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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers (e-2W) in India- A Bottom-Up Analysis released in June 2022?

A) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) launched the report.

B) In an optimistic scenario, the report forecasts 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by FY 2026-27.

C) The sale of electric two-wheelers in India may cross 220 lakh units in FY 2028-29 under the Optimistic, Same Performance and Battery Cost Challenged scenarios.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & C

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

A report titled 'Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers (e-2W) in India- A Bottom-Up Analysis' has been launched by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, and Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC).

i. In an optimistic scenario, the report forecasts 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by FY 2026-27.

ii. The sale of electric two-wheelers in India may cross 220 lakh units in FY 2028-29 under the Optimistic, Same Performance and Battery Cost Challenged scenarios.

2. In June 2022, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved a total of 314 applications worth of _____ under a Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS).

1) Rs 76,234 crore

2) Rs 62,923 crore

3) Rs 92,091 crore

4) Rs 59,123 crore

5) Rs 86,824 crore

Answer- 5) Rs 86,824 crore

Explanation:

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has approved a total of 314 applications with proposed investments of **Rs 86,824 crore** under a Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) till May 31, 2022.

i. Among the approved proposals in May 2022, there is an investment of Rs 596 crore from Bosch Automotive Electronics Private Limited.

3. How many new unicorns will be in India in the next two years, as per the ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022 released in June 2022?

- 1) 200
- 2) 169
- 3) 100
- 4) 157
- 5) 122

Answer- **5) 122**

Explanation:

According to the Hurun Research Institute's 'ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022', India will have **122** new unicorns in the next two to four years. Startups like Shiprocket, Zepto, and Turtlemint are at the top of the list of probable unicorns.

i. The index provides a glimpse of the Indian start-up ecosystem and ranks Indian start-ups that were established in the 2000s, worth at least USD 200 million (Rs. 1,500 crore), are not yet listed on a public exchange, and are most likely to "go unicorn" within the next 2 -4 years. The deadline was May 31, 2022.

ii. According to the index, Bengaluru remains India's start-up capital, with 46 probable unicorns, Following it are Maharashtra's Mumbai (16) and Delhi (National Capital Region (NCR)) (25).

4. In June 2022, Maharashtra government renamed 'Aurangabad city' as _____.

- 1) Sambhajinagar
- 2) Ichalkaranji
- 3) Hinganghat
- 4) Dharashiv
- 5) Ulhasnagar

Answer- **1) Sambhajinagar**

Explanation:

The Maharashtra government cabinet under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Thackeray approved the renaming of **Aurangabad city** as **Sambhajinagar**, and that of **Osmanabad city** as **Dharashiv**.

- i. The cabinet meeting also approved that the upcoming Navi Mumbai international airport will be named after farmer leader late 'Dinkar Balu Patil'.
- ii. The airport is currently being constructed by the Adani Group in adjoining Raigad to decongest Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai.

5. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the recent cabinet approval on 29th June 2022?

- 1) The Cabinet has approved an MoU signed between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India & Ministry of Trade and Industry, Indonesia on Cooperation in the fields of S & T and Innovation.
- 2) Cabinet also approved the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), India and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).
- 3) Cabinet approves Categorization of the CDRI as an International Organization & signing of HQA with CDRI for granting it immunities under UN (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947.
- 4) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved 'Deregulation of Sale of Domestically Produced Crude Oil'.
- 5) The CCEA also approved the computerization of about 63,000 functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) with a budgetary outlay of Rs 2,516 crore over a period of 5 years.

Answer- 1) The Cabinet has approved an MoU signed between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India & Ministry of Trade and Industry, Indonesia on Cooperation in the fields of S & T and Innovation.

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU signed between the Department of Science and Technology, India and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore on Cooperation in the fields of S & T and Innovation.

- The Union Cabinet also approved the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to help India's energy transition efforts, and the world in combating climate change.
- Cabinet approves Categorization of the CDRI as an International Organization & signing of HQA with CDRI for granting it immunities under UN (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved 'Deregulation of Sale of Domestically Produced Crude Oil', whereby the Government has decided to cease allocation of crude oil and condensate w.e.f. October 1, 2022.
- The CCEA also approved the computerization of about 63,000 functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) with a budgetary outlay of Rs 2,516 crore over a period of 5 years.

6. Which of the following organisation jointly released a report titled "Take Home Ration: Good Practices-Across the States/UTs" in July 2022?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) NITI Aayog
- 3) United Nations World Food Programme

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The National Institution for Transforming India (**NITI**) **Aayog** and the United Nations World Food Programme (**WFP**) have released a report titled "Take Home Ration: Good Practices-Across the States/UTs". The report was released by Suman K. Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

i. It highlights a collection of good and innovative practices used by the States and Union Territories (UTs) to implement the Take Home Ration (THR) value chain.

ii. Take Home Ration (THR) offers fortified rations for use at home for pregnant and lactating women (PLW), and children between the ages of 6 and 36 months.

7. In July 2022, the Government of India (GoI) decided to retain the same interest rates on small savings schemes for Q2 FY23.

What is the current (as of July'22) interest rates of the Public Provident Fund (PPF)?

1) 4%

2) 7.1%

3) 5.5%

4) 6.8%

5) 7.4%

Answer- **2) 7.1%**

Explanation:

In spite of high inflation and rising interest rates, the Government of India (**GoI**) decided to retain the same interest rates on small savings schemes like the Public Provident Fund (**PPF**) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) for the second quarter (Q2) [July 1, 2022–September 30, 2022] of the Financial Year 2022-23 (FY23).

i. In Q2 of FY23, the annual interest rates for **PPF** and NSC will remain at **7.1%** and 6.8%, respectively.

8. Name the organisation that recently (in July'22) launched Project Surya along with ReNew Power and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) to train low-income women salt pan workers.

1) International Labour Organization

2) International Monetary Fund

3) United Nations Environment Programme

4) Asian Development Bank

5) United Nations Development Programme

Answer- **3) United Nations Environment Programme**

Explanation:

ReNew Power Limited, a subsidiary of ReNew Energy Global Plc, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (**SEWA**) launched a one-of-its-kind, transformative initiative "Project Surya" to train low-income women salt pan workers to work in the renewable industry.

i. Under the project initiative, women salt-pan workers, who work in the extreme conditions at Rann of Kutch marshes (Gujarat), will be trained as solar panel and solar-pump technicians at Dhokavada village in the Patan district of Gujarat.

9. In which city, T-Hub 2.0, the world's largest innovation campus was inaugurated in June 2022?

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

Answer- **2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

Telangana Chief Minister(CM) K Chandrashekar Rao has inaugurated **(Technology Hub) T-Hub 2.0**, the world's largest innovation campus in **Hyderabad**,the capital of **Telangana**.

i. It was launched in the year 2015 to promote entrepreneurship and innovation. In 2021, the startup ecosystem of Telangana was valued at USD 4.8 billion.

ii. The T-shaped structure has a built space of 5.82 lakh sq ft with the capacity of 1000 seats,the hub allocates 18,000 for the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and AIC T-Hub Foundation.

10. Name the ministry that recently (in June'22) joined the PM Gati Shakti Portal (National Master Plan portal).

- 1) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 2) Ministry of Mines
- 3) Ministry of Power
- 4) Ministry of Coal
- 5) Ministry of Steel

Answer- **5) Ministry of Steel**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Steel** has joined the **PM Gati Shakti Portal** and uploaded the geo locations of projects with an aim of identifying and bridging missing infrastructure connectivity gaps.

i. The Ministry of Steel on-boarded itself on the **PM GatiShakti Portal (National Master Plan portal)** with the assistance of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics **(BiSAG-N)**.

ii. BiSAG-N has created an application through which the Ministry of Steel is planning to upload the Geo location of more than 2000 steel units functioning in the country.

11. Name the state that recently (in June'22) launched the "Naari Ko Naman" scheme to provide a 50% concession on bus fares for women.

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

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of **Himachal Pradesh** (HP), Jai Ram Thakur launched '**Naari Ko Naman**' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses to women commuters within the state boundaries.

- i. CM, as a part of another scheme, announced the minimum bus fare will also be reduced from Rs.7 to Rs.5 for all passengers.
- ii. The government of HP will also sanction 25 new posts for female drivers in 'Ride To Pride Government Taxi service'. The service is for female passengers and senior citizens of HP.

12. As per the 5th Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2020, which of the following state is 'not' in the Top Achievers category?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The assessment of States/Union Territories (UTs) under the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2020, the 5th edition of the BRAP exercise, was announced by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF), and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA) on June 30, 2022, in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. Since 2014, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), MoF, has been assessing States/UTs based on their performance in implementing prescribed reforms in the BRAP exercise.

ii. The 7 States/UTs under the **Top Achievers category** in BRAP 2020: Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana

13. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 'Udyami Bharat' programme?

A) PM Modi launched the "Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme", World Bank assisted central government programme, with an outlay of Rs 6,062.45-crore for MSMEs.

B) PM Modi also launched the 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme to ease the export process for first-time exporters.

C) PM launched new features of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which include an increase in the maximum project cost to Rs 50 lakhs from Rs 25 lakhs for the manufacturing sector.

- 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:

Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme organized at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.

i. PM Modi launched the "Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme", World Bank (WB) assisted central government programme, with an outlay of Rs 6,062.45-crore for MSMEs. The 5-year RAMP scheme will begin in the current financial year(FY) 2022-23

ii. PM Modi also launched the 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme to ease the export process for first-time exporters in terms of monetary support, certification-related support, and others.

iii. The new features of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) include, An increase in the maximum project cost to Rs 50 lakhs (from Rs 25 lakhs) for the manufacturing sector and Rs 20 lakhs (from Rs 10 lakhs) in the service sector

14. Which of the following is 'correct' with respect to the National MSME Awards 2022?

1) The MSME department of the government of Odisha has won the 1st Prize in National MSME Awards-2022 under States/Union Territories(UTs) category.

2) Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu has won the 1st prize of the National MSME Awards-2022 under the Aspirational Districts category.

3) Punjab National Bank won the Award under the Banks For Outstanding Contribution In The Promotion And Development Of MSME Sector category.

4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The MoMSMEs have selected the winners of the National MSME Awards 2022, which recognises the outstanding performance of the Enterprises/ States/ Aspirational Districts/ Banks in the MSME sector under various categories of MSME Awards.

i. The MSME department of the government of Odisha has won the 1st Prize in National MSME Awards-2022 under States/Union Territories(UTs) category for its various developmental initiatives taken up for the development of MSMEs.

ii. Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu has won the 1st prize of the National MSME Awards-2022 under the Aspirational Districts category for its contribution to the promotion and development of the MSME sector.

iii. **State Bank of India** won the Award under the Banks For Outstanding Contribution In The Promotion And Development Of MSME Sector category.

15. In July 2022, the NTPC Limited announced that India's largest floating solar power plant was Commissioned at _____.

1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

2) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

3) Tumkur, Karnataka

4) Ramagundam, Telangana

5) Patan, Gujarat

Answer- **4) Ramagundam, Telangana**

Explanation:

NTPC Limited, India's largest state-run energy conglomerate, has announced the commercial operation of the Ramagundam Floating Solar photovoltaic (PV) Project in **Ramagundam, Telangana**, which is India's largest floating solar power plant with a total capacity of 100 MW (megawatts).

