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12. Which state recently (in July '22) signed a new Reciprocal Transport Agreement with West Bengal to boost the tourism industry after 15 years?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Assam
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- 5) Sikkim

Explanation:

Sikkim and **West Bengal** signed a new **Reciprocal Transport Agreement** to boost the tourism industry after 15 years (2007). The agreement was signed between West Bengal transport minister Firhad Hakim and Sikkim tourism minister Sanjit Kharel.

- i.** Under this agreement, 'All-Bengal' permits and 'All-Sikkim' permits (except for restricted and protected areas) will be issued to facilitate vehicular movement along both states.
- ii.** Under the new agreement of 2022, all Counter Signature Permits will be issued from a single point office of the State Transport Authority in Siliguri (West Bengal).

13. In July 2022, a unit of Russian nuclear major, Rosatom State Corporation, signed an agreement to supply thermocouples for which nuclear power plant?

- 1) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant
- 2) Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant
- 3) Tarapur Nuclear Power Plant
- 4) Gorakhpur Nuclear Power Plant
- 5) Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant

Answer- 1) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant

Explanation:

A unit of Russian nuclear major, Rosatom State Corporation has signed an agreement to supply thermocouples for four power units of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (**KNPP**) in Tamil Nadu.

- i.** LUCH Scientific Production Association, which is a part of Science and Innovations, the R&D unit of Rosatom will provide the new sensors designed for thermal control of Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) process equipment, which will replace the old ones in the internal reactor control systems of the units 1 and 2 of KNPP.
- ii.** In total, the enterprise will supply 200 units of resistance thermocouples labelled TSPT 5963.

14. Name the company that was recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) to Improve the Operational & Financial Sustainability of distribution companies.

- 1) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam
- 2) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- 3) Power Finance Corporation Limited
- 4) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited
- 5) Power Grid Corporation of India

Answer- 2) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited

Explanation:

REC Ltd (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) signed an **MoU** with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (**CEEW**) to collaborate on activities of operational and financial sustainability of distribution companies (Discoms).

i. Under the agreement, both REC & CEEW will collaborate by providing services such as the deployment of smart meters, strengthening of power distribution networks and improved quality of service for electricity consumers.

15. Which institution recently (in July '22) signed an MoU with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to conduct training programmes on pre-harvest & management?

- 1) Punjab Agricultural University
- 2) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
- 3) Kerala Agricultural University
- 4) Assam Agriculture University
- 5) Central Agricultural University

Answer- **4) Assam Agriculture University**

Explanation:

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Signs an **MoU** with Assam Agriculture University (**AAU**), Jorhat (Assam) to conduct various training programs on pre-harvest and post-harvest management and other research activities for the promotion of export from the region.

i. APEDA assisted the Assam Govt in setting up a modern pork processing facility at Nazira with a capacity of 400 animals per day.

ii. The Central Government has formulated a strategy to boost the export of horticulture, and agricultural products grown in North-Eastern (NE) states to the international markets.

iii. NE saw an 85.34% growth in the export of agricultural products in the last 6 years from USD 2.52 million in 2016-17 to USD 17.2 million in 2021-22.

16. Name the organisation/Department that recently (in July '22) signed an MoA with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) on the commencement of Phase-2 activities of the IRRI South Asia Regional Centre.

- 1) Department of Science & Technology
- 2) ICAR - Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- 3) Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
- 4) ICAR - National Academy of Agricultural Research Management
- 5) National Institute of Agricultural Marketing

Answer- **3) Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare**

Explanation:

Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare (**DA&FW**) under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, and the International Rice Research Institute (**IRRI**) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (**MoA**) on the commencement of Phase -2 activities of IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (**ISARC**) to boost food and nutrition security in the South Asian region.

i. The Phase-1 of MoU was signed on August 2, 2017, between the DA&FW and IRRI for 5 years (2017-22) with a provision to extend for another 5 years.

ii. The phase-2 of the ISARC programme aims to enhance the development, dissemination, and popularization of high-yielding stress-tolerant and bio-fortified rice, high zinc and low glycemic index (GI) rice.

17. Which Institute recently (in July '22) signed an MoU with the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) for resource sharing in animal biotechnology?

- 1) University of Hyderabad
- 2) IIT Kharagpur
- 3) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 4) University of Delhi
- 5) IIT Madras

Answer- 1) University of Hyderabad

Explanation:

The University of Hyderabad (**UoH**) has entered into an **MoU** with the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (**NIAB**), Hyderabad, Telangana in fundamental areas of biological sciences.

i. Under the agreement, the NIAB scientists would actively participate in teaching Master's programmes at UoH in specialized areas of Animal Biology & Biotechnology and offer students the chance to undertake project work in their labs.

18. Name the country that recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) for the e-VBAB (e-VidyaBharati & e-AarogyaBharati) network project.

- 1) Malaysia
- 2) Japan
- 3) Madagascar
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Maldives

Answer- 3) Madagascar

Explanation:

India's Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (**TCIL**) & **Madagascar** government signed an **MoU** for participating in the **e-VBAB** (e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati) network project.

i. Under the MoU, various online degree or diploma courses will be offered to the citizens of Madagascar, free of cost with certain eligibility criteria.

ii. Around 26 Indian universities, including Andhra University, Chandigarh University, Amity University, and Indira Gandhi National Open University will be a part of this project.

iii. Eligible students can register in the iLearn portal (www.ilearn.gov.in) and start the course.

19. Name the institute that recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with Delhi's transport department to improve urban mobility in Delhi.

- 1) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 2) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi
- 3) Jamia Millia Islamia University
- 4) University of Delhi
- 5) IIT Delhi

Answer- 2) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi

Explanation:

Delhi's **transport department** signed an **MoU** with the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (**IIIT-D**) to conduct research and develop technologies to improve urban mobility in Delhi.

i. Under this MoU, both Delhi transport department and IIIT Delhi will work towards solving problems and building solutions in the field of urban transportation and sustainable development.

20. In which State/UT did the NHPC Limited recently (in July'22) signed two MoU for the development of 'pilot green hydrogen technologies'?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- **5) Ladakh**

Explanation:

NHPC Limited (erstwhile, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation), a state-owned hydropower giant has signed two MoU for the development of '**pilot green hydrogen technologies**' in **Leh and Kargil** district of Union Territory (UT) of **Ladakh** that are in line with the aim of reducing carbon footprint in the region.

About the MoU:

i. MoU for Leh, Ladakh – NHPC will develop a pilot green hydrogen fuel cell-based Microgrid that also includes hydrogen production to meet the power requirement of the NHPC guest house at Nimmo Bazgo Power Station (Leh) with the NHPC premises.

ii. MoU for Kargil, Ladakh – The hydrogen generated in Kargil will be used in fuel cells that are capable of running 2 buses for up to 8 hours in the local areas of Kargil.

21. Which company recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), STPINEXT to establish Industry 4.0 Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh?

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) Tata Steel Limited
- 3) Steel Authority of India
- 4) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
- 5) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

Answer- **4) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)**

Explanation:

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), signed an MoU with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), **STPINEXT** to establish **Industry 4.0 CoE** (Centre of Excellence) for promotion of innovation and start-up activities for RINL and other industries in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

i. The CoE is named 'Kalpataru'. The CoE will be constructed in the space of approximately 6,000 square feet at Ukkunagaram (Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh)

ii. STPI, STPINEXT and RINL plans to incubate around 50 start-ups in physical mode and 125 start-ups in virtual mode over a period of five years. This MoU is signed for a period of 3 years.

22. For which organisation, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi recently (in July'22) launched 'SPRINT Challenges' in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Indian Navy
- 2) Border Security Force
- 3) Assam Rifles
- 4) Indian Army
- 5) Indian Air Force

Answer- 1) Indian Navy

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi unveiled '**SPRINT Challenges**' while addressing the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar, named 'Swavlamban' (self-reliance) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. The SPRINT Challenges aims to boost the usage of indigenous technology in the **Indian Navy**.
- ii. The collaborative project named SPRINT — Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence), NIIO and TDAC (Technology Development Acceleration Cell).

23. Name the country that recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with India for wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization.

- 1) South Africa
- 2) Namibia
- 3) Angola
- 4) Zambia
- 5) Zimbabwe

Answer- 2) Namibia

Explanation:

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of **India** (GoI) and Mrs. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister (PM) of Namibia and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Government of the Republic of **Namibia**, have signed a landmark MoU on Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Biodiversity Utilization.

- i. The MoU will allow Cheetahs to be transported to India for historic reintroduction, and this unique intercontinental translocation would be the first of its kind in the world.

24. Which country recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with India for on Judicial Cooperation?

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Maldives

Answer- 5) Maldives

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet of India chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) in the field of Judicial Cooperation between **India** and the Judicial Service Commission of the Republic of **Maldives**.

- i. The MoU with Maldives is the 8th agreement signed by India with other countries in the field of judicial cooperation.
- ii. Under the MoU, both sides will exchange knowledge and technology in judicial & other legal areas and further the objectives of 'Neighbouring First' policy.

25. Name the company that was recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the Indian Chamber of Commerce – North Eastern Initiative (ICC-NE) to Promote investments in the North-east.

- 1) L & T Infrastructure Development Projects Ltd
- 2) India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd
- 3) Hindustan Construction Company Ltd
- 4) North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd
- 5) Reliance Infrastructure Ltd

Answer- 4) North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd

Explanation:

Indian Chamber of Commerce – North Eastern Initiative (**ICC-NE**) and North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (**NEDFi**) signed an **MoU** to jointly work towards promoting investment in Assam and other North Eastern (NE) states.

- i. The MoU was signed by Sarat Kumar Jain Chairman of ICC Assam state council and S.K. Baruah, Executive director, NEDFi in the presence of PSLVN Murty, CMD, NEDFi.
- ii. The MoU aims at contributing towards various initiatives including reforms, policy advocacy, ease of doing business, market linkages and promotion of sustainable business practices.

26. Which state recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for the 36th National Games 2022?

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

Answer- 2) Gujarat

Explanation:

Indian Olympic Association (**IOA**) signed an **MoU** with the **Gujarat Government** and the Gujarat Olympic Association (**GOA**) for the joint conduct of the **36th** National Games, Gujarat 2022.

- A **logo** was also launched which depicts the Statue of Unity of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** and the **Gir Asiatic Lion**.
 - The **tagline** of the event is "Celebrating Unity Through Sports".
- i. The 36th National Games, Gujarat 2022 is scheduled between September 27- October 10, 2022 in six cities of Gujarat. The six cities include Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.
 - ii. 28 states and eight Union Territories (UTs) are set to participate in the 36th National Games, Gujarat 2022 which seeks to promote the theme, 'Sports for Unity'.

27. In July 2022, Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) & Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation (Stree Nidhi) signed an MoU to establish "Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi (RMN)," Rajasthan's first & India's 3rd women's financial institution.

The Stree Nidhi organisation belongs to which state?

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

Answer- 3) Telangana

Explanation:

Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (**RGAVP**) - Rajeevika of the Rajasthan government and Telangana government's Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation (Stree Nidhi), signed an **MoU** to establish 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi (**RMN**)', Rajasthan's first and India's third women's financial institution (bank).

- i.** Establishment – RMN will be established as a state-run financial institution through Rajeevika with a total grant of Rs. 50 crores from the Rajasthan government in 2 years (Rs. 25 Crore in the 1st year).
- ii.** RMN will be started in 15 districts including Karauli, Alwar, Kota, Dungarpur, Rajsamand and Jodhpur during the 1st year of the project implementation and its members will be from the cluster level federation of Rajeevika.
- iii.** Through RMN, loans up to Rs. 40,000 will be disbursed in 48 hours and above Rs. 40,000 will be disbursed in 15 days.

28. Which institute was recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU) to Conduct Innovative Entrepreneurial Development Training for Differently-Abled Youths in Kerala?

- 1) JIPMER
- 2) National Institute of Speech and Hearing
- 3) University of Kerala
- 4) All India Institute of Speech and Hearing
- 5) LBS Institute of Technology for Women

Answer- 2) National Institute of Speech and Hearing

Explanation:

The National Institute of Speech and Hearing (**NISH**) and APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (**KTU**) have signed an MoU to conduct innovative entrepreneurial development training projects for the differently-abled youths in Kerala.

- i.** NISH and KTU are located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The MoU will take forward the collaboration for the Innovation by Youth with Disabilities (I-YwD) Project.

29. Name the state that recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the North East Space Application Centre (NESAC) for 21 projects including disaster management & resource mapping in Shillong, Meghalaya.

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Manipura
- 3) Tripura

- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- **3) Tripura**

Explanation:

The **Tripura** government signed an MoU with the North East Space Application Centre (**NESAC**) for 21 projects including disaster management and resource mapping in Shillong, Meghalaya.

- i. The Central Government has approved 20 projects (Of the 21 projects) as part of the promotion and transfer of technology to develop capacity building as well as resource mapping.
- ii. The approved 20 Projects include resource mapping of agriculture, horticulture, forest, land revenue and disaster management.
- iii. The funding for all 21 projects will be provided by Indian Space Resource Organization (ISRO) and North Eastern Council (NEC).

30. Which organisation recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC) for adopting the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs)?

- 1) United Nations Development Programme
- 2) World Trade Organization
- 3) International Labour Organisation
- 4) World Bank
- 5) World Health Organization

Answer- **3) International Labour Organisation**

Explanation:

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Health & Family Welfare chaired a seminar on 'Safe Use of Chemicals at Workplace', which was graced by Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilisers and New & Renewable Energy.

- i. The seminar was organised by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (**DCPC**) and the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**.
- ii. An MoU was signed between DCPC and ILO for adopting the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs) in presence of Union Minister Dr Mandaviya.

31. Which country's Palm Oil Council recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with the Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) to promote palm oil?

- 1) Thailand
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) Malaysia

Answer- **5) Malaysia**

Explanation:

The Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (**IVPA**) signed an **MoU** with the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (**MPOC**) to enhance cooperation between Malaysia and India in the palm oil industry and to promote the usage of palm oil.

- i. Sudhakar Desai, President of IVPA and Puan Wan Aishah Wan Hamid, Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of MPOC represented the respective organisation.

ii. It aims to help educate Indian consumers on the nutritional and health benefits of palm oil and improve their overall understanding of palm oil and its applications.

32. Which of the following companies recently (in July'22) signed the program agreement under the Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme to build a total of 50 Gwh Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery storage?

