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Explanation:

New Zealand Cricket and the players' association have signed a historic five-year deal that will see male and female cricketers receive equal pay.

- i. The match fees for a Test will be NZ USD 10,250, while it'll be NZ USD2,500 for a T20I and NZ USD4,000 for an ODI.
- ii. The new agreement also increases the number of contracts offered to women cricketers in New Zealand.

129. The Indian Navy participated in the Seychelles Defence Force for Seychelles independence day on 29 June 2022.

Which of the following Indian Navy Ships was deployed at Port Victoria of Seychelles?

- 1) INS Imphal
- 2) INS Arihant
- 3) INS Kolkata
- 4) INS Rajput
- 5) INS Talwar

Answer- 3) INS Kolkata

Explanation:

The Indian Navy contingent joined the personnel of the Seychelles Defence Force and the citizens of Seychelles for the Independence Day celebrations recently.

- i. **INS Kolkata**, an indigenously built Stealth Guided Missile Destroyer of the Indian Navy, was **deployed** to Port Victoria of Seychelles to coincide with Independence Day on 29th June 2022. It was dressed overall to mark the ceremonial occasion.
- ii. The deployment marked sustained participation of Indian Military Contingent in the Seychelles National Day since 1976.

130. Name the country that was recently (in July'22) inaugurated its first campus based IT business incubator.

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- 1) Bangladesh

Explanation:

In a major step towards boosting the start up sector in **Bangladesh**, the first campus based IT business incubator was opened at Chattogram.

- i. The facility named 'Sheikh Kamal IT Business Incubator' was inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) in a virtual function.
- ii. The incubator will provide a complete and innovative eco-system for start ups in Bangladesh. Some 220 entrepreneurs, trainees, free lancers and potential startups will get financial and logistical services at the centre along with the mentoships.

131. Which Indian Navy Ship (INS) was recently (in July'22) completed its 4th phase of Sea Trials?

- 1) INS Viraat
- 2) INS Vikrant
- 3) INS Arihant
- 4) INS Vikramaditya
- 5) INS Rajput

Answer- 2) INS Vikrant

Explanation:

The fourth phase of Sea Trials for Indigenous Aircraft Carrier - **INS Vikrant** has been successfully completed during which integrated trials of the majority of equipment and systems onboard were undertaken.

- i.** The indigenous design and construction of Aircraft Carrier by Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited is a shining example in the Nation's quest for AatmaNirbhar Bharat and Make in India Initiative with more than 76 percent indigenous content.
- ii.** Maiden Sea Trials of IAC were successfully completed in Aug 2021. This was followed by second and third phases of Sea Trials in Oct 2021 and Jan 2022 respectively.

132. India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati unveiled its new logo in its silver jubilee year on 11th July, 2022.

Who is the current (as of July'22) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati?

- 1) Rajesh Babu
- 2) Shabih Hyder
- 3) Anuradha Agarwal
- 4) Mayank Kumar Agrawal
- 5) Navneet Kaur

Answer- 4) Mayank Kumar Agrawal

Explanation:

India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati unveiled its new logo on July 11, 2022, in its silver jubilee year. The new logo was released by the secretary of I&B Apurva Chandra, secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in the presence of **Mayank Kumar Agrawal**, CEO, **Prasar Bharati**, DPS Negi, Member (Finance), Prasar Bharati, and officers of Ministry of I&B and Prasar Bharati.

- i.** The organization started as All India Radio (AIR) in the past and Doordarshan (DD) was born to cater to television services later and finally came Prasar Bharati (PB) by the enactment of an act by the parliament, which is visualized in the logo identity as emerging and evolving from the centre.
- ii.** The elements in the central circle and map of India signify the service of trust, security, and perfection to the Nation, its colour, 'Dark Moderate Blue' represents both the sky and the sea.

133. In which state Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh:-

Chief Minister – Jai Ram Thakur

Festivals – Nalwari Fair, Deotsidh Fair, and Baisakhi

Wildlife Sanctuaries – **Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary**, Pong Dam Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, and Rakcham-Chitkul Wildlife Sanctuary (also known as sangla valley)

134. The Hooghly river is a distributary of the _____.

- 1) Beas River
- 2) Ganga River
- 3) Indus River
- 4) Godavari River
- 5) Yamuna River

Answer- **2) Ganga**

Explanation:

The Hooghly river is a distributary of the **Ganges**. River Ganga splits into Hooghly and River Padma at Murshidabad. River Padma flows towards Bangladesh and River Hooghly flows south into West Bengal.