- i. It commenced operation on July 1, 2022, and made the final final operation of 20 MW of the 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project.
- ii. The Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project, which has 4.48 lakh photovoltaic (PV) panels floating across 500 acres of the NTPC-Ramagundam reservoir, was built at a cost of Rs. 423 crore.
 - Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is the project's EPC (engineering, procurement, and construction) contractor.

16. In July 2022, the Government of India amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022.

Indians can now receive up to _____ in a year from relatives living abroad without informing the authorities.

- 1) Rs 10 lakh
- 2) Rs 4 lakh
- 3) Rs 5 lakh
- 4) Rs 3 lakh
- 5) Rs 6 lakh

Answer- 1) Rs 10 lakh

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has made seven key amendments to the existing Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Rules 2011, which was renamed as the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022, w.e.f. July 01, 2022.

- i. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) allows Indians to receive up to **Rs 10 lakh** in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. The **earlier** limit was **Rs 1 lakh**.
- ii. The rules were amended by GoI in exercise of the powers conferred by section 48 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010).
- iii. There are another amendments in rule 6: if the amount exceeds, the individuals will have 90 days to inform the government instead of the 30 days period earlier.

17. Name the state government that was recently (in July'22) launched the Medical Insurance Scheme for Government Employees & Pensioners (MEDISEP).

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

Answer- 5) Kerala

Explanation:

Kerala government has launched the medical insurance scheme, Medical Insurance Scheme for State Employees and Pensioners (**MEDISEP**) and also the deduction of premium from the salary of June 2022 and pension of July 2022.

- i. MEDISEP will provide coverage of up to Rs.3 lakh per annum for the eligible expenses incurred by the beneficiary for the listed procedures Basic Benefit Package (BBP) for three years.
- ii. The scheme is intended to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to all serving employees of the State Government.

18. Name the organisation/Ministry that was recently (in July'22) released the 'Mitigation and Management of COVID-19: compendium of Ayush-based practices from States & UTs'.

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Swasth Foundation
- 3) Central Council for Research in Siddha
- 4) NITI Aayog
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer- **4) NITI Aayog**

Explanation:

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog released 'Mitigation and Management of COVID-19: compendium of Ayush-based practices from States and Union territories (UTs)' which details information about various Ayush-based initiatives and practices adopted by the States and UTs in India for containing and managing the COVID-19 outbreak.

i. Suman Bery, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, and Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, Minister of State for Ayush and Women and Child Development (WCD) released the compendium.

19. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Odisha budget that was presented in July 2022?

- A) The Finance Minister of Odisha, Niranjan Pujari, has proposed a Rs 2 lakh crore budget in the state assembly for FY23, which is the "highest" in state budget history.
- B) A provision of Rs. 247 crore is made under the Maternity Benefit Programme "MAMATA" scheme in the Women & Child Development sector.
- C) Under the scheme Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, Rs. 2,664 crores is allocated for free medical facilities to over 96 lakh economically vulnerable families in Odisha.

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

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

Explanation:

The Finance Minister of Odisha, Niranjan Pujari, has proposed a Rs 2-lakh crore budget in the state assembly for the fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23), which is the "highest" in state budget history and is 33% higher than the budget of Rs. 1.7 lakh crore for FY22.

i. A provision of Rs. 247 crore is made under the Maternity Benefit Programme "MAMATA" scheme in the Women & Child Development sector.

ii. Under the scheme Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, Rs.2,664 crore is allocated for free medical facilities to over 96 lakh economically vulnerable families in Odisha.

20. Which of the following states has 'Not' signed the inter-State Declaration of Intent to Combat Human Trafficking on July 1st, 2022?

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

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

A first-of-its-kind Inter-State **Declaration of Intent** to Work in Collaboration to **Combat Human Trafficking** was signed by women and child welfare representatives from **six** Indian states — Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana — on July 1-2, 2022, during a two-day Regional Consultation on Working Together to Combat Human Trafficking.

i. The Telangana government hosted the event in partnership with the Non-Profit Organizations (NGOs) Prajwala and Shakti Vahini.

ii. The conference was supported by the United States (US) Consulates General in Hyderabad (Telangana) and Kolkata (West Bengal).

iii. This declaration will be called as 'Hyderabad Declaration'

21. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in July'22) step taken by the Tamil Nadu (TN) Government?

A) The Tamil Nadu government signed 60 MoUs at the Tamil Nadu Investors' First Port of Call-Investment Conclave to Generate 75,000 Jobs.

B) The Indian power giant Tata Power and the TN government signed an MoU to set up a new 4GW solar cell and 4GW solar module manufacturing plant in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

C) The Tamil Nadu Government has entered into an agreement with a German bank for buying new buses.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The Tamil Nadu (TN) government signed 60 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) at the Tamil Nadu Investors' First Port of Call-Investment Conclave in order to attract a total investment of Rs. 1.25 lakh crore and create 74,898 jobs.

i. The Indian power giant Tata Power and the Tamil Nadu government signed an MoU to invest around Rs 3,000 crores in a new 4GW (gigawatt) solar cell and 4GW solar module manufacturing plant in the District of Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu.

ii. The Tamil Nadu Government has entered into an agreement with a German bank for buying new buses, for which a tender will be announced soon.

22. Which state government will introduce India's first Right to Health Bill 2022 in the State Assembly?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 2) Rajasthan

Explanation:

The government of **Rajasthan** will introduce the '**Right to Health Bill 2022**' in the Rajasthan assembly. It makes Rajasthan the first state in India to propose a guaranteed right to healthcare to its residents.

i. It aims to provide quality and affordable healthcare services by govt. and private healthcare providers without catastrophic out-of-pocket expenditure. In January 2022, the draft of the Right to Health Bill was prepared.

23. In July 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Digital India Week 2022', a Digital Expo – Digital Mela, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Digital India Week 2022 will be celebrated from 4th July to 9th July 2022 with the theme of

- 1) Enabling the Digital India
- 2) Catalyzing New India's Techade
- 3) Enabling The New Normal
- 4) Made in DigilIndia
- 5) Power To Empower

Answer- 2) Catalyzing New India's Techade

Explanation:

Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi inaugurated '**Digital India Week 2022**', a Digital Expo – Digital Mela, at Mahatma Mandir in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. It is organized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**).

i. The week will be celebrated from **July 4 to July 9, 2022** with the theme of '**Catalyzing New India's Techade**'.

ii. The PM launched 'Digital India Bhashini': Bhasha Daan, that will enable easy access to the internet and digital services in vernacular languages.

iii. He also launched 'Digital India GENESIS' to empower the digital economy and He unveiled an eBook 'Catalyzing New India's Techade'.

24. In which city, the 30-foot bronze statue of freedom fighter 'Alluri Sitarama Raju' was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi, to commemorate his 125th birth anniversary?

- 1) Nashik, Maharashtra
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Dibrugarh, Assam
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 5) Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi unveiled a **30-foot bronze statue** of revolutionary freedom fighter **Alluri Sitarama Raju** in the presence of Governor of Andhra Pradesh Biswabhusan Harichandan, Chief Minister (CM) Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Union Minister G.Kishan Reddy in **Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.

i. It was launched to celebrate the **125th birth anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju**, he was born on 4 July 1897 in Andhra Pradesh (AP). He is referred to as **“Manyam Veerudu” (Hero of the Jungles)** by the local people.

ii. He is remembered for his fight against the British Govt. to safeguard the interests of the tribal communities in the Eastern Ghats region. He had led the Rampa rebellion in 1922.

Note- Every year, the Government of Andhra Pradesh commemorates his birth date, the 4th of July, as a state festival

25. Which state recently (in July'22) became the 'first state in India' to connect One District One Product (ODOP) mart with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform?

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Assam
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- 4) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh (**UP**) became the **first state** in India to connect One District One Product (**ODOP**) mart with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**) platform, initiative of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry(MoCI).

i. The pilot phase of integration of ODOP Mart on ONDC was inaugurated by the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) s and Export Promotion, Dr. Navneet Sehgal. ONDC aims to increase revenues and access to finance by micro food processing units of India.

ii. The products under ONDC will be displayed on all e-commerce portals and apps that are associated with ONDC.

26. Which of the following dairy plants is set to become India's first fully solar-powered dairy plant?

- 1) Medha Dairy Plant, Jharkhand
- 2) Milma Dairy Plant, Ernakulam
- 3) Kankavati Milk Dairy Plant, Gujarat
- 4) Madhusudan Dairy Plant, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Model Dairy Plant, Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 2) Milma Dairy Plant, Ernakulam

Explanation:

Dr L Murugan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying laid the foundation stone of 2 megawatts (MW) solar power plant at the Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF), popularly known as Milma's Tripunithura, Ernakulam, Kerala to power its units under the Ernakulam Union, mainly in Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Idukki.

i. The **Milma dairy plant, Ernakulam** is set to become **India's first fully solar powered dairy plant** at the cost of Rs. 11.5 crores, provided through the National Dairy Development Board funded for the project. It will be executed by the Agency for New and Renewable Energy Research and Technology (ANERT).

ii. The solar power project will help save the Ernakulam Dairy 90 per cent of its power consumption, and make it the first dairy to be run entirely on solar power.

27. As per the World LNG 2022 report, India's first floating terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) at Jaigarh in ____ to be operational in the second half (H2) of 2022.

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

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

India's first floating terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) at **Jaigarh in Maharashtra** is expected to be operational in the second half (H2) of 2022. Besides, another floating terminal at Jafrabad in Gujarat is also likely to begin operations in 2022. The information for the same was provided by International Gas Union (IGU) in its World LNG 2022 report.

i. Both are floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) which are cumulatively expected to add 11 Million Tonnes Per Annum (Mtpa) of regasification capacity.

ii. The FSRU at Jaigarh Port is led by H-Energy Gateway Private Limited while Jafrabad MTPA FSRU named Vasant 1 is led by Swan Energy Ltd.

iii. At present, India has six operational import terminals. They are Dahej, Hazira, Mundra in Gujarat, Dabhol in Maharashtra, Kochi in Kerala, and Ennore in Tamilnadu. India saw an increase in its import capacity by more than 160% in the last decade.

28. In July 2022, Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh announced the setting up of the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in which category?

- 1) Women Leadership
- 2) National Excellence
- 3) Public Administration
- 4) Civil Aviation
- 5) Good Governance

Answer- **3) Public Administration**

Explanation:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh announced the setting up of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in **public administration** in the field of academic excellence, in memory of the first President of India, Rajendra Prasad.

29. Which state/UT recently launched the "Mission Kushal Karmi", a 15-day programme to provide skill development training for construction workers?

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

Answer- 4) Delhi

Explanation:

The **Delhi** government launched the '**Mission Kushal Karmi**', a 15-day programme to provide skill development training for construction workers registered with the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

i. It aims to train 200,000 workers in a year under the programme and to provide industry-based skills training to boost their income.

30. Which state recently (in July'22) became the First state in India to establish Research and Development (R & D) policy?