- 1) Reliance New Energy Limited
- 2) Ola Electric Mobility
- 3) Rajesh Exports
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All A, B & C

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

Explanation:

Reliance New Energy Limited, Ola Electric Mobility and Rajesh Exports, Indian Multinational Gold Retailer signed the program agreement under Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme to build a total of **50 gigawatt hours (Gwh)** Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery storage.

i. The companies will receive incentives under India's 18,100 crore (USD 2.3 billion) government incentive program.

ii. The implementation is taken care of by the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises (MoHI&PI).

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1. In June 2022, K.K Venugopal was re-appointed as the Attorney General (AG) of India for _____.

- 1) 8 Months
- 2) 2 Months
- 3) 5 Months
- 4) 3 Months
- 5) 6 Months

Answer- **4) 3 Months**

Explanation:

President of India Ram Nath Kovind has **re-appointed** Senior Advocate Kottayan Katankot (**K.K Venugopal**) as the Attorney General (**AG**) of India for a period of **three months**(July- September) or until further orders with effect from 1 July 2022.

i. His first term as AG ended in 2020, and he was reappointed for one year. In June 2021, his term was again extended by one year until June 30, 2022.

ii. In 2017, K.K Venugopal was appointed as the 15th AG of India. He succeeded Mukul Rohatgi who was AG from 2014-2017.

2. Who recently (in June '22) became the new Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra after the resignation of Uddhav Thackeray from the chief minister post?

- 1) Sushilkumar Shinde
- 2) Devendra Fadnavis

- 3) Ashok Chavan
- 4) Eknath Shinde
- 5) Prithviraj Chavan

Answer- **4) Eknath Shinde**

Explanation:

Shiv Sena leader **Eknath Shinde** was sworn in as the 20th chief minister of Maharashtra, while BJP Devendra Fadnavis took oath as the deputy chief minister.

- i. Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari administered the oath of office to Shinde and his deputy Fadnavis at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ii. On June 30th 2022, Uddhav Thackeray resigned from the Chief minister post of Maharashtra after the Supreme Court refused to stay Maharashtra Governor's direction to the Uddhav Thackeray led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government to take a floor test in the Assembly.

3. In June 2022, Pinterest Inc Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ben Silbermann will step down from his position and be replaced by whom?

- 1) Brian Chesky
- 2) Bill Ready
- 3) Paul Sciarra
- 4) Joe Gebbia
- 5) Evan Sharp

Answer- **2) Bill Ready**

Explanation:

Pinterest Inc. announced that Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ben Silbermann will step down from his position and will be replaced by **Bill Ready**, Google Executive.

- i. Silbermann served as CEO for 12 years, which began when he co-founded the company in 2010.
- ii. Silbermann will transition to a newly created role of Executive Chairman, and Ready will become CEO and a member of the Board of Directors effective from June 29, 2022.

4. Identify the former Indian cricketer who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the new brand ambassador for FanCode.

- 1) Ravi Shastri
- 2) Krishnamachari Srikkanth
- 3) Virender Sehwag
- 4) Sachin Tendulkar
- 5) Sunil Gavaskar

Answer- **1) Ravi Shastri**

Explanation:

Former Indian team coach and cricketer **Ravi Shastri** has been appointed as the new brand ambassador for FanCode, a live content, sports statistics and e-commerce marketplace.

- i. The announcement of the appointment was made ahead of India's upcoming tour to the West Indies which is scheduled to begin at the end of July 2022.

5. Name the Actor who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of PokerBaazi.com.

- 1) Vicky Kaushal
- 2) Salman Khan
- 3) Sidharth Malhotra
- 4) Ishaan Khatter
- 5) Shahid Kapoor

Answer- **5) Shahid Kapoor**

Explanation:

PokerBaazi.com, India's poker platform has appointed Bollywood Actor **Shahid Kapoor** as its Brand Ambassador.

i. PokerBaazi aims to create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India, and Shahid Kapoor's association with the brand comes in line with its commitment to popularize and create awareness amongst the masses about Poker.

ii. According to research firm Statista, the online gaming industry across India was valued at around ₹79 billion in 2021, marking a leap from about ₹65 billion in 2020.

6. Who was recently (in July'22) selected as the Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of GAIL (India) Limited?

- 1) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- 2) Bhuwan Chandra Tripathi
- 3) Ram Shanker
- 4) Manoj Jain
- 5) Ajay Kumar Sahni

Answer- **1) Sandeep Kumar Gupta**

Explanation:

Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director for Finance of Indian Oil Corporation (**IOC**), has been selected as the Chairman and Managing Director (**MD**) of **GAIL (India) Limited** by Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on 31st August, 2022.

i. The PESB recommendation will be vetted by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, after the go-ahead of anti-corruption bodies such as the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

7. Who recently (in July'22) became the 14th Prime Minister(PM) of Israel?

- 1) Yair Lapid
- 2) Benjamin Netanyahu
- 3) Ehud Olmert
- 4) Naftali Bennett
- 5) Ariel Sharon

Answer- **1) Yair Lapid**

Explanation:

Former Journalist and the leader of Yesh Atid Party, **Yair Lapid** has officially become the **14th Prime Minister (PM) of Israel** replacing PM Naftali Bennett, Israel's shortest-serving Prime Minister.

- i. He took charge of the caretaker government (Interim Govt) on midnight between 30th June 2022 and 1st July 2022, after the Knesset was dissolved and scheduled the next election on 1st November 2022.
- ii. He previously served as the alternate PM of Israel and minister of Foreign Affairs from 2021 to 2022. He has authored 12 books, including one "Memories After My Death".

8. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Aviva Life Insurance Company?

- 1) Parag Raja
- 2) Amit Malik
- 3) Kamlesh Rao
- 4) Asit Rath
- 5) Satishwar Balakrishnan

Answer- **4) Asit Rath**

Explanation:

Aviva Life Insurance Company India has appointed **Asit Rath** as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD). Asit Rath will succeed Amit Malik and will come into effect on 11th July 2022.

- i. Asit Rath is currently the CEO of Prudential Myanmar Life Insurance, having 22 years of banking and insurance experience in India and Myanmar and distribution experience with ICICI Bank, ICICI Prudential Life in India.

9. Name the actor who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the brand ambassador of Insecticides (India) Ltd (IIL).

- 1) Varun Dhawan
- 2) Ajay Devgn
- 3) Sidharth Malhotra
- 4) Salman Khan
- 5) Akshay Kumar

Answer- **2) Ajay Devgn**

Explanation:

Bollywood Actor **Ajay Devgn** has been appointed as the **brand ambassador** of **Insecticides (India) Ltd (IIL)**, a Crop protection firm.

- i. Ajay Devgn, as a brand ambassador, the IIL intends to spread the message of judicious use of agrochemicals besides communicating about their products and boosting farmer awareness in India to the grassroots level.

10. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)?

- 1) Lt. Gen. Nigar Johar
- 2) Lt. Gen. Mohan Subramanian
- 3) Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
- 4) Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar
- 5) Lt. Gen. Anil Puri

Answer- **2) Lt. Gen. Mohan Subramanian**

Explanation:

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Lieutenant General (Lt. Gen.) **Mohan Subramanian** of the Indian Army as the new Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (**UNMISS**), succeeding Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar of the Indian Army, who was appointed by the UN Secretary-General, as the UNMISS Force Commander in May 2019.

i. Previously, Lt. Gen. Subramanian served as the Additional Director General for Procurement and Equipment Management at the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (Army) in 2019-2021.

11. Name the sports personality who was recently (in July '22) appointed as the brand ambassador of Garmin's fitness segment.

- 1) Hiren Patel
- 2) Abhay Deshmukh
- 3) Pooja Chaurushi
- 4) Kaustubh Radkar
- 5) Anu Vaidyanathan

Answer- **4) Kaustubh Radkar**

Explanation:

Garmin Ltd. has appointed Indian triathlete **Kaustubh Radkar** as the **brand ambassador** of its **fitness segment**. Radkar has also been involved with Garmin Ltd. as a coach.

i. Kaustubh Radkar is an Ironman certified coach and is the first and only Indian to complete the Ironman Triathlon on 30 occasions. In 2017 and 2022, he was the only Indian to complete the Ironman World Championship in Kona Hawaii and in St. George, Utah, United States.

ii. He was also a former Indian national swimming champion from 1995 to 2000. He has also been chosen as one of the Fit India Ambassadors, as part of the government's Fit India Movement which began in 2019.

12. In July 2022, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia was given an additional charge of the ____, while the ____ holds the additional charge of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, after the resignations of the Union Ministers of the respective ministries.

- 1) Ministry of Power; Smriti Zubin Irani
- 2) Ministry of Mines; Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3) Ministry of Steel; Smriti Zubin Irani
- 4) Ministry of Mines; Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 5) Ministry of Steel; Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer- **3) Ministry of Steel; Smriti Zubin Irani**

Explanation:

The Union Minister Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCI) has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Steel, while Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) will look after the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA).

i. These new appointments followed the acceptance of resignations of the Union Ministers Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (BJP), MoMA, and Ram Chandra Prasad Singh (Janata Dal (United) Party), Ministry of Steel from the Union Council of Ministers, by the President with immediate effect, under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution.

ii. The Rajya Sabha term of former ministers ended on July 7, 2022.

13. Which of the following personalities are 'Not' nominated (in July'22) to the Rajya Sabha in the category of eminent persons by the President of India?

- 1) Hema Malini
- 2) Ilaiyaraaja
- 3) P. T. Usha
- 4) Viswa Vijayendra Prasad
- 5) Veerendra Heggade

Answer- 1) Hema Malini

Explanation:

The Music maestro **Ilaiyaraaja**, sports icon Pilavullakandi Thekkeparambil Usha (**P. T. Usha**), acclaimed screenwriter Koduri **Viswa Vijayendra Prasad** and philanthropist and spiritual leader **Veerendra Heggade** were nominated to the **Rajya Sabha**. All these newcomers belong to Southern States.

i. Out of 12 seats which were nominated by the President, under Article 80(3) of the Constitution, on the recommendation of the Government, seven seats are currently vacant, of which four have now been filled.

ii. There are 245 members in Rajya Sabha. Of these, 233 members are elected, and 12 are nominated by the President on the recommendation of the Government.

14. Name the state government that recently (in July'22) appointed Vijay Kumar Janjua as the new Chief Secretary (CS).

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

Answer- 1) Punjab

Explanation:

The government of **Punjab** appointed **Vijay Kumar Janjua** as the new Chief Secretary (CS). He succeeded Anirudh Tewari.

i. Anirudh Tewari is now appointed as Director General, Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA) by replacing Jaspreet Talwar in Chandigarh, Punjab.

ii. Gaurav Yadav, Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the 1992 Punjab batch was also appointed as Punjab's Director General of Police (DGP) on additional charge.

15. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Acting Chief Justice(CJ) of the Karnataka High Court?

- 1) L. Narayana Swamy
- 2) Alok Aradhe
- 3) Vikramajit Sen
- 4) Ritu Raj Awasthi
- 5) B.Veerappa

Answer- 2) Alok Aradhe

Explanation:

Justice **Alok Aradhe** was appointed as the **Acting Chief Justice (CJ)** of the **Karnataka High Court (HC)** following the retirement of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi.

- i. The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath to Justice Alok Aradhe, senior-most Judge of the Karnataka HC, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice with effect from 3rd July 2022.
- ii. He was appointed acting Chief Justice of J&K (Jammu & Kashmir) high HC in 2018 and also served as executive chairman of the J&K State Legal Services Authority. In November 2018, he took oath as a judge of Karnataka HC, following his transfer from J&K HC.

16. In July 2022, India got elected as a state member of the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for _____ years.

- 1) 1 year
- 2) 2 years
- 3) 3 years
- 4) 4 years
- 5) 5 years

Answer- **4) 4 years**

Explanation:

The Union Minister Gangapuram Kishan Reddy, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) announced that **India** has been **elected** as a State Member of the Intergovernmental Committee (**IGC**) of **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)'s **2003 Convention** for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the 2022-2026 cycle i.e. **4 years**.

- i. The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee took place during the 9th General Assembly of the 2003 Convention held at UNESCO headquarters, Paris, from 5th to 7th July 2022.
- ii. India has previously served as a member of this IGC Committee twice viz. 2006 to 2010 & from 2014 to 2018.

17. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the President designate of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-2023?

- 1) L. Atish Matur
- 2) Sanjiv Puri
- 3) Chandrajit Banerjee
- 4) R. Dinesh
- 5) Sanjiv Bajaj

Answer- **4) R. Dinesh**

Explanation:

The Confederation of Indian Industry (**CII**) elected **R. Dinesh**, executive vice chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd as its **President designate** for 2022-2023. The CII also elected Sanjiv Puri, chairman and managing director of ITC Ltd as the Vice President.

- i. R Dinesh is a Commerce Graduate and an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Institute of Cost & Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).

About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):

President- Sanjiv Bajaj

Director-General- Chandrajit Banerjee

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Founded- 1895

18. In July 2022, Paritosh Tripathi was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which general insurance company?

- 1) Kotak Mahindra General Insurance
- 2) SBI General Insurance
- 3) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- 4) Edelweiss General Insurance
- 5) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer- 2) SBI General Insurance

Explanation:

State Bank of India (SBI) General Insurance appointed **Paritosh Tripathi** as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective from 5 July 2022. He succeeded Prakash Chandra Kandpal, who was appointed as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at the Corporate Center, SBI.

i. From 2017 to 2020, he was head of bancassurance, firstly with SBI Mutual Fund and then with SBI General Insurance. He was also the CEO of SBI DIFC (Dubai International Financial Center) branch in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

About State Bank of India (SBI) General Insurance:

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded-2009

19. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the President of Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI) for the period of 2 years (2022-2024)?

- 1) Yashpal Sharma
- 2) Vipin Jain
- 3) Cyrus Katgara
- 4) Arun Kumar
- 5) Sanjiv Edward

Answer- 1) Yashpal Sharma

Explanation:

Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI) constituted a new board for a term of 2 consecutive years (2022-2024) at the Annual General Meeting. **Yashpal Sharma**, Managing Director (MD) of Skyways Group has been appointed as the **President of ACFI for 2022-2024**.

i. Yashpal Sharma succeeded Cyrus Katgara, the Former President of ACFI and he will be part of the current board as an Ex officio member. Sanjiv Edward, Chief Commercial Officer at Delhi International Airport Limited, is named new Vice-President for 2022-2024 term.

20. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Acting Chief Secretary (CS) of Tripura?