- The river flows through the Rarh region, the lower deltaic districts of West Bengal, and eventually into the Bay of Bengal.
- The upper riparian zone of the river is called Bhagirathi while the lower riparian zone is called Hooghly.

135. Which of the following articles of the Indian Constitution provides for every State to have a Governor?

- 1) Article 159
- 2) Article 160
- 3) Article 153
- 4) Article 158
- 5) Article 162

Answer- **3) Article 153**

Explanation:

Article 153 of the Indian Constitution provides for every State to have a **Governor**. Further, the **7th** Constitution Amendment Act of 1956 has added a provision under Article 153 which provides for the same person to act as the Governor of two states simultaneously.

136. Google commemorated renowned Indian poet Balamani Amma's 113th birthday on 19th July 2022 with a unique doodle.

In which year did she receive the Padma Bhushan Award in the field of Literature & Education?

- 1) 1987
- 2) 1965
- 3) 1999
- 4) 1995
- 5) 1958

Answer- 1) 1987

Explanation:

Google commemorated renowned Indian poet Nalapat Balamani Amma's 113th birthday on 19th July 2022 with a unique doodle, illustrated by Kerala-based artist Devika Ramachandran. Amma passed away in 2004.

i. Amma received several medals and honours, including the **Padma Bhushan**, India's third highest civilian honour, in **1987** in the field of Literature & Education; the Sahitya Akademi Award for Muthassi in 1965; and the Saraswati Samman for Nivedyam in 1995.

ii. Amma was born in Punnayurkulam located in Thrissur district of Kerala in 1909. She is still referred to as the 'amma' (mother) and 'muthassi' (grandmother) of Malayalam poetry.

iii. Her most famous works include Amma (1934), Muthassi (1962) and Mazhuvinte Katha (1966).

137. The 'Long Walk to Freedom' is the Autobiography of _____.

- 1) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 2) Barack Obama
- 3) Malala Yousafzai
- 4) Nelson Mandela
- 5) Mahatma Gandhi

Answer- 4) **Nelson Mandela**

Explanation:

Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa. He was born on 18 July 1918.

Books by Nelson Mandela:

- **"Long Walk to Freedom"**, the Autobiography of Nelson Mandela.
- "I am prepared to die"
- "The Prison Letters of Nelson Mandela"

138. In which city the Natural Farming Conclave was organised?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Surat, Gujarat
- 3) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- 2) **Surat, Gujarat**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed a **Natural Farming Conclave** via video conferencing. The conclave, organised in **Surat, Gujarat**, is witnessing participation of thousands of farmers and all other stakeholders who have made adoption of Natural farming in Surat a success story.

i. The conclave was also attended by the Governor and Chief Minister Gujarat.

139. Who was appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)?

- 1) Atish Mathur
- 2) Karisiddappa
- 3) Elangovan Vellaichamy
- 4) E.Murugan

5) Suranjan Das

Answer- **5) Suranjan Das**

Explanation:

The Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor, **Suranjan Das** was appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (**AIU**). His tenure as president will be for one year from July 1 2022.
i. Association of Indian Universities is an organisation and association of major universities in India. It is based in Delhi.

140. Name the personality who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL).

- 1) Sanjay Sahgal
- 2) Rajendra Prasad
- 3) Arun Bijalwan
- 4) Vijay Kumar
- 5) Satish Agnihotri

Answer- **2) Rajendra Prasad**

Explanation:

Rajendra Prasad has been appointed as the Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (**NHSRCL**) after the government dismissed Satish Agnihotri over corruption allegations.

i. He is working as Director of Project with NHSRCL since November 2017 and is overall in charge of civil engineering works of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project, popularly known as the Bullet Train Project.

141. Rey Vargas won the World Boxing Council featherweight title at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. He belongs to which country?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Mexico
- 3) Russia
- 4) Argentina
- 5) Germany

Answer- **2) Mexico**

Explanation:

Mexico's Rey Vargas won the World Boxing Council featherweight title at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas in July 2022 overcoming a knockdown to take a split decision over Filipino star Mark Magsayo in a battle of unbeaten.

142. Who is the founder of and Chairman of Vedanta Resources Limited?

- 1) Reji Abraham
- 2) Rajendra Gogri
- 3) Sanjeev Sharma
- 4) Munir Shaikh
- 5) Anil Agrawal

Answer- **5) Anil Agrawal**

Explanation:

Vedanta Resources Ltd.'s chairman Anil Agrawal shared how he became the first Indian to list a firm on London Stock Exchange (LSE) in 2003

i. Mining mogul Anil Agarwal took to Twitter to narrate how he became the first Indian to get his company Vedanta listed on the London Stock Exchange in 2003.

143. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) barred hotels and restaurants from levying service charges automatically or by default in food bills.**The CCPA under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution
- 3) Ministry of Finance
- 4) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- 5) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer- **2) Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution**

Explanation:

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), **Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution** barred hotels and restaurants from levying service charges automatically or by default in food bills. It allowed customers to file complaints in case of violation with the consumer commissions, including through 'e-Daakhil'.

i. The authority, set up under the Consumer Protection Act, has issued detailed guidelines specifying the duties of eateries and the rights of customers and termed levying of service charges as "unfair trade practice".

144. The Term 'transition take foul' related to which game?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Basketball
- 3) Chess
- 4) Golf
- 5) Baseball

Answer- **2) Basketball**

Explanation:

The National **Basketball** Association (NBA) has finally taken a call on the "transition take foul" rule and has completed the process of changing it. The board has approved a plan to award one free throw when teams are disadvantaged by the take foul.

i. The board made the decision after a meeting in July 2022. It also said that the play-in tournament is going to be around for the foreseeable future.

145. In July 2022, the Adani Sportsline announced the names of its team in UAE International T20 League (ILT20) as _____.

- 1) Chicago Bears
- 2) Gulf Giants
- 3) Atlanta Falcons
- 4) Carolina Panthers
- 5) Detroit Lions

Answer- **2) Gulf Giants**

Explanation:

Adani Sportsline, the sports arm of Adani group, announced the name of its team in UAE International League T20 as '**Gulf Giants**' and hired former Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower as head coach for the inaugural season that will take place between January and February 2023.

146. Who recently (in July'22) took charge as executive director of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- 1) Ajay Tyagi
- 2) U K Sinha
- 3) Pramod Rao
- 4) D. R. Mehta
- 5) S. Nadkarni

Answer- **3) Pramod Rao**

Explanation:

Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced that **Pramod Rao** has taken charge as its executive director.

i. He will handle the department of debt and hybrid securities as well as the enquiry and adjudication department.

147. What is the capital of East Timor?

- 1) Baku
- 2) Dili
- 3) Cairo
- 4) Suva
- 5) Accra

Answer- **2) Dili**

Explanation:

Capital of East Timor **is Dili** and Currency is Dollar.

i. East Timor's President Jose Ramos-Horta in a meeting with his Indonesian counterpart stated that Asia's youngest country (East Timor) could join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2023.

148. In which state Daulatabad Stadium is located?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **5) Haryana**

Explanation:

The Haryana Government announced that the Daulatabad Stadium in Gurugram will be home to Special Olympics Bharat events for the next 20 years.

- Special Olympics, the world's largest sports organisation for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities, has been operating in India since 1987.

149. What is the Capital of Belgium?

- 1) Baku
- 2) Brussels
- 3) Belmopan
- 4) Bangui
- 5) Bogota

Answer- **2) Brussels**

Explanation:

About Belgium

Capital- Brussels

Currency- Euro

Recently (in July'22) Belgian Deputy PM and Foreign Minister, Sophie Wilmes, has resigned to take care of her husband, former Australian footballer Chris Stone, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

150. The 19th edition of the Asian Games 2023 will be held in _____.

- 1) Hangzhou, China
- 2) Bangkok, Thailand
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Doha, Qatar
- 5) Incheon, South Korea

Answer- **1) Hangzhou, China**

Explanation:

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced China is set to host the postponed Asian Games in September 2023.

The 19th edition of the Asian Games will now be held in **Hangzhou, China** from September 23 to October 8 2022.

151. What is the Currency of Syria?

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

Answer- **4) Pound**

Explanation:

About Syria:

Capital- Damascus

Currency- Syrian Pound

Recently, India welcomed the adoption of the resolution by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on extending authorization of humanitarian assistance to Syria through the Bab-Al Hawa crossing.

152. Who recently (in July'22) won the APJ Award for 2022 for her role in developing indigenous missile systems?

- 1) Tessy Thomas
- 2) Kamala Sohoni
- 3) Indira Hinduja
- 4) Aditi Pant
- 5) Rajeshwari Chatterjee

Answer- 1) Tessy Thomas

Explanation:

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan presented the APJ Award 2022 instituted by Noorul Islam University to Dr. Tessy Thomas, scientist and Director General, Aeronautical Systems, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

i. The award, comprising a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000 and a citation, was given away at a function held at the NIMS Medicity auditorium in the district.

ii. Dr. Tessy Thomas, also known as Missile Woman, was selected for the award for her role in developing indigenous missile systems.