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

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

Karnataka is slated to be the **first state in India** to **establish** an exclusive Research and Development (**R & D**) **policy**. A Task Force, headed by Professor Ashok S. Shettar, the Vice-Chancellor of KLE Technological University (KLE Tech), Karnataka, and other officials, has been formed to ensure its effective implementation.

i. The policy is designed to be simple, with any R&D regarded as effective only if it is relevant in people's daily lives and serves all sectors.

ii. The policy might aim to dedicate at least 0.1% of the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to R&D and innovation, which would likely benefit the state by bringing more development.

31. In July 2022, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare signed an MoU with _____ to eradicate tuberculosis (TB) in India by _____.

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development; 2025
- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj; 2030
- 3) Ministry of Ayush; 2026
- 4) Ministry of Panchayati Raj; 2025
- 5) Ministry of Women and Child Development; 2030

Answer- 4) Ministry of Panchayati Raj; 2025

Explanation:

In order to eradicate tuberculosis (TB) in India, a **MoU** was signed between the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (**MoPR**) and the Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MoH&FW**).

i. The MoU would establish inter-ministerial collaborations and strategic partnerships with the goal of eradicating TB in India by **2025**.

32. As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in June 2022 rose to _____ from 7.12% in May 2022.

- 1) 7.2%
- 2) 5.4%
- 3) 8.2%
- 4) 7.8%
- 5) 6.9%

Answer- **4) 7.8%**

Explanation:

According to the latest data published by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (**CMIE**), India's unemployment rate in **June 2022** rose to **7.8%** of the total workforce from 7.12% in May 2022. The increase in the unemployment rate was mainly due to a rise in the rural unemployment rate.

i. The Rural Unemployment Rate in June 2022 increased to 8.03% from 6.62% in May 2022. The Urban unemployment rate in June 2022 reduced to 7.30% from 8.21% in May 2022.

ii. The highest unemployment rate in June 2022 are **Haryana** followed by Rajasthan, while Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu record low rates.

33. Which state secured the 1st position in the delta ranking of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) in the month of June 2022?

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

Answer- **3) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

The Union Ministry of Rural Development has released the delta ranking of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), in which **Jharkhand** secured the first position in the delta ranking with a composite score of 76.19 in the month of June 2022.

i. Jharkhand has secured eighth place in overall ranking and improved its score by 1.93 compared to May 2022, which is the highest improvement among the 34 states and union territories.

ii. Jharkhand ranks first across India in the Delta ranking followed by Puducherry and Assam.

34. Name the India's first railway station to have an Augmented Reality (AR) experience.

- 1) Bilaspur Railway Junction, Chhattisgarh
- 2) Vijayawada Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Char Bagh Railway Station, West Bengal
- 4) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Maharashtra
- 5) Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station, Delhi

Answer- **4) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai, Maharashtra has become India's first railway station to have an Augmented Reality (AR) experience. This technology will allow passengers at the station to get a real-time digitised timetable with a dedicated scrolling screen and railway information for an engaging experience.

- i. Augmented Reality (AR) magic mirrors create a virtual world around the person standing in front of the screen, the passengers will also be able to meet animals, witness magic tricks and snowfall, and visit any place in the world virtually.
- ii. The Central Railways is looking to bring in around Rs 50lakhs in revenues in five years.

35. Which company is set to spend Rs. 75,000 crore in 5 years to expand its renewable business?

- 1) Azure Power
- 2) ReNew Power
- 3) JSW Energy
- 4) Suzlon Energy
- 5) Tata Power

Answer- **5) Tata Power**

Explanation:

Tata Power Company Limited (**Tata Power**) is set to spend **Rs 75000 crore** in 5 years to expand capacity in its renewable business. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Power, made the announcement during the company's annual general meeting on 7th July 2022.

- i. The company aims to increase its generation capacity to over 30 gigawatts (GW) by FY2026-27 from the current 13.5 GW with an increased clean energy portfolio from current levels of 34% to 60% by 2027 and 80% by 2030.

36. In July 2022, the Ministry of Home Affairs established a 3 member commission for delimitation of municipal wards in Delhi.

The 3-member delimitation commission will be chaired by whom?

- 1) Pankaj Kumar Singh
- 2) Vijay Kumar Dev
- 3) Randhir Sahay
- 4) Narinder Nath Vohra
- 5) Naresh Chandra

Answer- **2) Vijay Kumar Dev**

Explanation:

A 3-member delimitation commission has been established by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), in accordance with its power under sections 3, 3A, and 5 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act 1957, to assist the Central Government in delimitation of municipal wards in Delhi and carrying out other functions related to it.

The 3-member Commission:

- i. Chairman – **Vijay Kumar Dev**, State Election Commissioner, Delhi
- ii. The other 2 members: Pankaj Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary in Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Randhir Sahay, Additional Commissioner, MCD.
- iii. The commission will give its report within four months after its formation.

37. In which city of India did GE Healthcare recently (in July'22) launch its 1st 5G Innovation Lab across the globe?

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

Answer- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

United States (US) based GE Healthcare announced the launch of its 5G Innovation Lab in India, the first for GE Healthcare across the globe.

i. The lab is situated at the John F. Welch Technology Centre (JFWTC) **Bengaluru, Karnataka**, GE Healthcare's largest R&D centre outside of the USA. It is also claimed as the world's first 5G Innovation Lab in India.

ii. 5G in Healthcare was valued at an estimated USD 215 million in 2021 and projected to reach USD 3,667 million by 2026.

38. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in July'22) steps taken by Delhi Government in July 2022?

- 1) Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) has partnered with YuWaah at UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities for students of the DSEU.
- 2) Delhi Lt. Governor V K Saxena launched Sah-Bhagita, an incentive scheme for involving Resident Welfare Associations in optimal tax collection & waste management ecosystem.
- 3) The Delhi government has also collaborated with whatsapp to launch whatsapp chatbot for customer management on queries regarding e-vehicles.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (**DSEU**) Partnered with **YuWaah** (Generation Unlimited/GenU) at United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) to enable access to employment opportunities for students of the DSEU.

- This pilot project will start from 20th July 2022 at Ambedkar DSEU Shakarpur – I campus, New Delhi.

i. Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena launched Sah-Bhagita, an incentive scheme for involving Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) in optimal tax collection and waste management ecosystem.

- Under Sah-Bhagita, the RWAs will receive 15 percent of the total collection of property tax for development works in their areas.

ii. The Delhi government has collaborated with whatsapp to launch whatsapp chatbot for customer management on queries regarding Electric Vehicles (e-vehicles).

39. In which state, the traditional Kharchi Festival was celebrated in July 2022?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra

4) Jharkhand

5) Tripura

Answer- **5) Tripura**

Explanation:

On 7th July 2022, **Tripura** commenced the renowned weeklong traditional **Kharchi Festival**, where prayers are offered to 14 deities, in presence of thousands of devotees at Khayerpur, eastern outskirts of Tripura.

i. Ratan Chakraborty, Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly started off the festival with a bathing procession of the deities at River Haora, Tripura. Kharchi Puja is predominantly a tribal festival but it owes its origins to Hindu religion.

ii. It is predominantly a tribal festival but the devotees and saints from all over India and also from Bangladesh participate in the festival.

iii. The literal meaning of Karachi festival stands for 'cleaning of sins', where Khar means sin and chi means cleaning.

40. In July 2022, _____ became 1st state to Implement New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at Pre-Primary Level.

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Bihar

3) Gujarat

4) Uttarakhand

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Pushkar Singh Dhami, the Chief Minister (CM) of **Uttarakhand**, has inaugurated "Bal Vatikas" in Anganwadi Kendras across the state to improve the pre-primary education system in Uttarakhand.

i. With this, Uttarakhand has become the **first state** in India to begin the process of implementing the Government of India's (GoI) New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the pre-primary level.

ii. Following the NEP of 2020, the Uttarakhand government will educate pre-primary students between the ages of 3 and 6 years in 5,000 state-run primary schools.

41. Which state recently (in July'22) signed an agreement with Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) to boost cultivation of saffron and other crops?

1) Uttarakhand

2) Arunachal Pradesh

3) Himachal Pradesh

4) Sikkim

5) Assam

Answer- **4) Sikkim**

Explanation:

Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) signed an agreement with **Sikkim** to boost cultivation of **saffron** and **other crops**. The agreement was signed in the presence of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha and Ganga Prasad, Governor of Sikkim.

- i. This collaboration will strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's '**Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat**', an initiative launched on 31st October, 2015 on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ii. Another tripartite agreement has been signed by the agriculture department of J&K, Sikkim government and Sikkim University to further boost the growth of the agriculture and horticulture sector.
- iii. Sikkim is the **1st organic state in India** and through this collaboration it would help J&K in providing solutions towards organic farming.

42. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the recent (in July'22) approval made by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)?

- A) The CCEA has approved the construction of the Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road new rail line in Uttar Pradesh by the Ministry of Railways to increase connectivity & mobility.
- B) The CCEA has approved the upgradation of the National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI) to Gati Shakti University (Central) in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- C) In December 2017, the Union Cabinet approved a proposal of the railway ministry to set up the first-ever NRTU in Vadodara.

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

Answer- **1) Only A**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of the Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road **(in Gujarat)** new rail line by the Ministry of Railways, to increase connectivity and mobility, leading to the overall socio-economic growth of the region.

- The total length of the new rail line will be 116.65 kilometres (km), with an estimated cost of Rs. 2798.16 crore. It is expected to be completed by 2026-27.
- i. The CCEA has given its approval for the National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI) in Vadodara, (Gujarat) to be upgraded to Gati Shakti University/Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.
 - NRTI will now be upgraded from a deemed-to-be-university to a Central University, serving as a hub for education, training, skilling & research in the transportation sector.
 - ii. The Union Cabinet approved a proposal from the Railway Ministry to establish the first-ever NRTU in Vadodara, Gujarat, in December 2017 & the University is named after the Government of India's flagship multimodal connectivity project, the Rs. 100 trillion PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

43. Name the institute that recently (in July '22) inaugurated a new Census Data Workstation to Help Academics and Researchers Access Census Microdata.

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

Answer- 1) IIT Delhi

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi inaugurated a **new Census Data Workstation** at the Economics Lab in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Delhi in New Delhi (Delhi) on July 6, 2022.

i. Dr. Vivek Joshi, Registrar General and Census Commission of India, inaugurated the Census Data Workstation.

ii. An MoU was also signed at the workstation's inauguration between Professor Ganguli of the IIT Delhi and Ajay Garg from the Directorate of Census Operations (DCO) Delhi.

44. In July 2022, the Registrar General of India (RGI) extended the deadline for freezing administrative boundaries to _____ from 30th June, 2022.

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

Answer- 3) 31st December 2022

Explanation:

The Registrar General of India (RGI), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), notified all States/Union Territories (UTs) in June 2022 that the deadline for freezing administrative boundaries had been extended to **December 31, 2022**, thereby ruling out a census in 2022. The previous deadline for jurisdictional changes was June 30, 2022.

i. The census 2021 or 16th National census survey, has now been postponed again to 2023–2024. The most recent census or 15th National census survey was carried out in 2011.

ii. Also the 16th Census of India will be a digital census and will be completed before 2024.