- 1) J.K. Sinha
- 2) Barun Kumar Sahu

- 3) Brijesh Pandey
- 4) Abhishek Chandra
- 5) Puneet Agarwal

Answer- **1) J.K. Sinha**

Explanation:

The **Tripura Government** has transferred Chief Secretary (CS) Kumar Alok to the State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (SIPARD), Tripura, as its Director General (DG).

i. In addition, J.K. Sinha, a senior Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer from the 1996 batch, who is currently Principal Secretary (PS) to the Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha & the Health and Family Welfare Department, has been appointed in-charge Chief Secretary despite being junior to the departing CS.

ii. Tripura has had three different Chief Secretaries in the last four years, including Lalit Kumar Gupta, Manoj Kumar, and Kumar Alok.

21. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as India's new Sherpa for the Group of Twenty (G20)?

- 1) Anupriya Singh Patel
- 2) Rajiv Ranjan
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Amitabh Kant
- 5) Sitikantha Pattanaik

Answer- **4) Amitabh Kant**

Explanation:

The former National Institute for Transforming India (**NITI Aayog**) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Amitabh Kant** is appointed as **India's new Sherpa** for the Group of Twenty (**G20**) by replacing Piyush Goyal, a Union minister of commerce and Industry.

i. India assumes the presidency from 1st December 2022. Current president of G20 is Indonesia.

ii. Amitabh Kant had served as NITI Aayog CEO for 6 years and had previously served as a secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (currently DPIIT).

22. In July 2022, Boris Johnson announced his resignation as Prime Minister (PM) of the United Kingdom (UK).

Which of the following books are authored by Boris Johnson?

- 1) The Dream of Rome
- 2) Seventy-Two Virgins
- 3) Why We Want You to Be Rich
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

United Kingdom (UK) Prime Minister (**PM**), **Boris Johnson** announced his resignation as Prime Minister of the UK after he was abandoned by ministers and own party's lawmakers. He also stepped down as Conservative Party leader.

i. He was forced to quit when 3 cabinet members and more than 40 ministers resigned on 5 July 2022 for demanding his resignation. However, he would serve as the PM until his successor was elected.

ii. He has been serving as **PM** of the United Kingdom (**UK**) and Leader of the Conservative Party since 2019.

Famous Books by Boris Johnson:

- "Seventy-Two Virgins"
- "The Dream of Rome"
- "The Churchill Factor: How One Man Made History"

23. In July 2022, the RBI approved the appointment of Meena Hemachandra as part-time chairman of which of the following banks for a period of 3 years?

- 1) Karur Vysya Bank
- 2) South Indian Bank
- 3) City Union Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer- **1) Karur Vysya Bank**

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) approved the appointment of former RBI executive **Meena Hemachandra** as part-time chairman of **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)**, a private sector lender, for 3 years with effect from taking charge.

- She held the position of an Additional Director in KVB under Independent Category from 26th May 2022.

i. Previously, she held various positions that also included Executive Director of RBI from June 2015 to November 2017 and was the Principal of the RBI's College of Agricultural Banking.

About Karur Vysya Bank (KVB):

MD & CEO – B. Ramesh Babu

Establishment – 1916

Headquarters – Karur, Tamil Nadu (TN)

24. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance Company Ltd. (NIACL)?

- 1) Sujay Banarji
- 2) Mudita Mishra
- 3) Jayashree Nair
- 4) Atul Sahai
- 5) Madhulika Bhaskar

Answer- **5) Madhulika Bhaskar**

Explanation:

New India Assurance Company Ltd (**NIACL**) appointed its General Manager **Madhulika Bhaskar** as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (**CMD**) for a period of three months with effect from the date of assumption of charge.

i. She was given additional charge. She succeeded **Atul Sahai** as the CMD, whose tenure ended on February 28, 2022 following his superannuation.

About New India Assurance Company Ltd (NIACL):

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded- 1919

25. In July 2022, Government of India nominated 29 non-official members from various sectors to the Board of Trade (BOT), the advisory body on foreign trade policy.

Name the union minister who is the current (as of July'22) chairperson of BOT.

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 3) Narayan Tatu Rane
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Anupriya Singh Patel

Answer- 4) Piyush Goyal

Explanation:

The Government of India (**GoI**) has nominated **29 non-official members** from large and small enterprises with diverse sectoral and geographical representation to the Board of Trade (**BOT**), the advisory body on foreign trade policy. The chairperson of the board Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.

- i.** The BOT, which is chaired by Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal**, advises the GoI on policy initiatives to boost India's foreign trade.
- ii.** The GoI amalgamated the Council of Trade Development and Promotion with the Board of Trade (BOT) in 2019 to improve consistency in the consultation process with all stakeholders, both at the Central and State levels, for promoting exports and imports.

26. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the interim President of Sri Lanka?

- 1) Ratnasiri Wickremanayake
- 2) Sirimavo Bandaranaike
- 3) D. M. Jayaratne
- 4) Chandrika Kumaratunga
- 5) Ranil Wickremesinghe

Answer- 5) Ranil Wickremesinghe

Explanation:

The 73 years old **Ranil Wickremesinghe**, PM of Sri Lanka, was sworn in as the **acting** (interim) **President** of Sri Lanka in the presence of Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya. He was sworn in after the speaker of the parliament, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardenaon, accepted a resignation letter sent by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

- i.** Ranil Wickremesinghe will remain at the position of President of Sri Lanka until the Sri Lankan Parliament votes for a new president, which is expected to take place on July 20.
- ii.** The newly elected President will serve out the remainder of Rajapaksa's term ending in 2024. The measures will be according to No.02 of the Presidential Election Act of Sri Lanka of 1981 and Article 40 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

27. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the new Chief Secretary (CS) of Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) Ram Subhag Singh
- 2) Prabodh Saxena
- 3) Nilam Sawhney
- 4) R. D Dhiman
- 5) Naresh Kumar

Answer- 4) **R. D Dhiman**

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has appointed the Additional Chief Secretary (Power and Industry) Ram Dass (**R. D) Dhiman** as the new **Chief Secretary (CS)** of **Himachal Pradesh**. He succeeded IAS officer Ram Subhag Singh, who has been further appointed as the Principal Advisor (Administrative Reforms).

- Other than the above appointments, Additional chief secretary Nishan Singh, 1987 batch IAS officer, has been appointed as principal advisor Training and FA);
- Additional chief secretary Sanjay Gupta, a 1988-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as principal advisor (Redressal of Public Grievances).

28. In July 2022, Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India, appointed La. Ganesan, the Governor of Manipur, to perform the duties of the Governor (additional charge) of _____.

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Assam

Answer- 4) **West Bengal**

Explanation:

Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India, has appointed La. Ganesan, the Governor of Manipur, to perform the duties as the 28th Governor (additional charge) of **West Bengal (WB)**, in addition to his own duties, from the date he takes over the office until formal arrangements are completed.

i. The Governor of West Bengal, Jagdeep Dhankhar, has tendered his resignation to the President after being nominated as the Vice President candidate by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

ii. Following the President's acceptance of his resignation, Manipur Governor La. Ganesan has been given additional charge for West Bengal.

Note- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced that the elections for the 16th Vice President of India will be held on August 6, 2022.

29. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE) for a period of 5 years?

- 1) Yatrik Vin
- 2) Sunil Behari Mathur
- 3) Ashish Kumar Chauhan
- 4) Vikram Limaye
- 5) Jagannathan Ravichandran

Answer- 3) **Ashish Kumar Chauhan**

Explanation:

Ashish Kumar Chauhan was appointed as the new Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (**NSE**) for a 5-year term. The appointment was approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

i. The appointment is subject to fulfillment of terms & conditions, including approval from shareholders of NSE. He will succeed Vikram Limaye, whose term ended on 16 July 2022.

ii. He is a current Chancellor of University of Allahabad and also serves as the member of Governing council of one of the premier Business schools in India – IIM Raipur.

30. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?

- 1) Lt General Ranbir Singh
- 2) Lt General Satinder Kumar
- 3) Lt General Ajai Singh
- 4) Lt General Amardeep Singh
- 5) Lt General Raj Shukla

Answer- **5) Lt General Raj Shukla**

Explanation:

The Union Public Service Commission (**UPSC**) has appointed Retired Army Training Command Chief Lieutenant (**Lt**) **General Raj Shukla** as a member of the UPSC.

i. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Smita Nagaraj, the senior most member of the UPSC, at the UPSC headquarters in New Delhi, Delhi.

ii. With his appointment, UPSC now has a Chairperson and six members, against its sanctioned strength of **10**.

About Lt General Raj Shukla

- In recognition of his service of the most exceptional order, the officer was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal on Republic Day 2021.
- He was the 22nd General Officer Commanding-In-Chief of the Indian Army's Training Command (ARTRAC).

31. Name the personality who recently (in July'22) took charge as a whole-time member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

- 1) Jayanti Prasad
- 2) Amit Pradhan
- 3) Santosh Kumar Shukla
- 4) Ritesh Kavdia
- 5) Sandip Garg

Answer- **1) Jayanti Prasad**

Explanation:

Jayanti Prasad, former Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) (Human Resources and International Relations), has taken charge as a **whole-time member** of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (**IBBI**).

i. Prior to joining IBBI, he had held various key positions at the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India and in the United Nations (UN). He also served as the Chief Auditor at the UN for six years.

ii. The UN has awarded him for his contributions as Chief Auditor for the Oil for Food Program resulting in significant impact and cost savings for the UN.

32. Name the state that recently (in July'22) appointed Deloitte India as a consultant to suggest plans to make the State a USD 1 trillion economy.

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

Answer- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The government of Uttar Pradesh (**UP**) has decided to appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited (**Deloitte India**) as a consultant to suggest plans to make the State a USD 1 trillion economy. This decision follows the recommendations of a high-power committee at a cabinet meeting chaired by Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister(CM) of UP.

i. The government of UP is working on preparing a sector-wise action plan to fulfil the goal of bringing the economy of Uttar Pradesh to 1 trillion US dollars.

ii. The consultant, Deloitte India, quoted a bid price of Rs 120 crore. (Boston Consulting Group and Grand Thornton were among the bidders)

33. Name the personality from Egypt who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the acting president of the International Hockey Federation (Fédération Internationale de Hockey – FIH).

- 1) Austin Smith
- 2) Keenan Horne
- 3) Seif Ahmed
- 4) Abdallah M Nisthar
- 5) Gowan Jones

Answer- 3) Seif Ahmed

Explanation:

The International Hockey Federation (Fédération Internationale de Hockey – FIH) appointed Egypt's **Seif Ahmed** as its **acting president** after the resignation of India's Dr **Narinder Dhruv Batra** from the post.

i. On 18 July 2022 Narinder Dhruv Batra submitted his resignation as FIH president and also ceased to be President of the Indian Olympic Association (**IOA**). He also gave up International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.

- The expected presidential election will take place on 5 November 2022.

Narinder Dhruv Batra's Awards-

- Vijay Ratna Award from the Prime Minister of India (1991)
- International Hockey Federation President's Award (2014)

34. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure & Development (NaBFID) by the recommendation of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)?

- 1) Ashish Chauhan
- 2) Vikram Limaye
- 3) G. Mahalingam
- 4) Manoj Kumar

5) Rajkiran Rai G

Answer- **5) Rajkiran Rai G**

Explanation:

The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (**FSIB**) has recommended **Rajkiran Rai G**, Former Managing Director(MD) of Union Bank of India, for the position of MD at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (**NaBFID**).

i. He is the first ever candidate to be recommended by FSIB, an autonomous professional body tasked to identify the persons for appointment as Whole Time directors (WTDs) and non-executive chairpersons (NEC) in public sector banks, public sector insurers and financial institutions.

ii. NaBFID is a newly created Development Finance Institution (DFI) which aims to support the development of long-term non-recourse infrastructure financing.

Note- FSIB had subsumed the Banks Board Bureau, which now ceases to exist.

35. In July 2022, Mario Draghi resigned from his Prime Minister position in which country?

1) Norway

2) Sweden

3) Poland

4) Italy

5) Spain

Answer- **4) Italy**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (**PM**) of **Italy**, **Mario Draghi** submitted his resignation to President Sergio Mattarella after the withdrawal of support of key coalition parties.

i. He will remain as the caretaker Prime Minister until a new leader is appointed. The legislature's current 5-year term is due to expire in 2023.

ii. The new election will be held at the end of September and beginning of October 2022. However the official dissolution of parliament was not announced by the President.

iii. He was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Italy in February 2021. ii.Prior to his appointment as PM, he served as President of the European Central Bank (ECB) between 2011 and 2019.

36. Droupadi Murmu, the candidate for National Democratic Alliance (NDA), is elected as India's 15th President of India in the 16th Presidential Election in July 2022. She is the first ever tribal to hold the top Constitutional Post. Which tribal community does she belong to?

1) Munda tribe

2) Angami tribe

3) Santhal tribe

4) Khasi tribe

5) Kodaba tribe

Answer- **3) Santhal tribe**

Explanation:

Droupadi Murmu, a former Governor of Jharkhand and candidate for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), is elected as India's 15th President in the 16th Presidential Election of 2022. She is the first ever tribal to hold the top Constitutional Post and second woman president after Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

- Murmu, aged 64 years, will also be the youngest and India's first president to be born after Independence.
- She is the first President of India who hails from Odisha.
- Murmu was born on June 20, 1958, in Mayurbhanj, Odisha. She belongs to the **Santhal tribe** in Odisha.

37. Which of the following is/are not the Member of Parliament (MPs) to be appointed among the 28 Rajya Sabha members list recently (in July'22)?

A) Rajeev Shukla

B) Harbhajan Singh

C) Abdul Wahab

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only c

4) Both A & B

5) Both B & C

Answer- 3) Only c

Explanation:

Harbhajan Singh, a Cricketer-turned-politician, Misa Bharti, daughter of former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) vice-president Rajeev Shukla took oath alongwith around 25 other Member of Parliament (MPs) as Rajya Sabha members on the 1st day of the Monsoon session of Parliament.

- This was 256th session of the Rajya sabha of the parliament

i.Others MPs who took oath includes, A Rao Meena, Vijay Sai Reddy, Kheeru Mahto, Shambhala Saran Patel, Ranjeet Ranjan, Maharashtra Majhi, Aditya Prasad, Praful Patel, Imran Pratapgarhi, Sanjay Raut, Sasmit Patra, Sandeep Kumar Pathak, Vikramjeet Singh Sahani, Randeep Singh Surjewal, P Chidambaram, Kapil Sibal, R Girl Rajan, S Kalyan Sundaram, KRN Rajesh Kumar, Javed Ali Khan, V Vijendra Prasad.