153. Which state reports India's first case of monkeypox in July 2022?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 2) Kerala

Explanation:

Kerala reports India's first case of monkeypox, prompting the Union government to depute a high-level multi-disciplinary team to the southern state.

i. The man, hailing from Kollam district, arrived in Kerala from the UAE in July 2022 and subjected himself for treatment the same day after his close contact in the West Asian country tested positive for monkeypox.

154. The ____ edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is scheduled to be held at Goa on 20th to 28th November 2022.

- 1) 55th
- 2) 53rd
- 3) 56th
- 4) 54th
- 5) 57th

Answer- 2) 53rd

Explanation:

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur announced that the International Film Festival of India, IFFI aims to promote the business of cinema for the benefit of the film industry and to boost the creative economy of India.

i. The **53rd** edition of **IFFI** is scheduled to be held during 20th to 28th November 2022 at Goa to celebrate the joy of cinema.

155. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eureka Forbes?

- 1) C Vijayakumar
- 2) Rajesh Gopinathan
- 3) Parag Agrawal
- 4) Pratik Pota
- 5) Salil Parekh

Answer- **4) Pratik Pota**

Explanation:

Pratik Pota was appointed by PE firm Advent International to run Eureka Forbes, one of its portfolio companies. Pratik will join Eureka Forbes as **Managing Director & CEO**. Pratik will start at Eureka Forbes on 16th August 2022.

- i. The CEO of Jubilant Foodworks Ltd. (JFL) was Pratik. The JFL expanded into new areas under his direction, including Turkey and Bangladesh.
- ii. Eureka Forbes, formerly a member of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group and currently a portfolio company of Advent International, offers products for cleaning, air purification, vacuuming, and home security.

156. In July 2022, Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay was appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of which company?

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

Answer- **3) Goa Shipyard Limited**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay** as Chairman & Managing Director (**CMD**) of **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)**.

- i. He has been appointed to the post for a period of five years from the date of his assumption of charge of the post, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

157. In which state Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

National Parks – Kaziranga National Park, Dibru – Saikhowa National Park

Wildlife sanctuaries – **Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary**, Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary

158. In which state 'Singalila National Park' is located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Assam
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- 5) West Bengal

Explanation:

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park recently launched a programme to introduce 20 Red Pandas in around five years to the **Singalila National Park**.

i. Singalila National Park is a highly protected area, located at the Singalila Ridge in Darjeeling district of **West Bengal**.

About Panda:

Two species of Panda are found worldwide, namely, Giant Pandas and Red Pandas. **Red panda** is the **state animal of Sikkim**. Red Pandas are categorized in the "Endangered" category of IUCN Red list and Appendix I of CITES. They are protected under Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

159. The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur chaired the review meeting for the upcoming Arun Jaitley International Stadium in _____.

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- 2) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur chaired the review meeting for the upcoming **Arun Jaitley International Stadium** at Hiranagar, Kathua in **Jammu and Kashmir**. This new facility will boost sports in the region and nurture budding talent.

160. In July 2022, New satellite images emerged indicating the construction of a Chinese village East of the Doklam plateau on the Bhutanese side.

Donglong is a tri-junction area near the _____.

- 1) Chumbi Valley
- 2) Dihing Valley
- 3) Dzukou Valley
- 4) Barak Valley
- 5) Brahmaputra Valley

Answer- 1) Chumbi Valley

Explanation:

Doklam is also known as Donglong plateau is a 269-sq km plateau in Bhutan, which overlooks the strategic Chumbi Valley. The plateau is claimed by China. Donglong is a tri-junction area near the **Chumbi Valley**.

- i. New satellite images emerged in July 2022 indicating the construction of a Chinese village East of the Doklam plateau on the Bhutanese side, a region that is considered important for India's strategic interest.
- ii. The Indian and Chinese armies were locked in a 73-day stand-off at the Doklam tri-junction after China tried to extend a road in the area that Bhutan claimed belonged to it.

161. Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd recently (in July'22) acquired the stringent European Union (EU) GMP approval for two of their manufacturing units in _____.

- 1) Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Nellore, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- 1) Haridwar, Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd, the leading contract manufacturing pharmaceutical company in India, has recently acquired the stringent European Union (EU) GMP approval for two of their manufacturing units in **Haridwar** in Uttarakhand

- i. Akums has received EU GMP approval for its two manufacturing plants. One plant manufactures solid oral dosage forms such as tablets, hard gelatin capsules, powders in sachets, etc. belonging to the general category.
- ii. Another plant manufactures large volume parenteral and small volume parenterals lines, including vials, ampoules, eyedrops, FFS as well as for dry powder injections in the penicillin line.