45. Which state/UT will establish India's first e-waste eco-park?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 1) Delhi

Explanation:

Gopal Rai, Delhi's Minister for Environment, Forest & Wildlife announced the development of **India's first e-waste eco-park** in Holambi Kalan (North West Delhi, **Delhi**), in an area of about 21 acres.

E-waste eco park:

- An 11-member steering committee has been formed for the development of the e-waste eco park. Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) will be the implementing agency of this development.

Note- Delhi is the 5th largest producer of e-waste in India, after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

46. In July 2022, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced the Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS) to change the import policy for major paper products.

The implementation of PIMS will be effective from _____.

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

Answer- 1) 1st October 2022

Explanation:

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has introduced the Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS) by amending the import policy of major paper products from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under PIMS'.

- i. The implementation of PIMS will be effective from **October 1, 2022**. Meanwhile, the online registration facility will be available from July 15, 2022.
- ii. This could also help the "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar" initiative in this category.

47. In July 2022, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has formed a committee to develop a comprehensive framework on the 'Right to Repair'.

Who is the current (as of July'22) chairman of the Committee?

- 1) Nidhi Khare
- 2) Manoj Shinde
- 3) Niranjana Sethi
- 4) Aman Mittal
- 5) Vijay Kumar Jha

Answer- 1) Nidhi Khare

Explanation:

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCA, F & PD) has formed a committee to develop a comprehensive framework on the 'Right to Repair' in order to emphasize the LiFE (Lifestyle for the Environment) movement through sustainable consumption.

- i. The Committee to Develop a Comprehensive Framework On the Right to Repair Chairman – **Nidhi Khare**, Additional Secretary, DoCA, MoCA, F&PD.

48. Which of the following websites/Portal was ranked 1st under the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment released in July 2022?

- 1) National Health Portal
- 2) Digital Police Portal of the National Crime Records Bureau
- 3) Ministry of Home Affairs website
- 4) National Government Services Portal
- 5) Ministry of External Affairs Portal

Answer- 3) Ministry of Home Affairs website

Explanation:

In a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment, the Ministry of Home Affairs (**MHA**) website is ranked first under the Central Ministries Portal.

i. The Digital Police Portal is ranked number 2 under the Central Ministry Services Portal.

ii. This was unveiled in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment done by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with its knowledge partners, NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) and KPMG in 2021.

49. In July 2022, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) extended the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme till _____ for Exports of Apparel/Garments.

- 1) 30th April, 2023
- 2) 31st March, 2024
- 3) 30th April, 2024
- 4) 31st March, 2023
- 5) 31st January, 2023

Answer- **2) 31st March, 2024**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) approved the continuation of the Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) with the same rates as announced by the Ministry of Textiles for exports of apparel/garments and made-ups until **31st March, 2024**.

i. This extension of RoSCTL scheme is to increase exports and generate employment in the textile industry.

About RoSCTL Scheme:

- It succeeded the RoSL (Rebate of State Levies) initiative in March 2019 after the implementation of GST (Goods and Service Tax) in 2017.
- It aims to reimburse all embedded State and Central Taxes/Levies for exports of manufactured goods and garments by way of rebate to enhance the productivity of the garment and made-up sectors.
- It compensates the State and Central Taxes in addition to the Duty Drawback Scheme on export of apparel/ garments and Made-ups.

50. In July 2022, _____ became the first and the only state in India to have its own internet services.

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

Answer- **5) Kerala**

Explanation:

Kerala has become the **first and the only state in India** to have its own internet services through the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) Limited's KFON project, an Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure project that aims to provide internet access to everyone in Kerala.

- i. The KFON Limited has received Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communication for providing the internet access
- ii. The KFON project will bridge the digital divide in Kerala that is set to provide internet to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and around 30,000 government offices.

51. Name the state/UT that recently (in July'22) collaborated with the UNDP to add Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA) to the Digital Public Goods Registry.

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

Answer- 1) Telangana

Explanation:

The government of **Telangana** and the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) collaborated to add Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA) as the latest addition to the Digital Public Goods Registry. This is the first-of-its-kind digital initiative to drive climate action.

Objective: It aims to equip farmers with information on the impact of climate change.

i. DiCRA provides open access to both data as well as analytics derived through open software based on Artificial Intelligence (AI). It will help in strengthening food systems, food security and Industries in India.

52. Name the mascot that was recently (in July'22) launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution for Empowering Consumers and Creating Awareness.

- 1) Veera
- 2) Shera
- 3) Stumpy
- 4) Bholu
- 5) Jagriti

Answer- 5) Jagriti

Explanation:

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCA,F&PD), has launched '**Jagriti**', a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness for their rights.

- The media campaigns with the Jagriti Mascot will also display the tagline "Jago Grahak Jago". "Jagriti" means Awakening or Vigilance.

Aim - To strengthen consumer awareness campaigns in the field of digital and multimedia and to find solutions for problems faced by the consumers.

53. Which city will get India's first-ever underwater metro train in 2023?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Puri, Odisha
- 4) Pune, Maharashtra

5) Kutch, Gujarat

Answer- **1) Kolkata, West Bengal**

Explanation:

In early 2023, India will get its **first-ever underwater train** with **Kolkata, West Bengal's** futuristic metro covering a distance of 16.34 km east-west corridor that ends under the river Hooghly, a distributary of the Ganga.

- i. Out of 16.34 Km length, 10.8 km is underground and 520-metre will be the underwater tunnel.
- ii. The underwater rail will connect Howrah to BBD Bagh (Dalhousie Square) in Kolkata.
- iii. After the commencement of this initiative, the trains will travel at a speed of 80 kmph and it takes less than 60 minutes to cross the river tunnels, 6 minutes to cover Howrah Maidan- Esplanade.

54. Which state recently (in July'22) signed an agreement also known as 'Namsai Declaration' with Assam to Resolve Border Dispute?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- **2) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

CM of **Assam** Himanta Biswa Sarma and CM of **Arunachal Pradesh** Pema Khandu signed an agreement to end the decade-old border disputes between the two states.

The agreement was signed at Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh. Therefore it is also known as the '**Namsai Declaration**'.

Dispute resolution:

- i. To resolve the dispute, the 12 regional committees were constituted earlier for joint verification of the disputed areas.
- ii. The committees were tasked with submitting recommendations to state governments keeping in view "historical perspective, administrative convenience, contiguity and people's will" to delineate the interstate boundary.

Note- According to the agreement, 28 of the 123 disputed villages which are within the constitutional boundary of Arunachal Pradesh shall remain with the state.

55. In July 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the _____ long Bundelkhand Expressway at Kaitheri village in Uttar Pradesh (UP).

- 1) 568 km
- 2) 430 km
- 3) 324 km
- 4) 120 km
- 5) 296 km

Answer- **5) 296 km**

Explanation:

Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi inaugurated the **296 km** long **Bundelkhand Expressway** at Kaitheri village in Orai tehsil of Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh (**UP**). Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath was also present at the inauguration ceremony.

i. It passes through seven districts of UP and was constructed at a cost of around Rs 14,850 crore. It was developed by Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (**UPEIDA**).

About the Bundelkhand Expressway:

- It is the four-lane expressway, which will be expanded into six lanes, passes through seven districts of UP- Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.
- It extends from NH (National Highway)-35 at Gonda village near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district to near Kudrail village in Etawah district, where it merges with the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

56. Which state recently (in July'22) got India's 1st AI-powered Lok Adalat for Fast Disposal of Cases?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

India's first AI (Artificial Intelligence)-powered digital Lok Adalat by the **Rajasthan** State Legal Services Authority (RLSA) was launched during the 18th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities (SLSA) held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

- It was launched by the Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), Uday Umesh Lalit. It was designed and developed by RLSA's technology partner Jupitice Justice Technologies.

Benefits of Digital Lok Adalat:

- The Digital Lok Adalat will be used to dispose of pending disputes or disputes that are at the pre-litigation stage.
- This will also help to perform end-to-end dispute resolution with easy drafting and filing of applications.

57. In July 2022, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways announced that the Dwarka Expressway, India's first elevated urban expressway, will become operational by 2023.

The Dwarka Expressway is a 29-km expressway connecting which of the following states?

- 1) Bihar & Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Delhi & Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Haryana & Punjab
- 4) Delhi & Haryana
- 5) Rajasthan & Haryana

Answer- **4) Delhi & Haryana**

Explanation:

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced that the Dwarka Expressway **India's first Elevated Urban Expressway** will become operational by 2023.

The Dwarka Expressway, also known as the Northern Peripheral Road, is a part of Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of Golden Quadrilateral.

About the Dwarka Expressway:

- i.** It will be a 16-lane access-controlled highway with the provision of a minimum three-lane service road on both sides.
- ii.** The **29 km** Expressway connecting Dwarka in **Delhi** to Gurugram in **Haryana** is being developed at a total cost of Rs 9,000 crores. Out of a total length of 29 km, 19 km falls in Haryana and the remaining 10 km is in Delhi.
- iii.** It starts from Shiv-Murti on NH-8 (Delhi-Gurugram expressway) and ends near Kherki Daula Toll Plaza, through Dwarka Sector 21, Gurugram border and Basai.

58. Which ministry launched India 's 1st Unique Model to Standardize Civil Service Training Institutions named "National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions" (NSCSTI)?

- 1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Answer- 2) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

Explanation:

The "National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions" (**NSCSTI**) were introduced at the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) headquarters in New Delhi, Delhi, by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (MoS), **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions**.

- He has also inaugurated the web-portal and approach paper for the National standards.

- i.** The NSCSTI is designed by CBC to provide a baseline for Central Training Institutions (CTIs) regarding their current capabilities, to enhance their quality and capacity of training delivery, and to streamline standards for training.
- ii.** India will now have standards and accreditation for training institutes for the first time, in addition to higher education, healthcare, and the environment.

59. In July 2022, the Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) network expanded its pilot to 15 new cities ahead of its plans to begin operations in August 2022.

Which company is Set to Become the First E-Commerce Marketplace to Debut on ONDC?

- 1) Snapdeal
- 2) Amazon India
- 3) Alibaba
- 4) Flipkart
- 5) IndiaMART

Answer- 1) Snapdeal

Explanation:

The Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) network, led by the Government of India (GoI), has expanded its pilot to 15 new cities ahead of its plans to begin operations in August 2022.

- i.** The network first began its pilot in April 2022 in 5 cities: New Delhi (Delhi), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Coimbatore (TN), Bhopal (MP), and Shillong (Meghalaya).
- ii.** **Snapdeal**, an e-commerce platform based in New Delhi (Delhi), is slated to be the first **e-commerce marketplace to debut on the ONDC platform**.

iii. Snapdeal inked an onboarding agreement to join ONDC in early July 2022 and will launch on the network in August 2022 with three key categories—fashion, home & beauty and personal care.

60. Under which campaign, the tricolour (Indian national flag) will be flown atop more than 20 crore houses across India from 13th to 15th August 2022?