38. Recently (in July'22) Who was appointed as the 15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

1) Ranil Wickremesinghe

2) D. M. Jayaratne

3) Maithripala Sirisena

4) Dinesh Gunawardena

5) Ranasinghe Premadasa

Answer- 4) Dinesh Gunawardena

Explanation:

The 73 years old senior Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (Member of Parliament) Dinesh Gunawardena became the 15th Prime Minister (PM) of Sri Lanka.

- He was sworn-in as the Prime Minister in the presence of President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya at the Parliament.

About Dinesh Gunawardena:

i.Dinesh Chandra Rupasinghe Gunawardena was born March 2, 1949. He is a son of Philip Gunawardena who was known as the Lion of Boralugoda.

ii.He belonged to the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna party.

39. In July 2022, Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah was appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- 1) Yemen
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Kuwait
- 4) Bahrain
- 5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- 3) Kuwait

Explanation:

The Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah issued a decree appointing **Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah** as the new Prime Minister (**PM**) of **Kuwait**. He replaced caretaker PM Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, who took the position in 2019.

i. He has served as the Kuwait National Guard Deputy Commander between November 2020 to March 2022.

About Kuwait:

Capital – Kuwait City

Currency – Kuwaiti Dinar

40. In July 2022, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the first-of-its-kind NDDB MRIDA Limited for Manure Management.

Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of NDDB MRIDA Limited?

- 1) Sangeet Som
- 2) Sanjeev Kumar Balyan
- 3) Vanathi Srinivasan
- 4) Sandeep Bharti
- 5) Loganathan Murugan

Answer- 4) Sandeep Bharti

Explanation:

Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD) launched **NDDB MRIDA Limited**, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to enhance manure management initiatives across India.

- **Sandeep Bharti** is newly appointed Managing Director (MD) of NDDB MRIDA Limited.
- It is a first-of-its-kind company focusing on efficient utilization of dung by creating a manure management value chain which will immensely contribute to enhancing the livelihoods of dairy farmers.

About NDDB MRIDA Limited:

It was established by NDDB as an Unlisted Public Limited Company under the Companies Act, 2013 on July 1, 2022 with the paid-up capital of Rs 9.50 crore which will open avenues of additional income to dairy farmers from sale of slurry/ dung.

41. Name the personality from India who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Chief Economist & Senior Vice President of World Bank.

- 1) Amartya Sen
- 2) Indermit Gill
- 3) Ravi Kanbur

4) Kaushik Basu

5) Tapan Mitra

Answer- **2) Indermit Gill**

Explanation:

The **World Bank** appointed Indian national Indermit Gill, as the Chief Economist of the World Bank Group (WBG) and Senior Vice-President for development economics. His appointment will be effective from 1st September 2022.

- Indermit Gill will be the 2nd Indian, after Kaushik Basu, to serve as the chief economist at the world bank.
- Kaushik Basu was the chief economist of the World Bank from 2012 to 2016.

About World Bank:

Headquarters- Washington, D.C., United States (US)

President- David Malpass

Founded-1944

42. Who recently (in July'22) took oath as new President of Albania?

1) Bajram Begaj

2) Bamir Topi

3) Alfred Moisiu

4) Ilir Meta

5) Sali Berisha

Answer- **1) Bajram Begaj**

Explanation:

Bajram Begaj, a retired military commander and politician took the oath as the **8th President of the Republic of Albania** at the swearing-in ceremony in the parliament. He succeeded former President Ilir Meta who served from July 2017 for five years.

i. On June 4, 2022, he won the presidential election receiving 78 votes in favour, four politicians opposed, and one legislator abstained in the plenary session of Parliament, which was attended by a total of 83 Members of Parliament (MPs).

ii. He served as the 26th Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) from July 2020 to June 2022

iii. He is the fifth president in the history of Albania to have a military background, after Ahmet Zogu, Ramiz Alia, Alfred Moisiu and Bujar Nishani.

43. Who was recently (on July 22) appointed as an additional Director (Independent) on the board of Life Insurance Corporation of India-Housing Finance Limited (LIC HFL)?

1) Rajesh Kumar

2) Soma Sankara Prasad

3) Ishraq Ali Khan

4) Ravi Kishan Takkar

5) Sanjay Kumar

Answer- **4) Ravi Kishan Takkar**

Explanation:

The Board of Directors of LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India) Housing Finance Limited (**LIC HFL**) has approved the appointment of **Ravi Kishan Takkar**, former Managing Director(MD) and

Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of UCO Bank, an additional Director (Independent) on the LIC HFL's Board.

i. He will hold the office up to the 33rd Annual General Meeting of LIC HFL and upon the regularisation of his appointment by the members of the board, he will hold the office as Independent Director for 5 years effective from the date of appointment (25th July 2022).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Name the personality who was recently (in July'22) won the Ayurveda Ratna Award 2022 by the United Kingdom (UK) Parliament.

- 1) Umesh Vasant Tagade
- 2) Sujata Kadam
- 3) Tanuja Nesari
- 4) Anil Kumar
- 5) Mahesh Vyas

Answer- **3) Tanuja Nesari**

Explanation:

Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), **Tanuja Nesari**, was awarded with the Ayurveda Ratna Award 2022 by the United Kingdom (UK) Parliament for contribution in the field of growth of Ayurveda at global and national level. It was conferred by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) of UK.

i. The award was presented on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga (June 21).

2. Who recently (in July'22) became the Femina Miss India World 2022?

- 1) Sini Shetty
- 2) Suman Rao
- 3) Rubal Shekhawat
- 4) Manasa Varanasi
- 5) Shinata Chauhan

Answer- **1) Sini Shetty**

Explanation:

Sini Shetty from **Karnataka** was crowned as 58th Edition of **Femina Miss India World 2022** at the grand finale of VLCC Femina Miss India, co-powered by Sephora, Moj and Rajnigandha Pearls. The event was hosted at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Other Winners - The 1st runner-up of Femina Miss India 2022 was Rajasthan's Rubal Shekhawat and the 2nd runner-up was Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh.

3. Which of the following personalities was recently (in July'22) selected for the first edition of the Kempegowda International Award 2022?

- 1) S M Krishna
- 2) Prakash Padukone
- 3) N R Narayana Murthy
- 4) Only 1 & 3
- 5) All A, B & C

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

Explanation:

Former Karnataka chief minister (CM) **S M Krishna**, Infosys founder and IT industry veteran **N R Narayana Murthy**, and former badminton player **Prakash Padukone**, have been selected for the first edition of the Kempegowda International Award (2022) instituted by the Karnataka government, in honour of Kempe Gowda, founder of Bengaluru city.

i. The committee, headed by Start-up Vision Group head Prashanth Prakash has been constituted by the government to nominate candidates for the award.

4. The IG Drones won the “Best Drone Organization award under the Start-up Category” by Airwards in July 2022.

IG Drones is situated in which state/UT?

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

Answer- **2) Delhi**

Explanation:

The **Delhi**-based leading Drone enterprise platform company, **IG Drones**, won the “Best Drone Organization award under the Start-up Category” by Airwards.

i. IG Drones was selected for the award for its approach to helping local communities and providing access to technology to diverse stakeholders during natural disasters.

5. As per the Forbes’s eighth annual list 2022 released in June 2022, Jayshree V Ullal are among the Five women of Indian origin in America’s richest self-made women.

Jayshree V Ullal is the current (as of July’22) President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which company?

- 1) Arista Networks
- 2) Epic Systems
- 3) Atos
- 4) Syntel
- 5) ABC Supply

Answer- **1) Arista Networks**

Explanation:

According to Forbes’s eighth annual list 2022, **Jayshree V Ullal**, the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Arista Networks**, a computer networking firm, are among the Five women of Indian origin in America’s richest self-made women.

i. Ullal was born in London and raised in New Delhi. Forbes had named her one of America’s richest self-made women for her net worth reaching USD 2.1 billion in 2022 and secured 15th Rank in the list.

ii. Other Indian American women who made it to the Forbes list are Neerja Sethi, co-founder of Syntel; Neha Narkhede, co-founder and former chief technology officer (CTO) of Confluent; former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi, and Reshma Shetty, co-founder of Ginkgo Bioworks.

Note- Diane Hendricks, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply, topped the list for the fifth year with USD 12.2 billion net worth.

6. Who recently (in July '22) became the second woman to receive the Nobel Prize for mathematics award by winning the Fields Medal 2022?

- 1) Maryna Viazovska (Ukraine)
- 2) Claire Voisin (France)
- 3) Neena Gupta (India)
- 4) Ruth Lawrence (United Kingdom)
- 5) Maryam Mirzakhani (Iran)

Answer- 1) Maryna Viazovska (Ukraine)

Explanation:

Ukraine's mathematician **Maryna Viazovska** was named among four recipients of the **Fields Medal 2022** by the International Mathematical Union (IMU) which is also known as the **Nobel Prize for mathematics**.

- i. She became the second woman ever to receive the award (**first was- Maryam Mirzakhani from Iran** in 2014).
- ii. The other recipients – Hugo Duminil-Copin of France, June Huh of the United States (US), and James Maynard of Britain.
- iii. The Fields Medal, along with CAD (Canadian dollars) 15,000 (USD 11,600), is awarded every four years to one or more mathematicians under the age of 40 in recognition of "outstanding mathematical achievement for existing work and for the promise of future achievement".

7. In July 2022, Gita Gopinath became the first woman and 2nd Indian to feature on IMF's 'Wall of former Chief Economists'.

Name the 1st Indian to feature on IMF's 'Wall of former Chief Economists'.

- 1) Shankar Acharya
- 2) Viral Acharya
- 3) Arvind Subramanian
- 4) Dilip Abreu
- 5) Raghuram Rajan

Answer- 5) Raghuram Rajan

Explanation:

Indian-American **Gita Gopinath** was featured on the 'Wall of Former Chief Economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She became the **first woman** and **second Indian** to get this achievement.

- i. The **first Indian** was **Raghuram Rajan**, who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006.
- ii. In October 2018 Gita Gopinath was appointed as IMF Chief Economist by its managing director Christine Lagarde and in 2021 She was promoted as the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director, (Appointed by IMF's managing director Kristalina Georgieva).

Note- Gita Gopinath is the recipient of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians by the Government of India.

8. Name the company that was recently (in July'22) became India's first company to receive Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification for its made-in-India Li-ion cells.

- 1) Panasonic Energy India
- 2) GODI India

- 3) HBL Power Systems
- 4) Goldstar Power
- 5) Exide Industries

Answer- **2) GODI India**

Explanation:

Hyderabad-based **GODI India** Private Limited has become **India's first company** to receive Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**) **certification** for its 21700 cylindrical NMC811 **lithium-ion cells** made using its home-grown technology.

- i. As per BIS requirements, the Godi-designed cells were tested and qualified by a third-party testing agency (TUV).
- ii. The company will set up a giga-factory for lithium-ion cell manufacturing in India by 2024, referring to a facility used for producing electric batteries at a huge scale, primarily for use in electric vehicles (EV).

9. Which organisation was recently (in July'22) facilitated with the Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records certifications along with Maha Metro from Maharashtra for constructing the longest Double Decker Viaduct in Asia?

- 1) National Highway Authority of India
- 2) Afcons Infrastructure
- 3) TATA Projects
- 4) National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
- 5) Larsen & Toubro

Answer- **1) National Highway Authority of India**

Explanation:

Maharashtra's **Maha Metro**, a joint entity of the state and Union government, and the National Highway Authority of India (**NHAI**) facilitated with the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records certifications for jointly constructing the longest Double Decker Viaduct in Asia and 3 metro stations with Highway Flyover & Metro Rail Supported on single column under Nagpur Metro Rail Project.

- i. Maha Metro was facilitated with the prestigious certifications for constructing the longest multi-layer viaduct across Asia. The Multi-Layer Viaduct over Wardha Road in Nagpur measuring 3.14 km which is the longest in Asia.
- ii. Maha Metro and NHAI was felicitated with Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records certification for constructing maximum metro stations on viaduct.

10. Who recently (in July'22) received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star awards from the Japanese government?

- 1) Narayanan Kumar
- 2) Shyamala Ganesh
- 3) Seiichi Tanaka
- 4) Nripendra Misra
- 5) Syed Hamid Albar

Answer- **1) Narayanan Kumar**

Explanation:

The **Government of Japan** has conferred the **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star award** on **Narayanan Kumar**, Vice Chairman of the Sanmar Group, for his contribution to strengthening economic relations between Japan and India.

i. The Award was honoured to Narayanan Kumar by Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Taka Masayuki.

ii. Narayanan Kumar also heads the Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2015. He had served as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in 1997-1998.

11. In July 2022, The Japan Government honored the former PM Shinzo Abe with the Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum, posthumously.

Shinzo Abe became the ____ PM to receive the award under the post-war constitution.

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

Answer- **3) 4th**

Explanation:

The Government of Japan honored the former Prime Minister (PM) **Shinzo Abe** with the Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum, posthumously. It is Japan's highest award.

i. Shinzo Abe became the **fourth PM** to receive the award under the post-war constitution. **Before** Shinzo Abe, other former PMs including Shigeru Yoshida, Eisaku Sato and Yasuhiro Nakasone were also awarded with the same honor.

About the award:

- It is the highest honor that a Japanese national can receive in his/her lifetime.
- It was introduced by Emperor Meiji of Japan in 1876.
- The Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum is the most prestigious award in Japan.
- The Grand Cordon of the Supreme Orders of the Chrysanthemum was established in 1876, and the Collar of the Supreme Orders of the Chrysanthemum in 1888.

Note- India awarded Shinzo Abe the **Padma Vibhushan** in the field of public affairs in 2021.

12. Name the bank that was recently (in July'22) awarded with the 'Best Performing Bank Award' in Tamil Nadu for FY2021-22 under the 'SHG Bank Linkage Programme' category by NABARD.

- 1) Bank of India
- 2) Central Bank of India
- 3) Indian Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- **3) Indian Bank**

Explanation:

Indian Bank was awarded with the **'Best Performing Bank Award'** in Tamil Nadu for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 under **'SHG (Self Help Group) Bank Linkage Programme'** category from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**).

i. The award was presented by the Tamil Nadu finance minister, Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan to S L Jain, Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and V Chandrasekaran, general manager (Rural Banking) during NABARD 41st foundation day (12th July 2022).

13. Name the bank that was recently (in July'22) recognised as the 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney for the 2nd time.

- 1) CSB Bank
- 2) Standard Chartered Bank
- 3) HSBC Bank India
- 4) DBS Bank
- 5) Citibank India

Answer- **4) DBS Bank**

Explanation:

DBS Bank was recognised as the '**World's Best SME Bank**' by **Euromoney** for the **second time** (the first time in 2018). The bank has established its position as a global industry leader in association with Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to enhance growth and development.