162. _____ became the first team to score eight goals across men's and women's European Championships in July 2022.

- 1) Germany
- 2) England
- 3) Italy
- 4) Norway
- 5) Spain

Answer- 2) England

Explanation:

England defeated Norway by a record 8-0 margin in Women's Euro 2022 and England became the first team to score eight goals across men's and women's European Championships.

- i. With the win, England have entered the quarter-finals after having won their first group stage game against Austria 1-0.

163. As per the new report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), China will be responsible for 95% of the entire manufacturing process by_____.

- 1) 2024
- 2) 2026
- 3) 2023
- 4) 2028
- 5) 2025

Answer- **5) 2025**

Explanation:

China currently manufactures and supplies more than 80% of the globe's solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, a new report by the International Energy Agency (**IEA**).

- i. Based on the current expansion plans, China will be responsible for **95%** of the entire manufacturing process by **2025**.
- ii. China became the leading manufacturer of PV panels for both residential and commercial usage in the last decade, surpassing Europe, Japan and the United States, who were earlier more active in the PV supply domain.

164. What is the currency of Sudan?

- 1) Pound
- 2) Leone
- 3) Franc
- 4) Peso
- 5) Rand

Answer- **1) Pound**

Explanation:

About Sudan

Capital- Khartoum

Currency- Sudanese pound

- i. At least 105 people were killed and 291 wounded in a deadly land dispute related to the ethnic clashes that broke out in Sudan's Blue Nile state.
- ii. The fighting broke out in the southern state on the borders with Ethiopia and South Sudan on July 11 between members of the Berti and Hausa ethnic groups.

165. The Term 'Vishing' was recently in News. It refers to which of the following?

- 1) Exploitation of ocean resource
- 2) A method of fishing
- 3) Acid rain in atmosphere
- 4) A form of Cyber Crime
- 5) A method of deforestation

Answer- **4) A form of Cyber Crime**

Explanation:

Vishing is a **cyber crime** that uses the phone to steal personal confidential information from victims. Often referred to as voice phishing, cyber criminals use savvy social engineering tactics to convince victims to act, giving up private information and access to bank accounts.

- i. Cybersecurity firm Kaspersky's experts warn that this trend is a vishing attack, and is actively used by cybercriminals to steal information.
- ii. The team detected almost 350,000 vishing emails between March to June, asking victims to call in and cancel a transaction. In June, the number of such emails increased to nearly 100,000.

166. What is the Capital of Namibia?

- 1) Windhoek
- 2) Monrovia

- 3) Praia
- 4) Banjul
- 5) Malabo

Answer- **1) Windhoek**

Explanation:

About Namibia:

Prime Minister – Dr. Saara Kuungongelwa-Amadhila

Capital – Windhoek

Currency – Namibian Dollar (NAD)

167. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Axis Bank?

- 1) Rakesh Makhija
- 2) Ganesh Sankaran
- 3) Sanjiv Misra
- 4) Rohit Bhagat
- 5) Rajiv Anand

Answer- **1) Rakesh Makhija**

Explanation:

Axis Bank Announced Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of **Rakesh Makhija** as the Non-Executive Chairman till October 2023.

i. RBI vide its letter dated July 12, 2022 has approved the re-appointment of Makhija as the Non-Executive (Part Time) Chairman of the bank, with effect from July 18 up to October 26, 2022.

168. Name the bank that was recently (in July'22) acquired the Agri and Healthcare Equipment financing portfolio of DLL India.

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

Answer- **4) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

Explanation:

Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced that it has acquired the Agri and Healthcare Equipment financing portfolio ("**Acquired Portfolio**") of De Lage Landen Financial Services India Private Limited (**DLL India**), a subsidiary of De Lage Landen International B.V., owned by Rabobank.

i. The operations of DLL India Acquired Portfolio will be transitioned to Kotak Mahindra Bank in a planned manner over the next few months. Until the transition, the portfolio will continue to be managed by DLL India.

ii. With this acquisition, Kotak will gain access to over 25,000 high-quality customers with a total standard loan outstanding of around Rs582 crore (equivalent to € 69.8 Mn).

169. Two students of the SASTRA, deemed university, have won two out of the three “GenNext AI Solutions” awards in July 2022.

In which state SASTRA is located?

