83 LMT have been distributed by the States/UTs under the phase which started from April 1, 2022.
- And under ICDS and PM POSHAN, nearly 7.36 LMT have been lifted by the States/UTs so far. Around 52% of the districts have lifted the foodgrains in the Phase II.
- Phase-I covering ICDS and PM POSHAN had been implemented during 2021-22 and nearly 17.51 LMT had been distributed in the States/UTs.

**220. The Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC) at Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has completed 20 years of providing emergency care, treatment & rehabilitation to wild animals.**

**Kaziranga National Park is the home of which of the following animals?**

1) Snow leopard

2) Elephant

3) One-horned Rhinoceros

4) Asian Lion

5) Bengal Tiger

Answer- **3) One-horned Rhinoceros**

**Explanation:**

**Kaziranga National Park** is the home of the world's most **one-horned rhinos**, located in the State of Assam.

- Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has the highest density of one-horned rhinos in the world and second highest number of Rhinos in Assam after Kaziranga National Park.
- i. The Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC) at Panbari near the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has completed 20 years of providing emergency care, treatment and rehabilitation to indigenous wild animals displaced due to various reasons.
- ii. A joint initiative of the Assam Forest Department, the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), the centre was established on August 28, 2002.

**221. In August 2022, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sumedha visited Port Klang of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Malaysia
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Australia
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Philippines

Answer- **1) Malaysia**

**Explanation:**

As part of the Indian Navy's long-range operational deployment, Indian Naval Ship, **INS Sumedha** visited **Port Klang** of **Malaysia** in August 2022.

- i. The ship is on her return passage from Perth, Australia where she participated in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. The Ministry of Defence is aimed at strengthening bilateral ties, enhancing maritime cooperation and interoperability between Indian and Royal Malaysian Navies.

**222. In August 2022, Nagaland got its second Railway station on Dhansari-Shokhuvi railway line after a gap of more than 100 years.**

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

- 1) Ganeshi Lal
- 2) Satya Pal Malik
- 3) Banwarilal Purohit
- 4) Jagdish Mukhi
- 5) Kalraj Mishra

Answer- **4) Jagdish Mukhi**

**Explanation:**

Jagdish Mukhi is the governor of Nagaland.

**Nagaland** got its second Railway station on Dhansari-Shokhuvi railway line after a gap of more than 100 years. Dimapur station was opened in 1903.

- i. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially flagged off the first passenger train service- the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway station in Chumukedima District on August 26, 2022.

**223. Every Year the Indian Army will celebrate the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA)**

**Day on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 19th August
- 2) 23rd August
- 3) 21st August
- 4) 30th August
- 5) 24th August

**Answer- 2) 23rd August**

**Explanation:**

Head Quarter Southern Command celebrated the 56th Army Wives Welfare Association (**AWWA**) Day at Dhanvantari Auditorium, Pune from 22nd to 23rd August 2022. To mark the initiative of this welfare organization, the Indian Army every year celebrates **23rd August** as AWWA Day.

**i.** Mrs Anita Nain, Regional President, Southern Star, AWWA presided over this commemorative event.

**224. Recently, the Loktak Development Authority (LDA) issued a 15-day ultimatum to remove homestays, huts, and athaphums.**

**In which state, the Loktak Lake is located?**

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer- 1) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

**Loktak lake** is located about 40 kilometers south of Imphal, Manipur. It's the **largest freshwater** lake in **Northeast India**, the pristine Loktak Lake is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Manipur.

**i.** Loktak lake was initially designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention in 1990. Later it was also listed under the Montreux Record in 1993.

**225. In which state/UT Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary is located?**

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

**Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary is a large human-made irrigation tank and shelter for migratory birds in **Tamil Nadu**. Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii* occurred in most of the surveyed tanks.

**i.** Large concentrations of wintering waterfowl such as Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*, Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*, Garganey *Anas querquedula* were recorded in tanks.

**ii.** In August 2022, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary from Tamil Nadu, India was added to the Ramsar Sites.

**226. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer- 2) Ministry of Finance**

**Explanation:**

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (**PMJDY**), under the **Ministry of Finance**, ensures access to financial services, namely, Banking/ Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance, Pension in an affordable manner.