The DBS bank also clinched three first-time awards at Euromoney's Awards for Excellence 2022

- World's Best 'Financial Innovation of the year' 2022
- Asia's Best Bank for Wealth Management 2022
- Asia's Best Bank for SME award 2022'

About DBS Bank:

The DBS Bank was formerly known as "the Development Bank of Singapore Limited". **Headquarters-** Singapore

CEO- Piyush Gupta

14. Which of the following organisations was recently (in July'22) awarded with the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 under Large Institute category for its overall performance?

- 1) National Academy of Agriculture Research Management
- 2) Indian Institute of Horticultural Research
- 3) Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- 4) Central Institute for Cotton Research
- 5) Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute

Answer- **1) National Academy of Agriculture Research Management**

Explanation:

The National Academy of Agriculture Research Management (**NAARM**), established by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has been awarded with the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (Large Institute category) for its overall performance.

i. The Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award to recognize outstanding performance by the ICAR institutes, DUs of ICAR, CAU and State Agriculture Universities.

ii. The 94th ICAR National Agricultural Science Centre and Awards ceremony 2022 was inaugurated by Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Parshottam Rupala and other personalities at ICAR Pusa campus, New Delhi.

15. According to the Forbes' Real-Time Ranking of the World's Billionaires list (as of 20th July'22), Gautam Adani secured 4th rank in the list by surpassing _____, while Elon Musk tops the list.

- 1) Warren Buffett
- 2) Larry Ellison
- 3) Bill Gates
- 4) Mukesh Ambani
- 5) Jeff Bezos

Answer- 3) Bill Gates

Explanation:

Indian industrialist **Gautam Adani** with a net worth of over USD 114 billion secured the **fourth** rank on the Forbes' Real-Time Ranking of the World's Billionaires list. He **surpassed** Microsoft founder **Bill Gates**, fifth rank with an estimated USD 102 billion net worth.

Forbes' Real-Time Ranking of the World's Billionaires:

- Elon Musk with USD 230 billion net worth secured the first rank on the Forbes' list, became the richest person.
- Bernard Arnault of Louis Vuitton at the second spot and Amazon's Jeff Bezos at third on the list.

Note- India's Reliance Industries' (RIL) Mukesh Ambani with net worth of USD 88 billion holds tenth spot on the list.

16. Who was recently (in July'22) Honoured with JC Daniel Award 2021, Kerala's Highest Film Award?

- 1) Shyama Prasad
- 2) Hariharan
- 3) KP Kumaran
- 4) Santhosh Sivan
- 5) Shaji Neelakantan Karun

Answer- 3) KP Kumaran

Explanation:

Malayalam Filmmaker **KP Kumaran** has been chosen for the **JC Daniel Award 2021**, Kerala's highest film award, for his comprehensive contribution to the Malayalam film industry. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a citation, and a plaque.

i. Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan will present the award to him at the Kerala State Film Awards ceremony on 3rd August 2022.

ii. KP Kumaran won the **National Award** for Best feature film in Malayalam for "**Rugmini**" in **1989** and the Kerala State Film Award for the same in 1989.

Note- Some of his noted works include, 'Thenthulli', 'Laxmivijayam', 'Thottam', and 'Akasha Gopuram'.

17. Who recently (in July '22) received the Shiromani Award at the NRI World Summit 2022, United Kingdom (UK), for her contribution to the field of art?

- 1) Dayanita Singh
- 2) Michelle Poonawalla
- 3) Bharti Kher

4) Nalini Malani

5) Arpita Singh

Answer- 2) Michelle Poonawalla

Explanation:

Artist and businesswoman, **Michelle Poonawalla** has received the Shiromani Award from Mr. G. P. Hinduja, the co-chairman of Hinduja Group, at Non-Resident Indians (NRI) World Summit 2022, United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of Art.

i. Michelle Poonawalla was also a speaker at the prestigious House of Lords, UK. In addition to Michelle Poonawalla, the Shiromani Award was also awarded to Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Dr. Kamel Hothi OBE and Falguni Shane Peacock.

ii. The Shiromani Award was instituted in 1977 and has been bestowed on Mother Teresa, Chief Marshal Manekshaw, Raj Kapoor, Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, PT Usha, Leander Paes, Vishwanathan Anand, The Dalai Lama, Jaya Bachchan and Asha Bhosle in the past.

18. Which Indian-American engineering professor recently (in July'22) won the Global Energy Prize 2022 for outstanding contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies?

1) Kaushik Rajashekara

2) Shivendra Singh

3) Khalil Amine

4) Shuji

5) Suleyman

Answer- 1) Kaushik Rajashekara

Explanation:

An Indian-American engineering professor Kaushik Rajashekara won the Global Energy Prize 2022 for outstanding contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions

2022 Global Energy Prize Laureates:

- The 3 winners of the 2022 Global Energy Prize were Viktor Orlov from Russia along with Mercouri Kanatzidis(Greece) and Kaushik Rajashekara(India) from the United States of America (USA).
- Kaushik Rajashekara, who is known as "Raja," won the award in "New Ways of Energy Applications" category for contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies.

19. Name the Tennis player who was recently (in July'22) inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

1) Lleyton Hewitt (Australia)

2) John Isner (United States of America)

3) Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)

4) Alexander Zverev (Germany)

5) Jannik Sinner (Italy)

Answer- 1) Lleyton Hewitt (Australia)

Explanation:

Two-time Grand Slam champion and **former ATP** (Association of Tennis Professionals) world number one player, **Lleyton Hewitt** was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2021. Hewitt is the 34th Australian to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

- i. In 2020 the International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced Hewitt would be elected into the Hall of Fame as part of the 2021 class.
- ii. He won his first ATP title in Adelaide (Australia) in 1998 and his last in 2014 at the Hall of Fame Open by defeating Ivo Karlovic.
- iii. He won 30 singles titles and 3 doubles titles including the 2001 US Open and 2002 Wimbledon singles titles, the 2000 US Open men's doubles title, and the Davis Cup with Australia in 1999 and 2003.

20. Who recently (as of July'22) emerged as the highest-paid Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

- 1) Mohit Malhotra
- 2) Suresh Narayanan
- 3) Sanjiv Mehta
- 4) Sanjiv Puri
- 5) Saugata Gupta

Answer- **5) Saugata Gupta**

Explanation:

Saugata Gupta, MD and CEO of India's Consumer Good company, Marico Limited, emerged as the highest-paid Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) CEO as his total pay in FY22 jumped by 157% from ₹14.03 crore in FY21 to ₹36.1 crore in FY22.

- i. Gupta is followed by Hindustan Unilever Limited's Sanjiv Mehta at ₹22 crore salary, Nestle's Suresh Narayanan (₹18.80 crore), Dabur India's Mohit Malhotra (₹14.60 crore) and ITC's Sanjiv Puri (₹12.59 crore).

21. Which company was recently (in July '22) recognised as the "Most Preferred Workplace" of 2022 by Team Marksmen in association with India Today?

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) Steel Authority of India
- 3) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited
- 4) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited
- 5) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Answer- **3) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited**

Explanation:

NTPC Limited headquartered at Delhi, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, founded in 1975, recognized as one of the '**Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022**' by Team Marksmen in association of India Today for maximizing employee well-being, engagement & productivity alongside organizational performance.

- i. The esteemed award was received by Dillip Kumar Patel, Director (HR), Munish Jauhari, RED (West-1), and Anil Kumar Jadli GM HR
- ii. In March 2022, NTPC Limited had been declared as "Dream Employer of the year" at the 30th session of World HRD Congress.

22. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 68th National Film Awards 2022?

A) The Best Actor award shared by Suriya for Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji (Hindi) under Rajat Kamal Award for Feature Films.

B) The Best Actress award bagged by Actress Lakshmi Priyaa Chandramouli for Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum film (Tamil) under Rajat Kamal Award for Feature Films.

C) The Best feature film award was conferred to Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) under Swarna Kamal Award for Feature Film.

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

Answer- 4) Only A & C

Explanation:

The **68th National Film Awards 2022** were announced at the National Media Centre in New Delhi, Delhi to honour **best films of 2020** of Indian Cinema. The event for the same was organized by the Directorate of Film Festivals, which comes under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).

i. The Best feature film award was conferred to Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) under Swarna Kamal Award for Feature Film. It also bagged most number of awards i.e. 5.

ii. The Best Actor award shared by Suriya for Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji Hindi under Rajat Kamal Award for Feature Films.

iii. The Best Actress award bagged by Actress **Aparna Balamurali** for Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) under Rajat Kamal Award for Feature Films.

23. Who recently (in July'22) won the Mrs Universe Divine Title from India that was held at Yeosu City, South Korea?

- 1) Sini Shetty
- 2) Urvashi Rautela
- 3) Amrita Tripathi
- 4) Pallavi Singh
- 5) Manasa Varanasi

Answer- 4) Pallavi Singh

Explanation:

India's **Pallavi Singh** has won the **Mrs Universe Divine Title** at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea. She hails from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP). Contestants from 110 countries participated in the competition.

i. She was the contestant from Asia in the Mrs Universe contest and has demonstrated the strong will and commitment of Indian women to excel in all walks of life.

ii. She won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020. In 2021 she won the Mrs Indo-Asia Universe in the Asia-level competition held in Delhi.

iii. In 2021, she was also awarded the women in Insurance award at the Indian Business Women Summit 2021, among multiple industries.

24. As per the 3rd edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List 2021 released in July 2022, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, has retained as the Richest woman in India for the 2nd consecutive year followed by whom?

- 1) Nilima Motaparti
- 2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- 3) Radha Vembu
- 4) Falguni Nayar
- 5) Leena Tewari

Answer- 4) Falguni Nayar

Explanation:

According to the third edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List 2021, **Roshni Nadar Malhotra**, the chairperson of HCL Technologies has retained her title as the **Richest woman in India** for the **2nd year** in a row. She is the only Indian woman to lead a listed IT company.

- i. The list was published in the Hurun Report in collaboration with Kotak Private Banking.
- ii. Roshni Nadar is followed by **Falguni Nayar** of Nykaa, **overtaking** Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon with a total wealth of Rs. 57,520 crore.
- iii. According to the **list**, **Falguni Nayar** is the **richest self-made woman** in India.
- iv. Kanika Tekriwal, a 33-year-old owner of Jetsetgo became the youngest self-made woman on the list.

25. According to Kantar India's 10th edition of annual Brand Footprint report 2022, which company Tops the Rankings for Most Chosen FMCG Brands in India for the 10th consecutive year?

- 1) Britannia
- 2) Clinic Plus
- 3) Parle
- 4) Tata Consumer Products
- 5) Amul

Answer- 3) Parle

Explanation:

According to **Kantar India's** annual Brand Footprint report 2022 (**10th** Edition), Parle Products Limited (**Parle**), Indian multinational food processing company, topped the ranking of most chosen Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) brands in India in 2021.

- i. With a CRP score of 6531 (million), Parle has topped the list for the 10th year in a row. The report ranks the most chosen FMCG brands based on the Consumer Reach Points(CRPs).

Top 5 FMCG Bands in India of 2021:

Rank	Brand
1	Parle
2	Amul
3	Britannia

4	Clinic Plus
5	Tata Consumer Products

SUMMITS, CONFERENCES

1. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference 2022?

A) The United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference 2022 was co-hosted by the governments of Libya and Portugal.

B) Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministries of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, attended the "UN Ocean Conference 2022.

C) The 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference proposed the "Blue Deal," which would enable the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth.

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

Answer- 3) Only B & C

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference 2022 was co-hosted by the governments of **Kenya and Portugal** from June 27 to July 1, 2022, at the Lisbon Altice Arena Convention Center in Lisbon, **Portugal**.

- The UN Ocean Conference 2022's overall theme is "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions."
- i.** Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministries of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, attended the "UN Ocean Conference 2022" in Lisbon, Portugal.
 - ii.** The 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference proposed the "Blue Deal," which would enable the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth.
 - iii.** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) launched its key State of the Ocean Report (StOR) 2022: Pilot Edition.

2. In July 2022, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, inaugurated the ___ India Animal Health Summit 2022 held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) Four
- 2) Third
- 3) Second
- 4) First
- 5) Third

Answer- 4) First

Explanation:

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Parshottam Rupala**, inaugurated **First India Animal Health Summit 2022** held at NASC Complex, **New Delhi, Delhi** for greater use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health.

- i. The India Animal Health Summit 2022 was organised by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and the Agriculture Today Group.
- ii. The Awards will be presented in different categories to individuals and organisations, for outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The awards function will be held on 7th July 2022 at the NASC Complex, New Delhi

3. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference held in July 2022?

- 1) The National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- 2) The Union Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar, launched the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) Platform of Platforms (PoP) to promote trade and marketing of agricultural produce.
- 3) An equity grant of over Rs 37 crore was also released to 1,018 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) that will benefit about 3.5 lakh farmers.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference was held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. It was organized by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW).

- i. The Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) Platform of Platform (PoP) to promote trade & marketing of agriculture produce for getting better prices of agriculture commodities to farmers.
- ii. The Union Minister also released an equity grant of over Rs 37 crore was also released to 1,018 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under the CSS that will benefit about 3.5 lakh farmers.
- iii. The Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar also released a Coffee Table Book showcasing the endeavour and journey of e-NAM.

4. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the First I2U2 Leaders' Virtual Summit 2022?

- A) The first virtual summit of India, Israel, UAE, and the United States of America dubbed "I2U2"—"First I2U2 Leaders' Virtual Summit 2022 was hosted by Israel's Caretaker PM Yair Lapid.
- B) During the Summit, the UAE has announced an investment of USD 2 billion to develop a series of Integrated Food Parks across India, to address rising demand in South and West Asia.
- C) US also announced a hybrid RE project in Dwarka, Gujarat State, India, that consists of 300 megawatts (MW) of wind and solar power.

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

4) Only A & B

5) Only A

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

Explanation:

The first virtual summit of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United States of America (USA) dubbed "I2U2"—"First I2U2 Leaders' Virtual Summit 2022"—was held on July 14, 2022.

i. The summit was organized while Biden was in Israel as part of his maiden trip to West Asia as President of the US, and it was **hosted** by **Israel's Caretaker PM Yair Lapid**.

ii. During the Summit, the UAE announced an investment of USD 2 billion to develop a series of Integrated Food Parks across India, to address rising demand in South and West Asia.

iii. During the Summit, the US has announced to advance a hybrid RE project in Dwarka, Gujarat State, India, that consists of 300 megawatts (MW) of wind and solar power and is supplemented with a battery energy storage technology.