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

Answer- 3) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Two students of the Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (**SASTRA**), deemed university, in the town of Thirumalaisamudram, Thanjavur district, **Tamil Nadu**, has won two out of the three “**GenNext AI Solutions**” awards at the Artificial Intelligence in Defence symposium and exhibition organised by the Department of Defence Production.

i. Two out of three award winners – M.Venkatesh Kumar, final year student of B. Tech (Mechanical Engineering) and B.Nizasujitha, final year student of B.Tech. (Electronics and Communications Engineering) were from SASTRA.

170. In which country the port of Haifa is located?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Spain
- 3) Russia
- 4) Israel
- 5) Germany

Answer- 4) Israel

Explanation:

India's Adani Ports and Israel's Gadot won a tender for the privatisation of the **port of Haifa**, one of Israel's largest seaports, Israel's Finance Ministry, promising the deal will lower costs to consumers.

i. The group will buy the Mediterranean port for a sum of 4.1 billion shekels (USD1.18 billion).

171. Which of the following places has been identified for the Cheetah reintroduction project in India?

- 1) Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan
- 3) Kaziranga National Park, Assam
- 4) Jim Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand
- 5) Bandipur National Park, Karnataka

Answer- 1) Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Cheetahs will be reintroduced into the **Kuno National Park** in Madhya Pradesh (**MP**), with the first batch of cheetahs expected to arrive before August 15, 2022.

i. Cheetahs will return to a wild enclosure in India 69 years after the last reported cheetah was hunted down in Chhattisgarh in 1952. It is the only large carnivore in India that has gone extinct in India after independence.

172. In which state Kakrapar atomic plant is located?

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

Answer- 3) Gujarat

Explanation:

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

i. In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh announced in Unit-3, modifications/improvements required based on commissioning feedback have been carried out and their validation is also completed by hot run.

173. What is the capital of Fiji?

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

Answer- 3) Suva

Explanation:

About Fiji:

Capital- Suva

Currency- Fijian dollar

174. In which state Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 1) West Bengal

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

National Parks – Gorumara National Park, Sundarban National Park, Jaldapara National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary

175. Who is the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, as of July'22?

- 1) La. Ganesan
- 2) Ganeshi Lal
- 3) Jagdish Mukhi

- 4) Ramesh Bais
- 5) Anandiben Patel

Answer- 5) Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

Governor – **Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel**

Stadium – Shri Brahm Dutt Dwivedi Sports Stadium, K.D. Singh Babu Sports Stadium, Chaudhary Charan Singh Sports Stadium

Lakes – Moti Jheel, Suraj Kund

176. Where is the Headquarters of World Federation of Neurology (WFN) Situated?

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

Answer- 2) London, United Kingdom

Explanation:

About World Federation of Neurology(WFN):

The World Federation of Neurology was formed in Brussels in 1957, as an association of neurological member societies.

Headquarters- **London, United Kingdom**

Founded- 1957

President- Prof. Wolfgang Grisold.

177. Who is the Chief Minister of Odisha, as of July'22?

- 1) Pema Khandu
- 2) Jai Ram Thakur
- 3) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- 4) Naveen Patnaik
- 5) Pramod Sawant

Answer- 4) Naveen Patnaik

Explanation:

About Odisha:

Chief Minister (CM) – **Naveen Patnaik**

Dance – Chaiti Ghoda Dance; Sambalpuri folk dance; Bagha Nacha

Tribes – Oraon, Mahali, Khond (As per the Census 2011, the state of Odisha has the third highest percentage of tribal population in the country.)

178. As of July'22, Who holds the position of President in Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) Tadao Chino
- 2) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 3) Haruhiko Kuroda
- 4) Takehiko Nakao
- 5) Masao Fujioka

Answer- 2) Masatsugu Asakawa

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

Establishment- 1966

President- **Masatsugu Asakawa**

Members- 68 Nations (49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside)

Headquarters- Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines

179. Who is the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited, as of July'22?

1) Tapan Singhel

2) KV Dipu

3) Sasikumar Adidamu

4) Sourabh Chatterjee

5) Ramandeep Singh Sahni

Answer- 1) Tapan Singhel

Explanation:

About Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited:

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited is a joint venture between Bajaj Finserv Limited and Allianz SE.

MD & CEO - **Tapan Singhel**

Establishment - 2001

Headquarters - Pune, Maharashtra

180. When was the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) established?

1) 1989

2) 1992

3) 1994

4) 1990

5) 1991

Answer- 4) 1990

Explanation:

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

Chairman & Managing Director - Sivasubramanian Ramann

Establishment - **2nd April 1990**

Headquarters - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

181. Name the pass which goes between Pakyong District, Sikkim, India and Tibet Autonomous Region, China.

1) Zoji La

2) Bara- Lacha Pass

3) Jelep La

4) Mana Pass

5) Shipki La

Answer- 3) Jelep La

Explanation:

Jelep La, has an elevation of 14,390 feet (4,390 m) is a high mountain pass between Pakyong District, Sikkim, India and Tibet Autonomous Region, China. It is on a route that connects Lhasa to India. The pass is about 4 km (2.5 mi) south of Nathu La and is slightly higher. It was frequently used for trade between Tibet and India during the British Raj, with Kalimpong serving as the contact point. The Menmecho Lake lies below the Jelep La.