- 1) Har Jilla Tiranga
- 2) Har Rashtriya Tiranga
- 3) Har Ghar Tiranga
- 4) Har Gali Tiranga
- 5) Har Desh Tiranga

Answer- **3) Har Ghar Tiranga**

Explanation:

The preparation of the '**Har Ghar Tiranga**' campaign, to be carried out under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" was reviewed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

i. As part of the programme, the tricolour (Indian national flag) will be flown atop more than 20 crore houses across the country from 13th to 15th August 2022 through public participation while government and private establishments will also be involved.

61. Which state's Skill Development Mission recently (in July'22) signed a pact with Flipkart to Launch a Skill Training Initiative for the E-commerce Logistics Sector?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **3) Bihar**

Explanation:

Flipkart inked a pact with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission (**BSDM**) to launch the initiatives of the Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) in Bihar.

i. The pact will provide support to bridge the skill gap and create job opportunities in the expanding supply chain industry in the country.

ii. Flipkart expanded its Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) to accelerate skill building in Bihar for the e-commerce logistics sector. SCOA was launched in October 2021.

iii. It provides 15 days of digital classroom training and 45 days (Total 60 days) of on-the-job apprenticeship at Flipkart supply chain facilities, the qualified candidates will be paid a stipend of Rs 17,500.

62. ____ become the 1st state in India to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).

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

Answer- 4) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh(HP) has become the **first Indian state** to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (**VLTD**) with Emergency Response Support System (**ERSS**).

- i.** The system was inaugurated by the Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP) Jai Ram Thakur at a program organized at Peterhof, in Shimla (HP).
- ii.** He also introduced the facility of panic buttons for the safety of women and children in public vehicles.

63. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in July'22) steps taken by the Ministry of Defence?

A) The Union Minister Rajnath Singh launched 75 newly-developed AI defence products during the 1st "Artificial Intelligence in Defence" (AIDef) Symposium & Exhibition 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi.

B) Rajnath Singh also unveiled the physical and e-version of the book containing information on these 75 products.

C) The 'Raksha Niryat Ratna' 2020-21 awards were given to Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru under the Public sector category & Indo-MIM Bengaluru under the Private sector category.

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

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD), launched 75 newly-developed defence products powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies during the first-ever "Artificial Intelligence in Defence" (AIDef) Symposium and Exhibition 2022, organized by the Department of Defence Production, MoD, in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The products were introduced as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," a celebration of India's 75th anniversary of Independence, and to advance the "Aatmanirbharta" initiative in the defence sector.

i. Rajnath Singh also unveiled the physical and e-version of the book containing information on these 75 products.

ii. In accordance with the MoD's objective of achieving Rs. 35,000 crore in defence exports by 2025 and boosting domestic industry, The 'Raksha Niryat Ratna' 2020-21 awards were given to Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru, Karnataka under the Public sector category.

iii. Indo-MIM, a leading global supplier of Metal Injection Molded (MIM) products, Bengaluru, Karnataka under the Private sector category.

64. The GoI recently (in July'22) launched a "Jute Mark India logo" which will act as a certification of authenticity for jute products manufactured in India.

Where is the headquarter of National Jute Board, the nodal agency for promotion of Indian Jute?

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) launched a "Jute Mark India logo" which will act as a certification of authenticity for jute products manufactured in India. Jute Mark India (JMI) scheme will offer a collective identity and assurance of origin and quality for traditional jute and jute products. The logo was released by Union Textile Secretary Upendra Prasad Singh.

i. JMI is implemented during the ongoing Jute promotion and development scheme 2022- 2026 with a total financial outlay of Rs 485.58 crore from the GoI.

ii. National Jute Board (headquartered in **Kolkata, West Bengal**), the nodal agency of the Ministry of Textiles, is responsible for the promotion of jute and jute products in India and abroad. NJB is instituted under the National Jute Board Act-2008. The Secretary of the Union Ministry of Textiles is the ex-officio Chairman of NJB.

65. Which of the following airports of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is being built as India's first carbon-neutral airport?

- 1) Kempegowda International Airport, Karnataka
- 2) Chennai International Airport, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- 4) Leh Airport, Ladakh
- 5) Kozhikode Airport, Kerala

Answer- 4) Leh Airport, Ladakh

Explanation:

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) **Leh Airport in Ladakh**, is being built as India's first carbon-neutral airport. A "Geothermal system" in hybridization with Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Plant will be provided in the New airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes.

i. This system works by exchanging heat between the air and the ground as its heat pumps are used for space heating and cooling, as well as water heating. The main feature of this process is that naturally existing heat is concentrated and used.

66. Recently (in July'22) With which country did NITI Aayog launch 2 collaborative initiatives to Boost Electric Mobility such as

- **E-AMRIT (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility**
- **Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India.**

- 1) United States
- 2) United Kingdom

- 3) Namibia
- 4) South Africa
- 5) France

Answer- 2) United Kingdom

Explanation:

The President of COP 26 (Conference of the Parties), Alok Sharma was on a visit to India on July 21-22, 2022, during which NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog launched two significant UK (United Kingdom)-NITI Aayog collaborative initiatives viz.

E-AMRIT (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility

Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India.

These were launched by COP 26 President Alok Sharma, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog Mr Suman Bery, and CEO of NITI Aayog Mr Parameswaran Iyer.

67. Which of the following points are 'Correct' with respect to the agreement signed by India and the United Kingdom in the Mutual Recognition and Framework agreement in July 2022?

- A) Mutual Recognition of Educational Degrees including maritime education and Framework agreement on the healthcare workforce**
- B) Mutual Recognition of Educational Degrees including Financial education and Framework agreement on the Economically Weaker Section**
- C) Mutual Recognition of Educational Degrees including medical education and Framework agreement on the healthcare workforce**

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

Answer- 1) Only A

Explanation:

On July 21, 2022, India and the United Kingdom (UK) inked a pact for Mutual Recognition of Educational Degrees including maritime education and a Framework agreement on the health care workforce.

i. Under this pact, UK degrees will be recognized as equivalent to Indian degrees. One can take a degree there (in the UK) and will be eligible for employment in India.

- Professional degrees such as medicine, pharmacy, engineering, architecture will not be covered under this pact.

Framework Agreement on Healthcare Workforce

- The agreement will facilitate the recruitment and training of nurses and AHPs from India by the UK in a streamlined manner.

68. Which of the following Sub-Schemes are 'Correct' with respect to the strengthening of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the pharmaceutical industry under the parent scheme "Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry" (SPI)?

- A) Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS)**
- B) Assistance to Pharma Industries for Common Facilities Scheme (API-CF)**

C) Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Promotion and Development Scheme (PMPDS)

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) All the Above
- 5) None of the Above

Answer- 4) All the Above

Explanation:

On July 21, 2022, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers formally introduced sub three schemes to strengthen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the pharmaceutical industry under the parent scheme "Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry" (SPI). The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will serve as Project Management Consultant for implementing the scheme.

Sub Schemes Under SPI:

1. Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS)
2. Assistance to Pharma Industries for Common Facilities Scheme (API-CF)
3. Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Promotion and Development Scheme (PMPDS)

Objective of SPI – To strengthen the existing infrastructure facilities in order to make India a global leader in the Pharma Sector.

69. With which state run, public sector undertaking did National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog sign a Statement of Intent (SoI) recently (in July'22) to develop a net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions roadmap?

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- 2) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
- 3) NTPC Limited, Formerly National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- 4) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- 5) Coal India Limited (CIL)

Answer- 3) NTPC Limited, Formerly National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

Explanation:

On 21st July 2022 state-run NTPC has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog to develop a net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions roadmap for NTPC.

- NTPC would help in reducing the carbon footprint for achieving the targets for emissions and energy (portfolio mix) modelling including the development of scenarios for 2030, 2037, 2047 and 2070

NTPC efforts in carbon reduction:

- i.NTPC is expanding its footprint in areas like green hydrogen, waste-to-energy and e-mobility and it also aims for a 10 percent reduction in net energy intensity by 2032.
- NTPC has become India's 1st energy company to declare its energy compact goals as part of the United Nations (UN) High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE).

70. Name the district that was recently (in July'22) became India's first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district.

- 1) Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Chandel, Manipur
- 3) Tura, Meghalaya
- 4) Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Vijayapura, Karnataka

Answer- 4) Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh (**MP**) became **India's first 'Har Ghar Jal'** certified district, with all the 254 villages in the district having access to safe drinking water under Jal Jeevan Mission (**JJM**). It was announced by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

- Burhanpur, also known as the 'Darwaza of Dakhin' or 'Gateway of Deccan'.

i. As of now, three States – Goa, Telangana and Haryana and three UTs – Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, and Puducherry have provided 100% tap water coverage.

71. In which city, India's first-of-its kind Brain Health Clinic (BHC) was inaugurated?

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

Answer- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

India's first-of-its-kind Brain Health Clinic (**BHC**) was inaugurated by Karnataka health minister K Sudhakar at Jayanagar General Hospital, **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

- It was established by the state health dept. under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KaBHI) in association with NIMHANS (National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences).

i. Treatment for mental health will be available at the 243 Namma Clinics that will become functional soon.

ii. The clinic was launched on World Brain Day (22 July) under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI). Cricketer Robin Uthappa, ambassador for Ka-BHI, launched brain health activities, including a cricket match titled "Reflections with Robin: Morning Cricket".

72. Which company recently (in July'22) became the first private company in India to supply opium-derived alkaloids & active pharmaceutical ingredients to the government?

- 1) Abbott India Limited
- 2) Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited
- 3) Cipla Limited
- 4) Lupin Limited
- 5) Bajaj Healthcare Limited

Answer- 5) Bajaj Healthcare Limited

Explanation:

Bajaj Healthcare Limited (BHL) became the **first private company** in India which will supply opium-derived alkaloids and active pharmaceutical ingredients to the government. These are the active pharmaceutical ingredients in pain medication and cough syrup.

- i. The company has been awarded two tenders for the supply of "opium-derived alkaloids & APIs" to the central government and expects "successive orders under similar tenders, to scale up to processing of 6,000 MT of poppy straw & opium gum in the next 5 years.
- ii. Currently the cultivation and processing of poppy and opium is controlled by the provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, commonly referred to as the NDPS Act and its allied Rules.

73. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the '17th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Growth Partnership' held in July 2022?

- A) The 17th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Growth Partnership was held in New Delhi, Delhi**
- B) NTPC Limited and Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (Masen) signed an MoU for cooperation in the renewable energy sector.**
- C) The MoU signed between National Forensic Science University (NFSU) of India and Namibian Police Forensic Science Institute (NPFISI).**

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

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

Explanation:

The **17th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Exim Bank Conclave** on India-Africa Growth Partnership was held in New Delhi, Delhi on July 19-20, 2022 in Hybrid format. The forum is being held under the theme 'creating shared futures'.

- It was organized by CII in partnership with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI); and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. After the Covid-19 pandemic, this was the first such high-level investment meeting in Delhi.

- i. **NTPC** (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation **Limited**), and **Masen** (Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy) signed an MoU for cooperation in the renewable energy sector.
- ii. The agreement between Namibia and India on 'Authorizing Spouses and Dependents of Members of the Diplomatic Mission to Engage in Gainful Employment, the MoU between National Forensic Science University (**NFSU**) of India and Namibian Police Forensic Science Institute (**NPFISI**) and the MoUs signed between India and Namibia are on 'Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Biodiversity Utilization.

74. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Flag Code of India 2002 (as of July'22)?

- A) In July 2022, the Ministry of Home Affairs amended the Flag Code of India 2002, to allow the tricolour to be displayed in open & on individual houses or buildings throughout the day & night.**

B) In 2021, the Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended allowing the use of polyester in addition to cotton, wool, silk, khadi for hand-spun, hand-woven & machine-made Flags.

C) The Flag Code of India, 2002 & the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, govern the display, hoisting, and use of the Indian National Flag.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India (GoI), has amended the Flag Code of India 2002, to allow the tricolour to be displayed in open and on individual houses or buildings throughout the day and night. Previously, the Flag could only be hoisted between sunrise and sunset.

i. The decision comes as the GoI sets to launch the “Har Ghar Tiranga” (Flag hoisting in every home) campaign from August 13-15, 2022, as part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.”

ii. The Flag Code of India, 2002 was previously amended on December 30, 2021, allowing the use of polyester in addition to cotton, wool, silk, and khadi for hand-spun, hand-woven, and machine-made Flags. Previously, polyester and machine-made Flags were prohibited from use.

iii. The Flag Code of India, 2002, and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, govern the display, hoisting, and use of the Indian National Flag.

75. Which company recently (in July'22) partnered with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) to Set Up Centre for Digital Government?

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) Mindtree
- 3) Accenture
- 4) Hyperlink InfoSystem
- 5) SAP Labs India

Answer- 5) SAP Labs India

Explanation:

SAP Labs India and the National e-Governance Division (**NeGD**), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), have partnered to develop the SAP Centre for Digital Government (**SCDG**), in order to enhance digital government capabilities in India.

i. **SAP Labs India**, based in Bengaluru (Karnataka), is a subsidiary of SAP SE, the world’s leading provider of business software solutions headquartered in Walldorf, Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

ii. The SCDG was inaugurated by Abhishek Singh, President & CEO, NeGD, MeitY, and Ms. Sindhu Gangadharan, Senior Vice President (SVP) & MD, SAP Labs India.

76. In July 2022, India adopted the Joint Statement on Cooperation on Global Supply Chains that was released by which country?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Russia
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) France

5) United States of America

Answer- **5) United States of America**

Explanation:

India has adopted the United States' **(US) Joint Statement on Cooperation on Global Supply Chains** which was released by the Governments of the United States of America **(USA)** and the 17 partner economies during the virtual 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial Forum.

- i. The forum was co-hosted by Secretary of State Blinken and Secretary of Commerce Raimondo.
- ii. It focuses on further strengthening global supply chains which were affected by pandemics, wars and conflicts, extreme climate impacts, and natural disasters.

77. In July 2022, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) announced India gets five new wetlands, taking the Total Ramsar Sites tally to 54 from 49.

Which of the following Ramsar Sites was 'wrongly matched' with their state?

- 1) Karikili Bird Sanctuary- Tamil Nadu
- 2) Pala wetland- Mizoram
- 3) Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest - Tamil Nadu
- 4) Sakhya Sagar- Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Pichavaram Mangrove- West Bengal

Answer- **5) Pichavaram Mangrove- West Bengal**

Explanation:

India has designated five new wetlands of international importance, taking the total number of Ramsar sites in India to **54** from 49 under the Ramsar Convention or the Convention on Wetlands.

i. The new sites include three wetlands in Tamil Nadu (TN), one in Mizoram and one in Madhya Pradesh (MP) which are explained as below:

- Karikili Bird Sanctuary is Located in Kanchipuram district in Tamil Nadu.
- Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest is one of the last remaining natural wetlands of Chennai located adjacent to the Bay of Bengal located in Tamil Nadu.
- The **Pichavaram Mangrove** is the **second largest mangrove forest** located in **Tamil Nadu**.
- The Pala wetland is the largest natural wetland in Mizoram.
- Sakhya Sagar is located in the Madhav National Park in Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh.

78. In July 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) amended the Clearance for Highways projects related to defence and strategic importance within _____ of the Line of Control (LOC).

- 1) 150 km
- 2) 500 km
- 3) 200 km
- 4) 100 km
- 5) 300 km

Answer- **4) 100 km**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **(MoEFCC)** has made amendments to environmental impact assessment rules, for exempting highway projects related to defence and strategic importance within **100 km** of the Line of Control (LOC) or border from the requirement of environmental clearance.

- i. The notification also exempts from the environmental clearance for the projects related to expansion of airport terminal buildings without increasing its existing area.
- ii. With the effect of new rules, certain high altitude projects like Char Dham (Uttarakhand), highway projects in eastern and western Himalayas and other north eastern parts of India which fall within 100 km of the border or the LoC will not require environmental clearance.

79. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Cabinet approval on 27th July 2022?

A) The Union Cabinet has approved the Signing of Guarantees for hosting the 7th edition of FIFA Under-17 (U-17) Women's World Cup 2022 in India for the 1st Time.

B) The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs. 26,316 crore project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across India.

C) The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved a Rs. 1.64 Lakh crore Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) revival package to make BSNL financially viable.

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

Answer- 1) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the Signing of Guarantees for hosting the 7th edition of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under-17 (U-17) Women's World Cup 2022, which will be held in India between October 11th and 30th, 2022.

- It will be the first-ever FIFA women's competition to be hosted by India.

i. The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs. 26,316 crore project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across India.

ii. The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved a Rs. 1.64 Lakh crore Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) revival package to make BSNL financially viable.

80. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the Cabinet approval on 27th July 2022?

A) An MoU signed between National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) and University of Reading (UoR), UK for agricultural and rural development.

B) An additional USD 1,600 million investment was approved by Bharat PetroResources Ltd. (BPRL) for Development of BM-SEAL-11 Project in Brazil.

C) Egypt and TATA Power, have signed an MoU to build a green hydrogen facility in the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE), Egypt.

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

Answer- 3) Only C

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, was apprised of an MoU signed between National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) and University of Reading (UoR), United Kingdom (UK) for agricultural and rural development collaboration in developing nations.

i. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved an additional USD 1,600 million (about Rs. 12,000 crore) investment by Bharat PetroResources Ltd. (BPRL), a fully owned subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), in the development of the BM-SEAL-11 Concession Project in Brazil.

ii. **Egypt and ReNew Power Private Limited**, India, have signed an **MoU** to build a green hydrogen facility in the Suez Canal Economic Zone (**SCZONE**), Egypt.

iii. The Union Cabinet, led by PM Narendra Modi, has approved a Bill to amend the Competition Act, 2002, with the aim of reforming the competition regulation ecosystem.

81. Name the company that was recently (in July'22) signed a USD 100 million contract with Honeywell Aerospace for the supply and manufacture of 88 TPE331-12B engines and HTT-40 aircraft.

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

Answer- **5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd**

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (**HAL**) has concluded a contract with **Honeywell Aerospace** worth over **USD 100 million** for the supply and manufacture of **88 TPE331-12B** engines/kits (Honeywell), as well as maintenance and support services, to power HAL's indigenous Hindustan Turbo Trainer – 40 (**HTT-40**), which will be used to train Army, Navy, and Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots.

i. HAL has manufactured a Basic Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40) to meet the IAF's basic training needs. TPE331-12B engines power the HTT-40 prototypes, which have been operating successfully since 2014.

ii. The HTT-40 is a propeller-driven aircraft used for "Stage I" pilot training. The Kiran Mark-II jet trainer, made by HAL, will be used for the "Stage-2" training.

82. Which state recently (in July'22) became the 1st state in India to launch a semiconductor policy for 2022-2027 with subsidies?

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

Answer- **1) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Gujarat Government became the first state in India to launch a dedicated semiconductor policy – "**Gujarat semiconductor policy for 2022-2027**" with an aim to support the semiconductor and

display manufacturing sector and to generate more than 2 lakh new employment opportunities during a period of 5 years.

i. Gujarat also proposes to develop a special 'Semicon City' as a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region(DSIR), Ahmedabad.

ii. Primary objective – To make Gujarat a pioneer in developing Electronic System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM).

iii. The eligible projects are provided with a 75% subsidy on the purchase of the first 200-acre land for setting up manufacturing units. Additionally, a 50% subsidy is provided for extra land required for Fabrication (FAB) Projects or Upstream/downstream ecosystems or for other ISM-approved projects.

83. Name the company that recently (in July '22) partnered with Talgo India Private Limited to set up a joint venture (JV) for manufacturing high-speed trains in India.

- 1) GMR Infrastructure Limited
- 2) BF Infrastructure Limited
- 3) Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- 4) Larsen & Toubro Ltd
- 5) Hindustan Construction

Answer- **2) BF Infrastructure Limited**

Explanation:

BF Infrastructure Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bharat Forge (BF), has partnered with **Talgo India Private Limited**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer Patentes Talgo S.L to set up a joint venture (JV) for manufacturing high speed trains in India.

i. The partnership focuses on bringing state-of-art and high speed rail technology and solutions to Indian railways and other private operators.

ii. This partnership will also set up a manufacturing, maintenance and life support cycle hub for new generation, energy efficient, lightweight aluminium high-speed railway trains.

84. In which state, the 'Bonalu Festival 2022' was celebrated in July 2022?

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

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

The **Bonalu Festival** is a Hindu Festival worshipping the goddess Mahakali. This annual month-long festival is usually celebrated during the Ashada Masam which falls in July or August.

i. The festival is predominantly celebrated in **Telangana's** twin cities Hyderabad and Secunderabad and other parts of Telangana. The festival involves the worship of Kali in her various forms. In 2022 the festival is celebrated in the month of July.

ii. Bonam literally means Meal in Telugu, which is an offering to the Mother Goddess.

85. The National Skill Development Mission, also known as the Skill India Mission, under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, observed its _____ anniversary on 15th July 2022.

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

Answer- 5) 7th

Explanation:

The **7th** anniversary of the **Skill Indian Mission** was observed on **15th July 2022**. The **National Skill Development Mission** which is also known as the Skill India Mission was launched by the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** on July 15, 2015, with an aim to create convergence across sectors and States in terms of skill training activities.

- i.** The mission's objective is to enable youth to take up training in order to secure a better livelihood.
- ii.** So far, around 1.36 crore young people were trained under the Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna and 11.38 lakh candidates were trained under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalaya Yojana.

86. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) recently (in July'22) launched _____ Agriculture Census 2021-22 by using smartphones and tablets for the 1st time.

- 1) 9th
- 2) 11th
- 3) 12th
- 4) 10th
- 5) 14th

Answer- 2) 11th

Explanation:

The Eleventh Agricultural Census (**2021-2022**) has been launched by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (**MoAFW**) to collect data on a variety of parameters, including operating holdings. For the **first time**, data will be collected using smartphones and tablets.

- i.** The fieldwork for the **Eleventh** Agricultural Census (**2021-22**) will commence in August 2022.
- ii.** According to India's 10th agricultural census (2015-16), small and marginal farmers with less than two hectares of land accounted for 86.2% of all farmers while owning only 47.3% of crop area.
- iii.** During the occasion, Narendra Singh Tomar also released the "Handbook on Operational Guidelines for Census" for usage by States/UTs and introduced the "Data Collection Portal/App".