- i.** Focus shift from 'Every Household' to Every Unbanked Adult'
- ii.** Overdraft limit doubled from Rs 5,000/- to Rs 10,000/-; OD upto Rs 2,000/- (without conditions). Also, the upper age limit increased for OD from 60 to 65 years.

**227. In which year was Taj Mahal designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site?**

- 1) 1995
- 2) 1983
- 3) 1990
- 4) 1985
- 5) 1980

**Answer- 2) 1983**

**Explanation:**

The **Taj Mahal (Agra)** is a mausoleum of white marble built by the Mughal emperor, Shahjahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. It stands on the banks of the river Yamuna.

- i.** The Mughal-era monument is protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as the tomb of his wife Mumtaz.
- ii.** Considered as one of the Seven Wonders of the World, it was inscribed on the list of **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in **1983**.

**228. Which Institute recently (in Aug '22) launched the 'Nilekani Centre at AI4Bharat' to build open-source language AI for Indian languages?**

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

**Answer- 2) IIT Madras**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT Madras**) launched the '**Nilekani Centre at AI4Bharat**' to promote the state of Indian language technology with the intention to create a societal impact.

- i.** This Centre, inaugurated by Nandan Nilekani, is being supported by Rohini and Nandan Nilekani with a grant of Rs 36 crore through Nilekani Philanthropies.
- ii.** The AI4Bharat was set-up as an initiative of IIT Madras to build open-source language AI for Indian languages.

**229. In which country Hambantota Port is located?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) Japan
- 3) China
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Indonesia

**Answer- 4) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

Recently, **Sri Lanka** approved the docking of Yuan Wang 5, a Chinese vessel, at its southern **Hambantota Port**. This is the 2nd such approval from the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry, following its first green flag to the visit in July, 2022.

i. The ballistic missile and satellite tracking ship 'Yuan Wang 5' ship was originally scheduled to arrive at the Chinese-run port on August 11, 2022 but it was delayed in absence of permission by Sri Lankan authorities following security concerns raised by India.

**230. Arunachal Pradesh was recently (in Aug '22) launched the first flight of drone service – 'medicine from the sky' from Seppa to Chayang Tajo in East Kameng district.**

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

- 1) Ganeshi Lal
- 2) Satya Pal Malik
- 3) B. D. Mishra
- 4) Jagdish Mukhi
- 5) Satya Pal Malik

**Answer- 3) B. D. Mishra**

**Explanation:**

**B. D. Mishra** is the governor of **Arunachal Pradesh**.

i. Arunachal Pradesh successfully launched the first flight of drone service – 'medicine from the sky' from Seppa to Chayang Tajo in East Kameng district.

**231. The Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022 will be held November 2022 in Ipoh, \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Cambodia
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Thailand

**Answer- 4) Malaysia**

**Explanation:**

Malaysia's premier men's hockey tournament, the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022 will be held from November 16 to 25 in Ipoh, **Malaysia**.

i. The tournament is making a return after a two-year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. World No 1 Australia, fifth-ranked Germany, India, New Zealand, and Canada have been invited to the tournament.

ii. All matches will be played at the Azlan Shah Stadium in the city of Ipoh in Malaysia, which is the permanent venue of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup.

**232. The \_\_\_\_ edition of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament will be held in West Kolkata from November to December 2022.**

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

Answer- **5) 4th**

**Explanation:**

The **4th** edition of the **Tata Steel Chess India tournament** will be held in West Kolkata from November 29 to December 4, 2022.

**i.** For the first time, a separate women's section has been added in the tournament, which had only the Open section so far.

**ii.** Tata Steel Chess India (rapid and blitz) is one of the most important chess tournaments in India. Top Indian female players like Koneru Humpy, D Harika, and R Vaishali will compete in the maiden women's edition.

**233. Which river is flowing from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea via the German industrial heartland?**

- 1) Ural River
- 2) Don River
- 3) Po River
- 4) Thames River
- 5) Rhine river

Answer- **5) Rhine river**

**Explanation:**

Water levels on the **Rhine river** are very low because of unusually hot and dry weather, preventing many vessels from navigating the critical European shipping route fully loaded.