182. What is the Currency of Yemen?

- 1) Pound
- 2) Baht
- 3) Rial
- 4) Dong
- 5) Lira

Answer- **3) Rial**

Explanation:

About Yemen:

Capital- Sana'a

Currency- Yemeni rial

- Recently, the U.N. The Security Council voted unanimously to extend the mandate of the U.N. mission helping to implement a December 2018 cease-fire agreement between Yemen's government and Houthi rebels.
- The deal calls for the withdrawal of fighters from the key port of Hodeida, two smaller ports in the province and Hodeida city.

183. The Kurung Kumey district belongs to which state?

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

Answer- **1) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has re-launched a strategic bridge in Kurung Kumey district of **Arunachal Pradesh** in a record one-week time, under extremely challenging conditions.

i. The Bailey Bridge on Koloriang-Lee-Huri road in the district, bordering the Tibet region of China, was washed away by huge boulders triggered by a major flash flood on July 3, 2022, snapping surface communication on the vital road.

ii. The personnel of Project Arunank under the BRO re-launched the bridge in a record time.

184. The income tax was first introduced in India by _____ in 1860.

- 1) Alasdair Smith
- 2) James Wilson
- 3) John Rae
- 4) James Mill
- 5) William Paterson

Answer- 2) **James Wilson**

Explanation:

The **income tax** was first introduced in India by Scottish businessman **Sir James Wilson** in **1860**. In 1860, Income Tax was first levied as a duty and the Income Tax Authority, the authority to levy the duty, came into force on 24th July 1860.

- i. Recently, Actor Rajinikanth has been honoured by the Income Tax department in Chennai for paying his taxes on a regular basis. Income Tax Day was celebrated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ii. Telangana governor Tamlisai Soundararajan presided over the function where Aishwaryaa accepted the award on behalf of her father.

185. In which country is the Sakurajima volcano located?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) Ethiopia
- 4) Zambia
- 5) Australia

Answer- 1) **Japan**

Explanation:

A **Sakurajima volcano** erupted in **Japan's** main southern island of Kyushu

- i. Large rocks fell as far as 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) from the Sakurajima volcano Sunday night in the southern prefecture of Kagoshima.
- ii. Sakurajima on the main southern island of Kyushu is one of Japan's most active volcanoes and has erupted repeatedly. Sakurajima is about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

186. The Barak Valley is located in the southern region of the Indian state of _____.

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

Answer- 4) **Assam**

Explanation:

The **Barak Valley** is located in the southern region of the Indian state of Assam. The main city of the valley is Silchar.

- i. Assam's Barak Valley will soon get a second wildlife sanctuary with Governor Jagdish Mukhi approving a proposal for the creation of Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ii. The Barak Valley also houses the Borail Wildlife Sanctuary.

187. In which state, the ministry of Power organizes 'Ujjwal Bharat- Ujjwal Bhavishi' festival?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Goa
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Assam
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 2) **Goa**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Power organizes 'Ujjwal Bharat- Ujjwal Bhavishi' festival in Goa. The Bijli Mahotsavs are being celebrated all over the country under the umbrella of Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya – Power @2047 for more public participation and getting across the developments in the power sector to the citizens at large.

188. Who recently (in July'22) became the first climber in the world to summit 14 highest mountains for the second time?

- 1) Nirmal Purja
- 2) Jamling Tenzing Norgay
- 3) Apa Sherpa
- 4) Kami Rita
- 5) Sanu Sherpa

Answer- **5) Sanu Sherpa**

Explanation:

A 47-year-old Nepali Sherpa, **Sanu Sherpa**, became the first climber in the world to summit 14 highest mountains, higher than 8,000 meters, for the second time.

i. Sanu Sherpa, from Sankhuwasabha district in east Nepal, reached the top of Pakistan's Gasherbrum II, which at 8,035 meters is the 13th highest.