COMMITTEE AND MEETING

1. In July 2022, the Government of Armenia & GoI signed an MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP), during the 8th session of India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission (IGC).

In which city of Armenia, the 8th session of India-Armenia IGC was held?

1) Kapan

2) Ararat

3) Vanadzor

4) Gyumri

5) Yerevan

Answer- **5) Yerevan**

Explanation:

The **8th session of India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission (IGC)** on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation was held in the capital city of Armenia, **Yerevan**.

i. The Indian delegation was led by Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) whereas the Armenian delegation was led by its Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ararat Mirzoyan. They were also the co-chair of IGC.

ii. An MoU was signed between the Government of Armenia and the Government of India on High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) in Armenia which will be financially and technically funded by India.

2. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recommendations made by the 47th GST Council Meeting, under the chairmanship of union minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman?

1) The GST Council approved an increase in tax on petroleum and coal bed methane to 18% from 12% earlier.

2) The GST on e-waste was revised from the current 5% to 18%, approved by the GST Council.

3) The GST Council also approved an increase in tax on LED Lamps, lights & fixtures, their metal printed circuits board to 18% from 12% earlier.

4) Both 2 & 3

5) Both 1 & 2

Answer- **4) Both 2 & 3**

Explanation:

The 47th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council 2022 convened in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance. The rate changes recommended by the 47th GST Council will be made effective from July 18, 2022.

i. The GST Council approved an increase in tax on petroleum and coal bed methane to **12%** from **5 %** earlier.

ii. The GST on e-waste was revised from current 5% to 18%, approved by the GST Council.

iii. The GST Council also approved an increase in tax on LED Lamps, lights and fixtures, their metal printed circuits board to 18% from 12% earlier.

3. Name the country that was recently (in July'22) joined the Counter-Narcotics Working Group (CNWG) meeting with India to discuss drug law enforcement.

1) Somalia

2) France

3) Germany

4) United States

5) Poland

Answer- **4) United States**

Explanation:

A joint **Indo-United States (US)** Counter-Narcotics Working Group (**CNWG**) meeting was held to discuss drug law enforcement and the increase in the capture of heroin from Afghanistan.

i. The Indian delegation was headed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) director-general SN Pradhan.

ii. The two sides also decided to establish a CNWG Executive Group and 3 steering groups on multilateral policy and regulatory coordination, law enforcement cooperation and drug demand or harm reduction.

4. In July 2022, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) set up an Apex Committee for Performance and Efficiency Audit.

The Apex committee will be chaired by whom?

1) S.B. Naithani

2) Radha Sridharan

3) Mahesh Kumar Sharma

4) Ajay Kumar

5) Dinesh Kumar

Answer- **4) Ajay Kumar**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) has set up an institutional mechanism consisting of an **apex committee** with Defence Secretary (**Ajay Kumar**, IAS) as Chairman for **conducting performance and efficiency audits** of various aspects of its activities. This is a major shift from existing transaction-based compliance audits to outcome-based performance and efficiency audits.

i. The apex committee will provide valuable inputs in the planning and execution of any projects and suggest improvements on the same.

5. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting 2022?

A) The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) attended the 3rd FMCBG Meeting 2022 under Indonesia's G20 Presidency- Bali, Indonesia.

B) Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister, attended the 3rd session of the International Financial Architecture & highlighted the need to enhance the effectiveness of the G20 Common Framework.

C) The RBI and the Bank Indonesia (BI) signed an MoU in Bali, Indonesia to improve mutual cooperation between the two central banks.

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:

The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) attended the 3rd FMCBG Meeting 2022 under Indonesia's G20 Presidency in the Finance Track, which officially began as a hybrid event in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.

- The aim of the G20 FMCBG Meeting 2022 is to facilitate a coordinated global economic recovery in the face of numerous new difficulties.

i. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister, attended the third session of the International Financial Architecture in Bali, Indonesia. She highlighted the need to enhance the effectiveness of the G20 Common Framework while attending the Sustainable Finance for Climate Transition forum.

ii. The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) and the Bank Indonesia (**BI**) signed an MoU on July 16, 2022 in Bali, Indonesia, on the sidelines of the G20 FMCBG Meeting 2022 to improve mutual cooperation between the two central banks.

6. In July 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare set up a 29-member committee to make the Minimum Support Price (MSP) more effective and transparent.

The committee will be headed by whom?

1) Rajesh Chippa

2) Kailash Choudhary

3) Arun Kumar

4) Sanjay Agrawal

5) Khem Raj

Answer- **4) Sanjay Agrawal**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (**MoA&FW**) has set up a 29-member committee, to be headed by Former Agriculture Secretary **Sanjay Agrawal** that will look into how to make the Minimum Support Price (**MSP**) more effective and transparent, and to promote zero-budget based farming.

i. There are 3 posts for the representatives of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), that spearheaded the protests against the farm laws, in the committee.

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1. As per the Knight Frank's Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021 released in June 2022, which Indian city ranked 14th in the APAC region in the Gold standard category?

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

Answer- **2) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

According to the 'Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021' released by Knight Frank, an international property consultant based in London, United Kingdom (UK), four Indian cities made it to the top 20 of the Asia Pacific (APAC) Sustainably Led Cities Index Ranking.

i. Bengaluru, Karnataka, was ranked **14th** in the APAC region in the Gold standard category. It topped among the Indian cities.

ii. The other 3 Indian cities, Delhi (New Delhi), Hyderabad (Telangana), and Mumbai (Maharashtra), came in 17th, 18th, and 20th, respectively, attaining the Silver standard category.

iii. The top five green-rated cities in the APAC region are Singapore, Sydney (Australia), Wellington (New Zealand), Perth (Australia), and Melbourne (Australia). These five cities earned the Platinum category, the highest category of the index.

2. As per the Knight Frank report "Raising Capital in Uncertain Times-Active Capital APAC Perspective June/July 2022", India's Green Bonds Issuance became the ____ Largest in the APAC Region.

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

Answer- **4) 6th**

Explanation:

According to the Knight Frank report "Raising Capital in Uncertain Times-Active Capital APAC Perspective June/July 2022", India's green bond issuance surged by 523 % year-over-year (YoY), from USD 1.1 billion in 2020 to USD 6.8 billion in 2021.

i. India now ranks the **sixth-largest** country in APAC in terms of the total amount of green bonds issued in 2021.

3. According to the StartupBlink's 'Global Startup Ecosystem Index (GSEI) 2022', Bengaluru, Karnataka became the "strongest startup ecosystem in India" and ranked ____ Globally.

- 1) 5th
- 2) 3rd
- 3) 6th
- 4) 4th
- 5) 8th

Answer- 5) 8th

Explanation:

According to the Israel-based StartupBlink's 'Global Startup Ecosystem Index (GSEI) 2022', Bengaluru, the capital city of Karnataka, has the "strongest startup ecosystem in India" and ranks 8th among the world's top 10 cities, while San Francisco Bay, United States tops the Index (Globally Ranking Cities) followed by New York, United States.

i. Bengaluru was ranked first among Indian cities in the 2022 rankings. Furthermore, it is ranked first in South Asia.

ii. Globally, New Delhi (Delhi) is ranked 13, Mumbai (Maharashtra) is ranked 17, Pune (Maharashtra) is ranked 90, while Hyderabad (Telangana) is ranked 97.

iii. Top 3 in Global Ranking Countries: United States of America (USA), United Kingdom and Israel, while India secured 19th Rank.

4. As per the UN-Habitat's "World Cities Report 2022: Envisaging the Future of Cities seeks", India's Urban Population is projected to be 675 Million in which year?

- 1) 2030
- 2) 2028
- 3) 2035
- 4) 2050
- 5) 2040

Answer- 3) 2035

Explanation:

According to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)'s "World Cities Report 2022: Envisaging the Future of Cities seeks", **India's urban population** is estimated to rise to around 675 million in **2035** and become the 2nd highest country following China's 1 billion.

i. The report highlighted that the growth of the global urban population is back on track by another 2.2 billion people by 2050.

5. As per the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023 released by Quacquarelli Symonds(QS) in July 2022, Mumbai, Maharashtra secured ____ rank in the list, while ____ ranked 1st as the Best City for Students.

- 1) 100th; London, United Kingdom
- 2) 86th; Melbourne Australia
- 3) 103rd; London, United Kingdom
- 4) 100th; Munich, Germany
- 5) 103rd; Melbourne Australia

Answer- 3) 103rd; London, United Kingdom

Explanation:

According to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds(QS), **Mumbai, Maharashtra** ranked at **103** has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city, while **London, United Kingdom** has topped the list as the Best City for Students.

- The other Indian cities in the rankings include Bengaluru (114), Chennai (125) and New Delhi (129).

i. QS ranks 140 cities around the world. Dubai (51) is the best student city in the Arab Region while Buenos Aires (23) is the best city in Latin America.

Rank	City	Country
1	London	United Kingdom
2	Munich	Germany
2	Seoul	South Korea
3	Zurich	Switzerland

6. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the 3rd edition of the States' Startup Ranking 2021 report released in July 2022?

A) The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced the result of the 3rd edition of the States' Startup Ranking 2021.

B) Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka emerged as the Best Performer States in Category A and Mizoram in Category B.

C) Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana emerged as the Top performers in Category A.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

Answer- **2) Only B**

Explanation:

The result of the **3rd edition of the States' Startup Ranking 2021** was announced by the Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) during an event held at The Ashok, New Delhi (Delhi) and organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), MoCI.

i. The Best Performer States are **Gujarat** and Karnataka in Category A, and Meghalaya in Category B.

Gujarat has been judged as the Best Performer State for the **third time** in a row

ii. Top performers in Category A are Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Jammu & Kashmir in Category B.

iii. India has become the 3rd largest start-up ecosystem in the world after the United States and China, with 70,809 startups recognized by the government, and over 100 unicorns.

7. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the 1st edition of the "State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2022?"

A) The report was released by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCA,F&PD).

B) Kerala has been adjudged the top ranked State followed by Tamil Nadu under the General Category States in the Index.

C) Tripura tops among the Special Category states/UTs, while Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu is the top among the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Category.

1) Only A & C

2) Only A & B

3) Only C

4) Only B

5) Only A

Answer- 4) Only B

Explanation:

The first edition of the "State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA): Creating resilient food systems to optimize the delivery of benefits – June 2022" was released by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCA,F&PD).

i. Odisha has been adjudged the top ranked State followed by **Uttar Pradesh** at the 2nd spot and Andhra Pradesh at third amongst the **General Category States** in the Index.

ii. Among the Special Category states/UTs, Tripura stood first followed by Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim respectively.

iii. Further, among the 3 UTs where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)- Cash is operational, Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu is the top ranked UT followed by Puducherry.

8. Name the organisation that was recently (in July '22) co-authored the report, "Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India" along with the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).

1) NITI Aayog

2) World Bank

3) Asian Development Bank

4) United Nations Environment Programme

5) Greenpeace India

Answer- 1) NITI Aayog

Explanation:

A new report titled "Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India", co-authored by the National Institution for Transforming India (**NITI Aayog**) and Rocky Mountain Institute (**RMI**), provides a way to enhance the emergence of a green hydrogen economy, which is critical for India to achieve its net-zero ambitions by 2070.

i. The Hydrogen demand in India could grow more than fourfold by 2050 which represents almost 10% of global demand.

ii. The majority of the demand for hydrogen in India could be met with green hydrogen in the long term, while its value reaches USD 8 billion by 2030.

9. As per the UN's , "The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022" report, the combined crisis led to an additional _____ to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022 as compared with pre-pandemic projections.

- 1) 84 million
- 2) 75 million
- 3) 68 million
- 4) 92 million
- 5) 55 million

Answer- 2) 75 million

Explanation:

As per the United Nations (UN) report titled '**The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022**', the Geo-political conflicts and the Covid-19 pandemic has put the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) of UN in jeopardy means they are at risk of harm.

i. The combined crisis led to an additional **75 million** to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022 as compared with pre-pandemic projections.

ii. 93 million people worldwide were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020

10. As per the 2022 edition of SOFI – Repurposing Food and Agricultural Policies to Make Healthy Diets More Affordable released in July 2022, nearly _____ people are severely or moderately hungry in 2021.

- 1) 4.9 billion people
- 2) 6.7 billion people
- 3) 2.3 billion people
- 4) 3.2 billion people
- 5) 1.2 billion people

Answer- 3) 2.3 billion people

Explanation:

According to the **2022** edition of "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) – Repurposing Food and Agricultural Policies to Make Healthy Diets More Affordable", **2.3 billion people**, an estimated 29.3 percent of the global population were moderately or severely food insecure, and 11.7 percent (923.7 million people) faced severe food insecurity.

i. It was authored by five UN agencies viz. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), and World Health Organization (WHO).

ii. Projections indicate that 8% of the world's population i.e. nearly 670 million people will be facing hunger by 2030 as against UN development goals such as to end extreme poverty and hunger by 2030.

11. As per the 4th Global Findex Database 2021 report released by World Bank (WB) in July 2022, India is among 7 Nations where _____ Adults are without Access to Formal Banking.

- 1) 1.1 billion
- 2) 1.6 billion
- 3) 1.2 billion
- 4) 1.4 billion
- 5) 1.7 billion

Answer- **4) 1.4 billion**

Explanation:

The World Bank (WB) has released the **4th** edition of its **Global Financial Inclusion Database**/Report titled 'The Global Findex Database 2021: Financial Inclusion, Digital Payments, and Resilience in the Age of COVID-19'.

- i.** As per it, India is among seven countries which home to half the world's **1.4 billion** adults without access to formal banking. In Sub-Saharan Africa, young adults (ages 15–24) make up almost 40% of those without access to banking.
- ii.** India, China, Pakistan, and Indonesia together with Bangladesh, Egypt and Nigeria i.e. these 7 nations have 54% or 740 million people of the global unbanked population.
- iii.** The Global Findex 2021 database was prepared by the Finance and Private Sector Development team of the Development Research Group in the World Bank's Development Economics Vice Presidency (DEC).
- iv.** Large shares of the global population without formal banking lives in India (130 million) and China (230 million) because of their size. They are followed by Pakistan (115 million), and Indonesia (100 million).

12. As per the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Global Gender Gap Index for 2022, India secured _____ rank among a total of 146 countries, while _____ tops the Index (as of July'22) as the most gender equal country for the 12th consecutive time.