87. In July 2022, the Indus International School introduced India's first Teaching robot named "Eagle" to teach students.

The Indus International School is located in which city?

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

Answer- **3) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

The Indus International School in **Hyderabad, Telangana** introduced India's first Teaching robot named "**Eagle**" to teach students. These humanoid robots developed by the school will assist teachers in teaching.

- i. It was introduced by the Indus Trust, which runs a network of Indus International Schools in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Pune, and Belagavi.
- ii. The school deployed a total of 21 teaching robots in its branches located in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Pune.

88. Which state's Chief Minister (CM) recently (in July'22) flagged off 'Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath' to make women aware of Legal Rights?

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

Answer- **5) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister (CM) of **Chhattisgarh**, Bhupesh Baghel flagged off **Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath** from Raipur with the aim of spreading legal awareness among women. The Rath Yatra was flagged off on the occasion of Hareli Tihaar festival (28th July 2022).

- i. Chhattisgarh State Commission for Women has taken this initiative of Nyay Rath Yatra to make women of the state aware of their constitutional rights and laws.
- ii. Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra will go from village to village in all the districts to create mass awareness about the legal provisions and constitutional rights of women.

89. Name the state government that recently (in July' 22) became a member of the "Under2 Coalition" to address the issue of climate change.

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **1) Punjab**

Explanation:

The **Punjab** Government signed an **MoU** for becoming a member of the global network called **Under2 Coalition** to address the issues of climate change.

- i. With this agreement, Punjab has become a member of the largest network of 221 states/provincial governments of 43 countries committed to reducing CO2 and GreenHouse Gas (**GHG**) emissions in line with the Paris Agreement adopted at a United Nations Climate Change Summit in Paris in 2015.

Note- India ranked 7th in the Global Climate Risk Index 2021.

About Punjab:

Governor- Banwarilal Purohit

RAMSAR sites- Nangal Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanjli

Rivers- Jhelum River, Ravi River

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Recently (in July'22), the European Commission adopted a proposal to restore damaged ecosystems and restore Europe's nature by ____ year.

- 1) 2050
- 2) 2025
- 3) 2030
- 4) 2035
- 5) 2040

Answer- 1) 2050

Explanation:

The European Commission has adopted pioneering proposals to restore damaged ecosystems and bring nature back across Europe, from agricultural land and seas to forests and urban environments by **2050**.

i. The Commission also proposes to reduce the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 50% by 2030.

2. In July 2022, The 30 nations of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) signed the Accession Protocols for which of the following countries?

- 1) Turkey
- 2) Sweden
- 3) Finland
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Both 2 & 3

Explanation:

The thirty Ambassadors of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) signed the Accession Protocols for **Finland and Sweden** at NATO Headquarters (Brussels in Belgium), commencing the ratification process.

i. Following the signing of a trilateral memorandum between Turkey, Finland, and Sweden at the NATO Summit 2022 in Madrid, Spain, on June 28–30, 2022, the Allied leaders agreed to invite Russia's neighbour, Finland, and Scandinavian partner, Sweden, to join the military club, NATO.

3. Which of the following organisations recently (in July'22) launched "India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS)" at the 11th World Urban Forum (WUF) in Poland?

- 1) World Resources Institute India
- 2) National Institute of Urban Affairs C-Cube
- 3) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA) Climate Centre for Cities (**NIUA C-Cube**) partnered with World Resources Institute India (**WRI India**) launched '**India Forum for Nature-based Solutions (Nbs)**' under the 'Cities4Forests initiative' at the 11th World Urban Forum (WUF) in Poland.

i. This is **India's first national coalition platform** for urban nature-based solutions (NbS).

ii. Aim - To create a collective of NbS entrepreneurs, government entities and like-minded organisations, for urban nature-based solutions.

About World Urban Forum (WUF):

The first WUF was held in Nairobi, Kenya in 2002.

Establishment - 2001

Established by - United Nations (UN)

4. _____ became the world's first intermodal partner of the Star Alliance from 1st August 2022.

1) CSX Corporation, United States

2) Deutsche Bahn, Germany

3) Russian Railways, Russia

4) SNCF, France

5) BNSF Railway, United Kingdom

Answer- **2) Deutsche Bahn, Germany**

Explanation:

Deutsche Bahn (**DB**), **Germany** national railway company will be the **world's first intermodal partner of the Star Alliance** from 1st August 2022 which allows customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines to connect the airline with rail, bus, ferry and other modes of transport.

i. Germany is the first market and DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance programme. Deutsche Bahn and Star Alliance make a significant contribution to reducing CO2 emissions in the transport sector.

5. Which country recently (in July'22) became the 68th Country to Join Interpol's Child Sexual Exploitation Database?

1) United Arab Emirates

2) Spain

3) India

4) Indonesia

5) Algeria

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

Central Bureau of Investigation (**CBI**), India's nodal agency for Interpol matters joins International Criminal Police Organization (**Interpol's**) international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database and becomes the **68th country** to join.

i. The ICSE database uses video & image comparison software to analyse child sexual abuses and make connections between victims, abusers and places.

About International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol):

Secretary-General – Jürgen Stock

Establishment – 1923

Headquarters – Lyon, France

Members – 195 countries

6. As per the recent (in July'22) data released by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), what is the rank of India in International Economic Resilience (IER) 2022?

- 1) 4th
- 2) 6th
- 3) 5th
- 4) 2nd
- 5) 3rd

Answer- 4) 2nd

Explanation:

According to data released by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), India has consistently improved its position in the ranking of International Economic Resilience (IER) 2022 of top 10 countries, over the last four years.

i. Among the top 10 leading economies, the **Indian economy** has risen from 6th place in 2019 to 4th place in 2020, 3rd place in 2021, and **2nd in 2022**. While **Germany** and **Canada** both **ranked** first in the **IER 2022**.

7. In which city, the 10th edition of the World Peace Forum 2022 was organised in July 2022?

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

Answer- 4) Beijing, China

Explanation:

The **Tenth edition** of the World Peace Forum **2022** was organised by Tsinghua University, in **Beijing, China** under the theme “Preserving International Stability: Commonality, Comprehensiveness and Cooperation”.

i. It was started in Beijing on 3rd July, 2022. India’s ambassador to China Pradeep Kumar Rawat was also a participant in the Forum.

8. In July 2022, Croatia became _____ country in the eurozone to adopt the euro currency from 2023 by replacing the current currency, the Croatian Kuna.

- 1) 25th
- 2) 12th
- 3) 20th
- 4) 15th
- 5) 10th

Answer- 3) 20th

Explanation:

Croatia will become the **20th member** of the **eurozone** to adopt Euro currency from 1 January 2023, replacing the current currency Croatian Kuna. The European Union's (EU) finance minister formally approved the adoption of the euro single currency.

i. It is the first expansion of the currency bloc in almost eight years since the euro has dropped to its lowest level against the US dollar in 20 years. Croatia's currency Kuna has comparatively low inflation and low-interest rates, a stable currency regime.

About Croatia:

Capital- Zagreb

President- Zoran Milanović

Official language- Croatian

9. Which of the following places was recently (in July'22) named as the first "Cultural & Tourism Capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)?

- 1) Hisor, Tajikistan
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- 4) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Moscow, Russia

Answer- **4) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh (**UP**), one of India's holiest cities that showcases the country's rich culture and heritage, has been named the **first "Cultural & Tourism Capital** of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (**SCO**)" under a new rotating initiative to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

i. In accordance with a new rotating initiative, the title will be awarded during India's SCO Presidency from September 2022 to September 2023.

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

The SCO is an intergovernmental organization founded in Shanghai, China, on 15 June 2001. Its Secretariat, based in Beijing, China, is the main permanent executive body of the SCO.

- The SCO currently comprises eight Member States: China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

10. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Labour & Employment, virtually attended the 8th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting 2022 held in which country?

- 1) Manaus, Brazil
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Cape Town, South Africa
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) Delhi, India

Answer- **2) Beijing, China**

Explanation:

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Labour and Employment (**MoLE**), virtually attended the 8th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting 2022 held under the Chinese Presidency in **Beijing, China**.

- i. The Labour and Employment Ministers (LEMM) of the member countries Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) participated in the meeting.
- ii. Bhupender Yadav emphasized several steps made to provide free ration, enhancing the number of days of assured employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- iii. The Labour and Employment Ministers (LEMM) adopted the "Declaration of the Eighth BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting 2022" during the 8th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in 2022.

11. Which of the following country has made an agreement with India recently (in July '22) to curb trans-border crimes and strengthen mutual trust and harmony among the border forces on both sides at the 52nd Director-General level Border Conference?

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) China
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- 5) Bangladesh

Explanation:

India and Bangladesh signed an agreement for the time and place-specific joint operations and patrolling to curb trans-border crimes and strengthen mutual trust and harmony among the border forces on both sides at the **52nd Director-General level Border Conference** which was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

i. BSF and BGB have highlighted the importance of the Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) for curbing smuggling, such as narcotics (especially YABA tablets), firearms, fake Indian rupee notes and gold.

ii. They have also agreed to undertake joint efforts for bringing down the number of incidents of assault and border crime.

12. Which country's Reserve Bank recently (in July'22) launched gold coins namely 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' as Legal Tender to tackle Inflation?

- 1) Zambia
- 2) Mozambique
- 3) Namibia
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) Botswana

Answer- 4) Zimbabwe

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of **Zimbabwe** has launched gold coins namely '**Mosi-oa-Tunya**' to be sold to the public in order to tackle inflation, and to boost confidence in the local currency.

i. In this regard, the central bank of Zimbabwe disbursed 2,000 coins to commercial banks. The coins, each weighing one troy ounce, have a purity of 22 carats.

ii. In the local Tonga language, it refers to Victoria Falls. The coins will have liquid asset status, means, they can be easily converted to cash, and will be tradable locally and internationally.

iii. People holding the coins can only trade them for cash after 180 days from the date of buying

13. In July 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the monkeypox outbreak as a PHEIC.

In PHEIC, what does 'C' stands for?

- 1) Common
- 2) Chronic
- 3) Community
- 4) Centre
- 5) Concern

Answer- 5) Concern

Explanation:

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the global monkeypox outbreak a '**Public Health Emergency of International Concern**' (PHEIC), one step below that of a 'pandemic.' Majority of the cases are being reported in European and African regions.

- i.** The virus already has spread in more than 70 countries, including a few registered cases in India.
- ii.** According to the WHO, a PHEIC is an extraordinary event, which constitutes a public health risk to other States through the international spread, and which potentially requires a coordinated international response.
- iii.** The decision was passed by the WHO's International Health Regulations Emergency Committee (IHREC) which held the discussion on the monkeypox outbreak in several countries.

GOVT SCHEMES

1. In July 2022, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, under Ministry of Food Processing Industries, was completed ____ year.

- 1) One
- 2) Two
- 3) Four
- 4) Three
- 5) Five

Answer- 2) Two

Explanation:

The centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, has completed **two years** (2020-2022).