**i.** Flowing from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea via German industrial heartlands, the Rhine is a major route for products ranging from grains to chemicals and coal.

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

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

Answer- **1) Karnataka**

Explanation:

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

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

**ii.** In August 2022, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary from Karnataka, India was added to the Ramsar Sites.

**235. Janjatiya Mahotsav festival was celebrated in Jharkhand on 9-10th August 2022.**

**Who is the current (as of Aug '22) Chief Minister of Jharkhand?**

- 1) Hemant Soren
- 2) Manik Saha
- 3) Raghubar Das
- 4) Manohar Lal Khattar
- 5) Pushkar Singh Dhami

**Answer- 1) Hemant Soren**

**Explanation:**

**Hemant Soren** is the Chief Minister (CM) of Jharkhand.

**i.** Jharkhand has celebrated Jharkhand Janjatiya Mahotsav on August 9-10, 2022 in which artists from tribal-dominated states, including the north-eastern states of India were participated.

**ii.** According to the state government, the festival will weave the "best of cultural strands of the participating states" to bring to the world "the rich tribal tapestry through a host of exciting events like Tribal Fashion Shows, Tribal Food Festivals, Handicraft Exhibitions etc."

**236. In which state Pala wetland is located?**

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

**Answer- 3) Mizoram**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**237. In August 2022, Sprinter Amlan Borgohain became India's fastest man by running 100 metres in 10.25 seconds at the All India Inter Railways Athletics Championships in Raebareli,**

**\_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**Answer- 4) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Sprinter **Amlan Borgohain** has become India's fastest man by running 100 metres in 10.25 seconds at the All India Inter Railways Athletics Championships in Raebareli, **Uttar Pradesh**.

**i.** The 24-year-old Amlan Borgohain surpassed the timing of Amiya Mallick, who had set the 100-metre race national record in 2016 by clocking 10.26 seconds.



**238. The Securities and Exchange Board of India recently (in Aug '22) proposed the concept of 'blue bonds' for sustainable financing activities.**

**Which country launched the world's first sovereign blue bond in 2018?**

- 1) France
- 2) Brazil
- 3) China
- 4) Madagascar
- 5) Seychelles

**Answer- 5) Seychelles**

**Explanation:**

The Republic of **Seychelles** was the **first** to come with a sovereign blue bond in 2018.

**i.** Blue bond will be a debt instrument to support investments in healthy oceans and blue economies (i.e. use of ocean resources for economic growth)- sustainable exploitation of ocean resources, fishing, and extracting renewable energy.

**ii.** The SEBI's proposals are aimed at aligning with the updated Green Bond Principles (GBP) published by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA).

**Note-** At present, the blue economy comprises 4.1 per cent of India's economy.

**239. ECOSystem and Spaceborne Thermal Radiometer Experiment on Space Station (ECOSTRESS) are helping in understanding the pattern and reasons behind wildfires.**

**The ECOSTRESS was launched by which organisation?**

- 1) European Space Agency
- 2) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- 4) SpaceX
- 5) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

**Answer- 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

**Explanation:**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**)'s ECOSystem and Spaceborne Thermal Radiometer Experiment on Space Station (**ECOSTRESS**) are helping in understanding the pattern and reasons behind wildfires.

**i.** ECOSTRESS is a multiple wavelength imaging spectrometer to study the effectiveness of water use by vegetation, the water stress and their ability to adapt to a warming climate. By measuring the rate of release of water by plants, the intensity of coming wildfires can be measured.

**240. The "Durand Line" is the boundary between which of the following countries?**

- 1) Bhutan and and China
- 2) India and China
- 3) Pakistan and Afghanistan
- 4) India and Pakistan
- 5) Nepal and China

**Answer- 3) Pakistan and Afghanistan**

**Explanation:**

Afghan Taliban's security forces and Pakistani military have clashed on Durand Line in the Dangan district of eastern Kuanr province in August 2022.

**Note-** The Radcliffe Line divided British India into India and Pakistan and it is named after the architect of this line, Sir Cyril Radcliffe, who was also the chairman of the Boundary Commissions.