- 1) 140th; Norway
- 2) 100th; Iceland
- 3) 135th; Norway
- 4) 140th; Finland
- 5) 135th; Iceland

Answer- **5) 135th; Iceland**

Explanation:

The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022, under Global Gender Report 2022, in which India ranks low at **135th** place among a total of **146 countries**. However, India has scored 0.629, on a scale of 0 to 1, which is its 7th highest score in the last 16 years.

- i.** **Iceland** (90.8%) has **topped** the list becoming the most gender equal country for the **12th** time in a row, followed by Finland and Norway with 2nd and 3rd place respectively.
- ii.** India also ranks poorly among its neighbours and is behind Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126). Only Iran (143), Pakistan (145) and Afghanistan (146) perform worse than India in south Asia.
- iii.** Among the eight regions covered in the report, South Asia ranks the lowest, with only 62.3% of the gender gap closed in 2022. South Asia will take the longest to reach gender parity, which is estimated to be likely in 197 years.
- iv.** In India, the labour force participation shrunk for both men (by -9.5 percentage points) and women (-3 percentage points).

13. Which of the following Indian Places were listed among the “50 extraordinary destinations to explore” by TIME magazine in its 1st list of the world’s greatest places of 2022?

- 1) Ahmedabad capital city of Gujarat
- 2) State of Kerala
- 3) Delhi Capital city of Delhi
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Both 1 & 2

Explanation:

The TIME Magazine in its first list of the World’s Greatest Places of 2022 named India’s **Ahmedabad (Gujarat)**, and **State of Kerala** among the 50 extraordinary destinations to explore. It should be noted that Ahmedabad is India’s first UNESCO World Heritage City.

i. The list also includes Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota; Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia; Istanbul; Kigali, Rwanda; Buahan in Bali.

14. Which of the following points is ‘Incorrect’ with respect to the India Rankings 2022- Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions on Performance released by the Ministry of Education in July 2022?

- 1) The India Rankings 2022 was prepared by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).
- 2) IIT Madras tops in the Overall Category for the 4th consecutive year followed by IISc in Bengaluru.
- 3) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) tops in the Universities Category for 7th consecutive year followed by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- 4) IIT Delhi was tops in Engineering for the 7th consecutive year followed by IIT Kanpur.
- 5) AIIMS, New Delhi tops the Medical category for the 5th consecutive year followed by Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

Answer- 4) IIT Delhi was tops in Engineering for 7th consecutive year followed by IIT Kanpur.

Explanation:

The Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE) released the ‘India Rankings 2022- Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions on Performance’. It was prepared by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), MoE.

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras tops in the Overall Category for the 4th consecutive year followed by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru (Karnataka).
- IISc tops in the Universities Category for the 7th consecutive year followed by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.
- Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT) Madras** of Chennai, Tamil Nadu was tops in **Engineering for 7th consecutive year** followed by **IIT Delhi**.
- AIIMS, New Delhi tops the Medical category for the 5th consecutive year followed by Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. AIIMS ranked 9th position in the Overall category for the first time.

15. As per the “Addressing The Cost-Of-Living Crisis in Developing Countries: Poverty and Vulnerability Projections and Policy Responses” report released (in July’22) by UNDP, nearly _____ people in the developing world have fallen into poverty.

- 1) 34 million
- 2) 57 million
- 3) 71 million
- 4) 92 million
- 5) 68 million

Answer- 3) 71 million

Explanation:

In a recent report titled “Addressing The Cost-Of-Living Crisis in Developing Countries: Poverty and Vulnerability Projections and Policy Responses”, the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) reported that nearly **71 million** people in the developing world have fallen into poverty.

- i.** Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, is considered to be the main cause of the spike in food and energy prices seen around the world.
- ii.** According to the UNDP, 51.6 million more people fell into poverty in the first 3 months following the Russia-Ukraine war in February 2022, living on USD 1.90 or less per day.
- iii.** As a result, 9 % of the world’s population now falls under this threshold. An additional 20 million people now live on less than USD 3.20 per day.

16. According to the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council’s (BIRAC) report titled, ‘India BioEconomy Report 2022’ released in July’22, India’s bioeconomy is likely to touch USD 150 billion by which year?

- 1) 2025
- 2) 2023
- 3) 2030
- 4) 2024
- 5) 2028

Answer- 1) 2025

Explanation:

According to the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council’s (**BIRAC**) report titled, India BioEconomy Report 2022, India’s bioeconomy is likely to touch **USD 150 billion** by **2025** and over USD 300 billion by 2030.

- i.** The report was released by the Minister of Science and Technology (S&T), Jitendra Singh. This report has been prepared for “Make in India Facilitation Cell for Biotechnology” of BIRAC by Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE).
- ii.** He also launched a special Biotech Ignition Grant call for North East Region (BIG-NER) with the financial support of up to Rs 50 Lakhs each to 25 startups and entrepreneurs from NER to develop biotech solutions.
- iii.** As per the report, India’s bioeconomy has reached over USD 80 billion in 2021, calculating a growth of 14.1 percent to USD 70.2 billion in 2020.

17. As per the “Henley Passport Index 2022” released by Henley & Partners in July 2022, _____ secured 1st rank as the world’s most powerful passport, while India secured _____ rank in the list.

- 1) Spain; 80th
- 2) Japan; 87th
- 3) South Korea; 65th
- 4) Japan; 80th
- 5) South Korea; 87th

Answer- 2) Japan; 87th

Explanation:

According to the “**Henley Passport Index 2022**” released by Henley & Partners, an immigration consultancy based in London (United Kingdom).

i. The **Japanese** passport, the **world’s most powerful passport**, grants hassle-free access into 193 countries followed by Singapore and South Korea both shared Second place.

ii. India, along with Mauritania and Tajikistan, has been ranked 87th and grants visa-free access to 60 countries.

iii. Pakistan’s passport is the fourth-worst in the world, ranked 109th, one rank below Yemen and three ranks above Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan.

18. Which of the following points is ‘Incorrect’ with respect to the 3rd edition of the India Innovation Index 2021 released by NITI Aayog in July 2022?

A) Maharashtra has topped the Major States category in the 3rd edition of India Innovation Index 2021, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

B) Among the North-Eastern India Innovation Index 2021 and Hilly States, Manipur tops as the best performer, followed by Uttarakhand and Meghalaya.

C) In the Union Territories and City-States, Chandigarh is the top performer, followed by Delhi.

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

Answer- 1) Only A

Explanation:

Suman Bery, Vice Chairman of **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India), released the **third edition** of the **India Innovation Index 2021** at NITI Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- **Karnataka** has topped the Major States’ category in the 3rd edition of **India Innovation Index 2021**, followed by Telangana and Haryana.
- Among the North-Eastern India Innovation Index 2021 and Hilly States, Manipur tops as the best performer, followed by Uttarakhand and Meghalaya.
- For the Union Territories and City-States, Chandigarh is the top performer, followed by Delhi.
- Every year, the NITI Aayog and its knowledge partner, the Institute for Competitiveness, India, publish the India Innovation Index.

19. Which organisation recently (in July'22) released a report 'Digital Banks: A proposal for Licensing and Regulatory Regime for India'?

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

Answer- 1) NITI Aayog

Explanation:

The Central Government think tank, National Institution for Transforming India (**NITI**) **Aayog** releases its report on digital banks, titled '**Digital Banks: A proposal for Licensing and Regulatory Regime for India**' offering a template and roadmap for licensing and regulatory regime for India.

i. The report was released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery; and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Parameswaran Iyer; and Senior Adviser Anna Roy, in the presence of other officials.

ii. As per the report, Digital Business bank may be required to bring in Rs 20 crore of minimum paid-up capital in the restricted phase.

iii. Upon progression from the sandbox a full-scale Digital Business bank will be required to bring in Rs 200 crore.

20. As per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation 's 'Youth in India 2022' report released in July 2022, India's Elderly Population projected to reach 14.9% in ____ & Youth population to decline at ____ in 2036.

- 1) 2030; 22.7%
- 2) 2025; 19.2%
- 3) 2036; 22.7%
- 4) 2025; 30.8%
- 5) 2030; 19.2%

Answer- 3) 2036; 22.7%

Explanation:

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (**MoSPI**) has released a report titled '**Youth in India 2022**' stating that the population share of the youth has started declining as the share of the elderly is expected to steadily surge during 2021-2036.

i. Proportion of **youth** to the total population had **increased** from 26.6% in 1991 to 27.9% in 2016 and then projected to start a **downward** trend and to reach **22.7%** by year **2036** i.e. in the latter half of 2011-2036 period.

ii. On the contrary, the proportion of **elderly population** to the total population has increased from 6.8% in 1991 to 9.2% in 2016 and is projected to reach **14.9%** in **2036**.

iii. The more populous states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh (UP), which experienced a rise in proportion of youth population to total population till 2021, are expected to see a decline from hereon

iv. States such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh are projected to see a higher elderly population than the youth by 2036.

21. According to the NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021 report, India's R&D expenditure is one of the lowest in the world with _____ per capita.

- 1) USD 20
- 2) USD 39
- 3) USD 59
- 4) USD 75
- 5) USD 43

Answer- 5) USD 43

Explanation:

According to National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021 report, India's gross expenditure on research and development (R&D) is one of the lowest in the world with **USD 43** per capita.

- i.** As per the report, India must boost R&D expenditure to reach on a par with BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa) or ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries such as Russia (USD 285), Brazil (USD173), and Malaysia (USD 293).
- ii.** This is the 3rd edition of India Innovation Index which adopts the framework of Global Innovation Index (GII), with 66 indicators across seven pillars.
- iii.** India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) as a percentage of GDP has been consistent to around 0.7 % for almost a decade.
- iv.** Karnataka has emerged as the best state among other major states, Manipur is the best performer among north-eastern and hilly states and Chandigarh is the top performer among Union Territories (UTs).

22. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Electricity Market Report as of July 2022?

- A) The Electricity Market Report, released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).**
- B) The global electricity demand growth is falling drastically in 2022 and 2023.**
- C) The IEA has increased India's annual electricity demand from 6% to 7% in 2022 and a 5 % growth rate is forecasted for 2023.**

- 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:

According to the July 2022 update of the Electricity Market Report, released by the International Energy Agency (IEA), global electricity demand growth is falling drastically in 2022 after a strong recovery in 2021 as economic development weakens and energy costs skyrocket following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

- i.** A 2.4 % rise in global electricity demand is seen in 2022, which is less than the 3 % forecast made in January 2022. In 2023, it is expected to continue growing at a similar rate, down from a 6% rise in 2021 and in line with the five-year average prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ii. The IEA has increased India's annual electricity demand from 6% to 7% in 2022 due to unusually high summer temperatures, leading to a considerable increase in consumption. Additionally, a 5 % growth rate is forecasted for 2023.

23. According to the Expat Insider 2022 Rankings published by InterNations, India secured _____ rank out of 52 nations on the list, while _____ has topped the Expat Insider 2022

Rankings.

- 1) 36th; Mexico
- 2) 40th; Indonesia
- 3) 36th; Taiwan
- 4) 20th; Mexico
- 5) 40th; Taiwan

Answer- **1) 36th; Mexico**

Explanation:

According to the Expat Insider 2022 Rankings published by InterNations headquartered at Germany, India is ranked **36th** out of 52 nations on the list, with a high affordability score.

i. Mexico has topped the **Expat Insider 2022** Rankings followed by Indonesia, Taiwan. Kuwait, ranked 52nd, is the worst country for expats.

ii. The USA is ranked 14, Canada 23, and China is at 33. India is placed between Egypt (35th) and the United Kingdom (37th).

iii. A person who dwells outside of their nation of origin is known as an expatriate (shortly known as "expat").

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

1. In June 2022, The CCI approved the acquisition of ____ stake in Bharti Airtel Limited (BAL) by Google International LLC.

- 1) 1.28%
- 2) 3.19%
- 3) 2.16%
- 4) 1.02%
- 5) 3.87%

Answer- **1) 1.28%**

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) approved the acquisition of a minority and non-controlling stake of **1.28%** in Bharti Airtel Limited (**BAL**) by Google International LLC (Limited Liability Company), is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google LLC.

i. The approval was given under Regulation 13 (1A) of the Competition Commission of India (Procedure in regard to the Transaction of Business Relating To Combinations) Regulations , 2011.

Acquirer: Google International LLC

Target: Bharti Airtel Limited (BAL)

2. In July 2022, Tata Steel Long products Limited (TSLP) acquired a ____ strategic stake in Neelachal Ispat Nigam for Rs 12,100 crore.

- 1) 59.12%
- 2) 93.71%
- 3) 82.42%
- 4) 76.99%
- 5) 65.81%

Answer- 2) 93.71%

Explanation:

The Ministry of Finance (**MoF**) announced the completion of strategic disinvestment transaction for Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (**NINL**) with the transfer of **93.71%** shares of the joint venture partners (4 CPSEs and 2 Odisha Govt. PSUs) to the strategic buyer Tata Steel Long products Limited (**TSLP**), a subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited (Tata Steel).

- Tata Steel Long India Limited paid the Enterprise Value (EV) of Rs.12,100 Crores.

About Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL):

Located – Jajpur, Odisha

Chairman– J. Ravi Shanker

3. Which of the following companies recently (in July '22) got approval from CCI to acquire Citrix Systems, Inc.?

- 1) Elliott Investment Management
- 2) Vista Equity Partners Management
- 3) Innovations Investment Management India
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Both 1 & 2

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) approved the acquisition of Citrix Systems, Inc. (**Citrix**) by Vista Equity Partners Management, LLC (**Vista**) and Elliott Investment Management L.P. (**Elliott**).

i. The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of Citrix by funds managed by Vista, and funds and investment vehicles managed by Elliot.

ii. The proposed combination parties under a Plan of Merger include- Elliott Alto Aggregator GP LLC (Elliott Aggregator); Picard Parent, Inc (Picard Parent); Picard HoldCo LLC (Holdco); and Citrix Systems, Inc. (Citrix).

4. In July 2022, the Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL) received shareholder's approval to demerge its _____.

- 1) Piramal Financial Services.
- 2) Piramal Healthcare
- 3) Piramal Life Sciences
- 4) Piramal Information Management
- 5) Pharmaceuticals Business

Answer- 5) Pharmaceuticals Business

Explanation:

Ajay Piramal-owned Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL) has received shareholder's approval to demerge its **pharmaceuticals business, Piramal Pharma Limited (PPL)** and simplify the corporate structure. The company has received 99 per cent of votes at the shareholders meeting held on 5th July 2022.

- i. The demerger will divide the company into Two Entities: financial services and pharmaceuticals.
- ii. The demerger follows the group's acquisition of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) for Rs 34,250 crore, which was completed in September 2021.