Objective: To empower the unorganized Micro Enterprises to fulfill the aim of formalizing the food processing sector in India.

About PMFME:

- It was launched on 29th June 2020 by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) with an outlay of Rs.10,000 crore for over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

2. Which state government recently (in July '22) launched "Earn with Learn" as part of Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan to bring back school drop-out students?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Odisha

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Tripura

Answer- **5) Tripura**

Explanation:

The **Tripura** Government has decided to revive the **Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan** (Let's Go to School) and, as part of it, has established a new scheme, "**Earn with Learn**", to re-enroll students who had dropped out of school following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

i. The 'Earn with Learn' initiative of Tripura Education Department would involve third-year students from all colleges in conducting surveys to detect dropouts across classes.

About Tripura:

Governor- Satyadeo Narain Arya

Festivals- Neermahal water Festival (boat race organised at the Rudra Sagar Lake); Poush Sankranti Fair (celebrated on the occasion of the Uttarayan Sankranti at Tirthamukh)

3. Which ministry recently (in July '22) issued guidelines for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "Mission Vatsalya"?

1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

3) Ministry of Rural Development

4) Ministry of Women and Child Development

5) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Answer- **4) Ministry of Women and Child Development**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (**MoWCD**), the nodal Ministry for ensuring the welfare of children, has issued guidelines for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "**Mission Vatsalya**", formerly known as the Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme, since 2009-10, for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.

i. The primary objective of Mission Vatsalya is to ensure that every child in India has a healthy and happy childhood.

ii. Under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, MoWCD, the Mission Vatsalya Project Approval Board (PAB) would scrutinize and approve the annual plans and financial proposals received from the States/UTs for the release of grants under the scheme.

4. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 'Mission Shakti' scheme?

A) The Ministry of Women and Child Development issued detailed guidelines for the 'Mission Shakti' scheme to integrate the WHL running under 181 number with Emergency Response Support System number 112 for all emergency assistance.

B) The Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti', an integrated women empowerment programme during the 15th Finance Commission.

C) Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes: Sambal was focused on the empowerment of women and Samarthya was stressed on safety and security of women.

1) All A, B & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) Only A

Answer- **2) Only A & B**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) issued detailed guidelines for the 'Mission Shakti' scheme. It will be applicable w.e.f. April 1, 2022.

- i. Under the guidelines, the Women Helplines (WHL) running under 181 number will be integrated with Emergency Response Support System number 112 for all emergency assistance and with One Stop Centre (OSC) and other platforms like 1098 Child line.
- ii. Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti', an integrated women empowerment programme during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- iii. Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes - Sambal and Samarthya. While the Sambal stresses on safety and security of women, the Samarthya focuses on the empowerment of women.

5. Which state recently (in July'22) launched Swanirbhar Naari, a scheme for Welfare of Native Weavers?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Assam
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) Assam**

Explanation:

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswas Sarma launched **Swanirbhar Naari**, a scheme to empower and financially support the indigenous weavers of Assam and their families.

- i. Under the scheme, the Assam government will procure handloom items directly from the indigenous weavers through a specially developed Swanirbhar Nari web portal without the involvement of middlemen.
- ii. 31 hand-woven textile items of various communities in Assam have been covered under this scheme.

6. Recently (in July'22) which state has launched 'Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme'?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath launched 'Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme', a scheme for providing cashless medical facilities to state government employees, pensioners and their dependents.

Highlights:

i. Beneficiaries – Around 22 lakh government employees, including pensioners, are eligible for the scheme. The scheme will benefit around 75 lakh people, when including the families and dependents of the beneficiaries.

ii. Benefits- Under the scheme, the beneficiaries will get cashless medical facilities at government-run institutions, medical colleges and hospitals without financial limit.

- The scheme also includes cashless medical facilities for treatment of up to 5 lakhs at private hospitals empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

7. Which department recently (in July'22) launched a philately scholarship scheme, 'Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana'?

- 1) Department of Labour
- 2) Department of School Education
- 3) Department of Posts
- 4) Department of Telecommunications
- 5) Department of Higher Education

Answer- **3) Department of Posts**

Explanation:

The **Department of Posts** of the Ministry of Communications has launched a philately scholarship scheme – '**Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby)', to foster interest in philately among students from Class VI to IX.

- The study and collection of postage stamps is known as Philately.

i. About 920 scholarships will be awarded to students in India who are interested in philately as a hobby. Each postal circle will award a maximum of 40 scholarships to 10 students from Standard VI, VII, VIII, and IX.

8. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the various Schemes launched by the Karnataka Government in July 2022?

A) Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai launched Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti Yojane which aims at empowering rural youth, to mark the 1st anniversary of his government.

B) The Vidyanidhi scholarship programme, a government initiative for children of farmers, is now extended to children of weavers, taxi drivers, and fisherfolk.

C) Under the Amruth scheme, health infrastructure will be enhanced to include 750 Primary Health Centres.

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

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

Explanation:

Karnataka Chief Minister (**CM**) Basavaraj Bommai launched various welfare measures in commemoration of the **first year anniversary** of his government.

i. CM launched **Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Yojane** that aims at empowering rural youth along with other schemes including, financial assistance and skills training to 10 lakh people for vision towards self-employment and also helps in marketing similar to Stree Shakti Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

- Under the Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti Yojane, a SHG of youth is created in each of 28,000 villages with a seed money of Rs.1.5 lakh for every group.

ii. **Vidyanidhi scholarship programme**, a Government initiative for children of farmers has so far benefited 9.98 lakh students, which is now **extended** to children of weavers, taxi drivers and fisherfolk.

iii. Under the Amruth **scheme**, health infrastructure will be enhanced to include 750 Primary Health Centres.

VISITS

1. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Germany in June 2022?

- 1) The Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi visited Germany to attend the 48th G7 Summit in 2022 as Guest.
- 2) The G7 group launched a "Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment" (PGII) initiative to finance infrastructure in developing countries.
- 3) The G7 announced a ban on Russian diesel imports, which is Russia's second most lucrative export after Gold.
- 4) The G7 will establish a Climate Club by the end of 2022 to commit to the 2015 Paris Agreement goal.
- 5) The leaders from G7 nations, India, and four other countries pledge to protect online and offline free expression.

Answer- 3) The G7 announced a ban on Russian diesel imports, which is Russia's second most lucrative export after Gold.

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has visited Germany for 3 days to attend the 48th G7 Summit in 2022 as Guest. He was invited by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Along with India, many countries attended the summit as guest nations.

- The 48th G7 Summit in 2022 was hosted by Germany as it is the current chair of G7.
- The G7 group launched a 'Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment' (PGII) initiative and will invest almost 600 billion dollars in public and private investments by 2027 (next 5 years) to finance infrastructure in developing countries.
- G7 formally announced a ban on **Russian gold imports** which is Russia's second most lucrative export after **energy**, and nearly 90% of the revenue comes from G7 countries.
- The G7 will establish a Climate Club by the end of 2022 to commit to the 2015 Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit) and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.
- The leaders from G7 nations, India, and four other countries pledge to protect online and offline free expression. The Other 4 Guest Countries are Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal and South Africa.

- PM Visit to **Abu Dhabi**, UAE, he had a brief stopover in Abu Dhabi, UAE to pay his condolences on the passing away of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the former president of UAE.

2. Which of the following point is 'Incorrect' with respect to the PM Narendra Modi's visit to Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh in July 2022?

- 1) PM inaugurated 'Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam' summit at the International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Rudraksha in Varanasi on the implementation of the NEP 2020.
- 2) The PM inaugurated a project worth Rs 590 crore under Varanasi Smart City and Urban Projects.
- 3) The PM laid Foundation stone of projects worth more than Rs 1,200 crore which included multiple road infrastructure projects.
- 4) He has Inaugurated Akshaya Patra Mid-Day Meal Kitchen with cooking capacity for 1 lakh students
- 5) He also inaugurated a synthetic Volleyball and synthetic basketball court in Naranpura Sports Complex, Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.

Answer- 5) He also inaugurated a synthetic Volleyball and synthetic basketball court in Naranpura Sports Complex, Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.

Explanation:

The PM of India Narendra Modi visited Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. There he inaugurated, and laid foundation stones of projects worth over Rs 1800 crores at Dr. Sampurnanand Sports Stadium, Sagra of Varanasi.

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a three-day summit, 'Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam' at International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Rudraksh in Varanasi on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- During the programme at Dr Sampurnanand Sports Stadium in Varanasi, the PM inaugurated projects worth over Rs 590 crore. These include the following multiple initiatives under Varanasi smart city and urban projects
- The PM laid Foundation stone of projects worth more than Rs 1,200 crore which included multiple road infrastructure projects.
- PM Inaugurated Akshaya Patra Mid-Day Meal Kitchen with cooking capacity for 1 lakh students
- He also inaugurated synthetic athletic track and synthetic basketball court in **Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Sports Complex**, Bada Lalpur.

3. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to PM Narendra Modi's visit to Jharkhand and Bihar in July 2022?

A) PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several developmental projects worth more than Rs 16,800 crores in the Deoghar district of Jharkhand.

B) The PM inaugurated the Deoghar Airport, a vital development to provide direct connectivity to Baba Baidyanath Dham for devotees from all over India.

C) PM Modi addressed the closing ceremony of the 100th-anniversary celebrations of the Bihar Legislative Assembly (Bihar Vidhan Sabha) held in Patna, Bihar.

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

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

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi visited the Deoghar District in Jharkhand and also visited Patna, the capital of Bihar on the same day.

- i. PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several developmental projects worth more than Rs 16,800 crores in the Deoghar district of Jharkhand.
- ii. The PM inaugurated the Deoghar Airport, a vital development to provide direct connectivity to Baba Baidyanath Dham, an important religious destination for devotees from all over India.
- iii. During his visit to Bihar, PM Modi addressed the closing ceremony of the 100th-anniversary celebrations of the Bihar Legislative Assembly (Bihar Vidhan Sabha) held in Patna, Bihar
- iv. The PM also unveiled a 40-feet high "Shatabdi Smriti Stambh (centenary column)". PM Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the Bihar Vidhan Sabha Complex.

BANKING AND FINANCE

1. Name the payment bank that was recently (in June'22) partnered with Axis Bank to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions.

- 1) India Post Payments Bank
- 2) Paytm Payment Bank
- 3) Fino Payment Bank
- 4) Airtel Payments Bank
- 5) Jio Payment Bank

Answer- **4) Airtel Payments Bank**

Explanation:

Airtel Payments Bank partnered with **Axis Bank** to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions.

- i. Under this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank will support Axis Bank in digitisation of last-mile cash collections through its digital-led neighbourhood banking model.

About Airtel Payments Bank:

Managing Director (MD) & CEO – Anubrata Biswas

Establishment – 2017

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

2. Which insurance company recently launched "Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)" to deliver a superior customer experience?

- 1) Max Life Insurance
- 2) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- 3) Exide Life Insurance
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- 5) HDFC Life Insurance

Answer- **1) Max Life Insurance**

Explanation:

Max Life Insurance Company Limited has launched 'Insta confirmation of insurance (**Insta-COI**)', for the customers who buys the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan' (UIN: 104N123V01), a non-