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

- 1) The CCI approved the 100% acquisition of Solenergi Power Private Limited by Shell Overseas Investments B.V. from Actis Solenergi Limited.
- 2) The CCI also approved the acquisition of 100% equity in 10 road infrastructure projects by Shrem InvIT from Dilip Buildcon Limited (DBL) & its associates.
- 3) Both the acquisitions were approved by CCI under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

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6. In July 2022, _____ recently (in July'22) signed a definitive agreement to acquire BASE life science for _____ Euro.

- 1) Infosys; 90 million
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services; 160 million
- 3) Infosys; 110 million
- 4) Tata Consultancy Services; 90 million
- 5) Wipro; 110 million

Answer- **3) Infosys; 110 million**

Explanation:

Infosys Ltd signed a definitive agreement to acquire **BASE life science**, a leading technology and consulting firm in the life sciences industry, for up to **110 million Euro** (about USD 111 million). The acquisition is expected to close during the second quarter (Q2) of FY23.

- i. The acquisition of Denmark-based BASE life science is to deepen life sciences domain capabilities and strengthen footprint across Europe and will help global life sciences companies realize business value from cloud-first digital platforms and data, to speed-up clinical trials and scale drug development.

ii. BASE has about 200 industry experts across Denmark, Switzerland, UK, Germany, France, Italy, and a nearshore technology hub in Spain. Founded in 2007.

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

- 1) CCI has approved the proposition to increase the proportion of voting rights held by Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) in ReNew Energy Global PLC (ReNew).
- 2) CCI has approved the proposal for the Indirect subscription of more than 30% of a total number of issued shares of CitiusTech by Bain Capital & Bain Credit.
- 3) CCI has approved the acquisition of Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Limited (AFLI) by its group company Ageas Insurance International NV (Ageas).
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

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8. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) reduced its stake by ____ in Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Sun Pharma).

- 1) 2%
- 2) 4%
- 3) 1%
- 4) 3%
- 5) 5%

Answer- **1) 2%**

Explanation:

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) reduced its shareholding in Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (**Sun Pharma**) by selling **2.002% stake** for around Rs 3882 crore, decreasing its shareholding from 7.026% to 5.024% of the paid-up capital.

- LIC's shareholding in Sun Pharma has diluted to 12,05,24,944 equity shares from 16,85,66,486.

About Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries:

Founder & Managing Director (MD) – Dilip Shanghvi

Establishment – 1983

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

9. In July 2022, Bharti Airtel allotted _____ Equity Shares to Google International LLC (Google) for USD 1 Billion.

- 1) 1.5%
- 2) 2.6%
- 3) 1.2 %
- 4) 2.4%
- 5) 1.8%

Answer- 3) 1.2%

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel, a telecom operator has allotted 71,176,839 equity shares of the face value of Rs. 5 each fully paid up, on preferential basis to Google International LLC (**Google**) at an issue price of Rs. 734 per equity share. Google will hold ~**1.2%** of the total post-issue equity shares of Bharti Airtel, which is about 1.17% on fully-diluted basis.

i. The equity shares arise as a part of Google's commitment to invest **USD 1 billion** with Airtel including equity investment in the company worth USD 700 million (about Rs. 5,224 crore).

10. Which bank received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Citibank, N.A.'s (Citi) and Citicorp Finance India Limited's consumer banking activities?

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) YES Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer- 4) Axis Bank

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (**CCI**) approves the acquisition of Citibank, N.A.'s (Citi) and Citicorp Finance India Limited's (**Citicorp**) undertakings comprising their consumer banking activities by **Axis Bank** under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

i. The approval has been given for Rs. 12,325 crore Axis Bank – Citi deal, which is payable after the entire Citi Bank's business is transferred to Axis Bank.

ii. Under the deal, Axis Bank would take over Citi's credit cards, personal loans and wealth management businesses.

11. In July 2022, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of _____ stake in Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) by Greenforest New Energies Bidco Limited.

- 1) 14.98%
- 2) 11.43%
- 3) 10.87%
- 4) 18.23%
- 5) 15.21%

Answer- 2) 11.43%

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of up to **11.43%** stake in Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) by Greenforest New Energies Bidco Limited (Greenforest).

i. Greenforest New Energies Bidco Limited is jointly run by BlackRock Alternatives Management, LLC. (BAM) and Mubadala Investment Company PJSC (MIC).

12. In July 2022, the Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) will acquire its venture capital subsidiary HDFC Venture Capital Limited (HVCL) by buying shares of a 19.5% stake from which bank?

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

Answer- **2) State Bank of India**

Explanation:

The Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) will acquire its venture capital subsidiary HVCL (HDFC Venture Capital Limited) by buying out the State Bank of India (SBI)'s **19.5%** stake in the company.

i. Currently HDFC holds 80.50 % equity share capital of HVCL and the remaining 19.50 % shares are held by SBI.

ii. After the proposed acquisition of shares, HVCL would become a wholly-owned subsidiary of HDFC.

DEFENCE

1. The Rim of the Pacific 2022 (RIMPAC 2022) recently (in June '22) commenced on the island of Oahu in _____.

- 1) Samoa
- 2) Papua New Guinea
- 3) Tonga
- 4) Hawaii
- 5) Fiji

Answer- **4) Hawaii**

Explanation:

Rim of the Pacific 2022 (RIMPAC 2022) commenced at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), a United States military base on the island of Oahu, **Hawaii**. The exercise was started with 21 United States (US) partner nation ships, including one submarine, from 14 countries. It is a biennial event and 2022 marks the 28th edition of RIMPAC.

i. In RIMPAC 2022, 26 nations are participating and it is hosted by the US Navy. RIMPAC 2022's theme is "Capable Adaptive Partners".

ii. INS Satpura and one P8I maritime patrol aircraft from the Indian Navy participated in RIMPAC 2022.

iii. INS Satpura is a 6000-tonne guided missile stealth frigate that is designed and built indigenously and is equipped to seek and destroy adversaries in air, surface and underwater.

2. The Ministry of Defence recently (in July'22) approved Arms procurement proposals for _____ under Buy Indian Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured (IDDM) category.

- 1) Rs. 50,868 crore
- 2) Rs. 39,767 crore
- 3) Rs. 10,876 crore
- 4) Rs. 28,732 crore
- 5) Rs. 41,909 crore

Answer- **4) Rs. 28,732 crore**

Explanation:

The Defence Acquisition Council (**DAC**) headed by Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD) approved Arms procurement proposals worth **Rs. 28,732 crore** under Buy Indian Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured (**IDDM**) category. This approval will provide further boost to AtmaNirbharta in Defence.

- i. DAC accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for Bullet Proof Jackets with BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) VI level of protection.
- ii. DAC also accorded AoN for induction of approximately four lakhs of Close Quarter Battle Carbines for the Services.
- iii. AoN for procurement of Autonomous Surveillance and Armed Drone Swarms has been accorded by the DAC which will augment the Indian Army's capability in modern warfare.

3. In July 2022, Indian Navy (IN) received two MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters (MRH)-Romeo Helicopters from which country?

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

Answer- **4) United States of America**

Explanation:

The Indian Navy (**IN**) received two MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters (**MRH**) – Romeo Helicopters from the United States of America (**USA**).

- i. The helicopters were delivered by the C-17 Special Air Assignment Mission Flight of the US Air Force at Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL), Kerala.
- ii. These 2 helicopters are a part of the 24 MH 60Rs contracted from the USA in 2020. The 3rd helicopter is set to be delivered in August 2022.
- iii. Initially, these multiple-mission-capable helicopters would be based at Naval Air Station Garuda at Kochi, Kerala and put through intensive flying trials for integration into the Indian Navy fleet.

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Explanation:

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched a digital portal named '**Pariksha Sangam**' to streamline all CBSE board exams and result related activities for classes 10th and 12th. It is a one stop portal for all CBSE board exam activities.

i. Under the portal information like – CBSE circular, Latest CBSE news, reference material, sample paper, model paper, Question Bank, school results etc will be provided to the School students, Regional offices and Head Offices.

ii. The portal has three sections- Schools (Ganga), Regional Offices (Yamuna) and Head Office (Saraswati).

5. In July 2022, Virgin Orbit's fully mobile LauncherOne system carried 7 US Defence Satellites from _____ at California, United States.

1) Sukhoi Su-27

2) Dassault Mirage 2000

3) Boeing 747

4) Dassault Mirage F1

5) Fighting Falcon F-16

Answer- **3) Boeing 747**

Explanation:

Virgin Orbit's fully mobile LauncherOne system conducted its first ever evening flight a modified Boeing 747 called Cosmic Girl at the Mojave Air and Space Port in California which carried 7 United States (**US**) Defence Department satellites.

i. The seven satellites deployed by the Straight Up launch are from multiple government agencies and will facilitate experiments intended to demonstrate innovative spacecraft technologies, new approaches for satellite applications, and Earth atmospheric science.

ii. This launch was named 'Straight Up', inspired by American singer Paula Abdul's debut studio album 'Forever Your Girl', which was released through Virgin Records in 1988.

6. Name the country that recently (in July '22) launched a solid-fueled rocket named "Zuljanah" into space.

1) Pakistan

2) Iran

3) United Arab Emirates

4) South Korea

5) Indonesia

Answer- **2) Iran**

Explanation:

Iran launched its second **solid-fuelled rocket** named "**Zuljanah**" with a satellite carrier into space by the Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics.

- The Zuljanah is a three-stage satellite launcher using a combination of solid and liquid fuels.

About Zuljanah:

i. It's a solid-fueled 25.5 meter-long rocket which can carry a satellite of 220 kilograms into space. The rocket weighs 52 tons and can reach an orbit of 500 kilometers above the surface.

ii. It will gather data in low-earth orbit as well as promote Iran's space industry.

iii. The rocket's name, Zuljanah, comes from the name of the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

7. Name the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 324, 1st naval squadron on the eastern seaboard, that was recently (in July'22) commissioned by the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

- 1) Kestrels
- 2) Heron
- 3) Agni
- 4) Chetak
- 5) Kamov

Answer- **1) Kestrels**

Explanation:

Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 324, named 'Kestrels', the 1st naval squadron on the **eastern seaboard** operating the indigenously designed and built Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) DHRUV MK III (MR) helicopters was commissioned into the Indian Navy in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh** to boost its maritime surveillance.

i. INAS 324 is commanded by Cdr S.S. Dash, an experienced ALH qualified flying instructor with extensive operational experience.

ii. The name Kestrels is inspired by the bird species that has good sensory capabilities and its internal meaning stands for searching over vast blue waters and white sea waves, which signifies the role of Maritime Reconnaissance (MR) and Search and Rescue (SAR) role of the squadron.

iii. ALH MK III helicopters are developed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

8. In which institute, India's first autonomous navigation facility, 'TiHAN' was launched by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology?

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

Answer- **3) IIT Hyderabad**

Explanation:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Science & Technology Jitendra Singh launched India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, **TiHAN** (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) for Aerial and Terrestrial with a budget layout of Rs. 130 crores at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad campus.

About TiHAN:

- National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS), TiHAN is a multi-disciplinary initiative of IIT Hyderabad.
- TiHAN is developing and deploying a real-time CPS system by utilising autonomous UAVs and ground or surface vehicles for many application sectors of national importance.

9. In July 2022, The CoE-SURVEI developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based software to Protect Defence Land along with the knowledge partner _____.

- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 2) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 3) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
- 4) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 5) Defence Research and Development Organisation

Answer- 3) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Explanation:

The Centre of Excellence on Satellite and Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE-SURVEI) has developed an Artificial Intelligence-based software which can automatically detect change on the ground, including unauthorized constructions and encroachments in a time series using satellite imagery.

i. CoE-SURVEI was established by Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) , at National Institute of Defence Estates Management at Meerut Cantonment in Uttar Pradesh (UP).

ii. This change detection software has been developed by CoE-SURVEI in collaboration with knowledge partner Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (**BARC**), Visakhapatnam.

10. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in July'22) step taken by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS)?

- 1) Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur launched revised schemes for Cash Awards, National Welfare and Pension to sportspersons.
- 2) The Ministry also launched the Web Portal for Schemes of the Department of Sports, developed by the Department of Sports and the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).
- 3) The Web Portal is a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) website, which makes it easier for sportspersons to apply for benefits under the Department of Sports' revised schemes.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

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i. The Ministry also launched Web Portal for Schemes of the Department of Sports, developed by the Department of Sports and the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), a dedicated interactive website.

ii. This is a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) website, which makes it easier for sportspersons to apply for benefits under the Department of Sports' revised schemes.

11. Name the organisation that was recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with Safran Helicopter Engines to establish a new Joint Venture (JV) to manufacture helicopter engines.

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

Answer- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) and **Safran Helicopter Engines**, based in France, have signed an **MoU** to establish a new 50-50 Joint Venture (**JV**) to manufacture helicopter engines.

i. HAL and Safran Helicopter Engines will also offer MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) services for the TM333 and Shakti engines in service by the Indian Armed Forces through their JV, Helicopter Engines MRO Pvt Limited (HE-MRO) in Goa. It is expected to be operational by the end of 2023.

12. Which organisation recently (in July'22) tested a first-of-its-kind waste disposal technology by releasing 78 kg of garbage from the International Space Station (ISS)?

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

Answer- 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Explanation:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) tested a first-of-its-kind waste disposal technology by releasing around **78 kg** (172 lbs) of garbage from the International Space Station (ISS).

i. The waste disposal technology has been jointly developed by NASA's Johnson Space centre and Nanoracks.

ii. The garbage bag was removed from the Nanoracks's commercial Bishop Airlock in ISS. Nanoracks Bishop Airlock is a world's first commercial airlock to the International Space Station (ISS) infrastructure.

13. Which organisation's scientists recently (in July'22) discovered three exotic particles, a new kind of "pentaquark" & the 1st-ever pair of "tetraquarks" with the help of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) for the 1st time?

- 1) Israel Atomic Energy Commission, Israel
- 2) Argonne National Laboratory, United States
- 3) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, India
- 4) CERN, Switzerland
- 5) CRIEPI, Japna

Answer- 4) CERN, Switzerland

Explanation:

Scientists of CERN or European Council for Nuclear Research discovered three subatomic (exotic) particles with the help of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) for the first time using the Large Hadron Collider beauty (LHCb) experiment.

i. The subatomic particles were seen as scientists began smashing protons at record energy levels in the 27 km long LHC machine in Geneva, Switzerland. The result is presented at the ICHEP 2022 in Italy.

ii. These particles are a new kind of "pentaquark" and the first-ever pair of "tetraquarks", which includes a new type of tetraquark. The discovery solves the combining nature of composite particles.