189. Michael Bracewell recently (as of July'22) became the first cricketer to take a hat-trick in his first-ever over in T20I cricket. Michael Bracewell belongs to which country?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Ireland
- 3) England
- 4) Australia
- 5) New Zealand

Answer- **5) New Zealand**

Explanation:

New Zealand all-rounder **Michael Bracewell** has become the first cricketer to take a hat-trick in his first-ever over in T20I cricket.

i. The 31-year-old off-spinner dismissed Ireland's Mark Adair, Barry McCarthy and Craig Young in consecutive deliveries to achieve the feat.

190. Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution company limited (APEPDCL) launched a new Employees Grievance Portal in July 2022.**Who is the current (as of July'22) Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of APEPDCL?**

- 1) VN. Babu
- 2) Satya Narayana
- 3) Subba Raju
- 4) K. Santhosha Rao
- 5) P. B. Sashikala

Answer- **4) K. Santhosha Rao**

Explanation:

Chairman and Managing Director of Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution company limited (APEPDCL) **K. Santhosha Rao** launched a new Employees Grievance Portal in July 2022. The portal enables employees of 11 districts under the jurisdiction of APEPDCL to submit their grievances without having to approach the Corporate Office.

i. Mr. Santhosha Rao appreciated the HRD and IT wing for developing the portal. All CGMs attended the meeting.

191. Boom Supersonic recently (in July'22) unveiled a new design for the Overture supersonic jet that can potentially fly from New York to London in 3.5 hours.

The Boom Supersonic is based on _____.

- 1) Australia
- 2) Japan
- 3) United States
- 4) China
- 5) United Kingdom

Answer- 3) United States

Explanation:

United States (**US**)-based **Boom Supersonic** recently unveiled the latest design for a supersonic jet that can potentially fly from New York to London in 3.5 hours. Dubbed '**Overture**', the jet is said to be the world's fastest airliner.

i. The jet can fly at the speeds of 2,100 kmph over water with a range of 4,250 nautical miles and can carry 65-80 passengers.

192. Which company recently (in July'22) signed an MoU with Mahindra University to set up a new 'Makers Lab' for research and development in quantum computing?

- 1) HCL Technologies
- 2) Tech Mahindra
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services
- 4) Infosys
- 5) Wipro

Answer- 2) Tech Mahindra

Explanation:

Tech Mahindra and Mahindra University have signed an **MoU** to set up a new 'Makers Lab' for research and development in quantum computing, explainable artificial intelligence, and Metaverse.

i. Tech Mahindra already has 10 Makers Lab across the world and the new unit at Mahindra University will be the 11th facility globally and second in Hyderabad.

193. Name the country that recently (in July'22) planned to build the world's largest structure-two buildings reaching up to 1,600 feet in height & running parallel for 75 miles.

- 1) Russia
- 2) Turkey
- 3) Germany
- 4) United Arab Emirates
- 5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- 5) Saudi Arabia

Explanation:

Saudi Arabia is planning to build the **world's largest structure**: two buildings reaching up to 1,600 feet in height and running parallel for 75 miles.

- i. The skyscrapers, expected to cost a whopping \$1 trillion, will be made of mirrored glass, The Wall Street Journal claims, and are part of the project named 'Mirror Line'.
- ii. Mirror Line has been envisioned as the epicenter of the new desert city called Neom, which is being constructed as per Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's plans to set up a zero-carbon city in a 170-km line. Neom will be around the size of Massachusetts.

194. Which state launched the poster for 'Intinta Innovator Exhibition 2022' along with 10 Rural Innovators?

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

Answer- 2) Telangana

Explanation:

Telangana Minister for IT and Industries, KT Rama Rao launched the poster for 'Intinta Innovator Exhibition 2022' along with 10 Rural Innovators.

- i. The programme aims to scout for individuals who devised innovative solutions for problems they identified in the society and enable them to exhibit their innovation to respective District Collectors on August 15 2022 as a part of Independence Day celebrations.
- ii. To promote innovation and creativity in all 33 districts of the State will be simultaneously organizing an exhibition of innovation during Independence Day celebrations in their respective districts.

195. Name the university that was recently (in July'22) established an India Centre for the promotion of India-focused activities in the University.

- 1) Yale University, United States
- 2) University of Oxford, England
- 3) Harvard University, United States
- 4) Stanford University, Japan
- 5) Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea

Answer- 5) Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea

Explanation:

Busan University of Foreign Studies (BUFS), Busan, South Korea established an India Centre for the promotion of India-focused activities in the University.

- i. The Centre was inaugurated in July 2022. According to a note from the Indian Embassy in Seoul, the Centre will act as a nodal point for India-related events in Busan and serve as a ready resource for students interested in India and to expand academic and cultural cooperation with the University.

196. What is the minimum age for a candidate to be elected as a president of India?

- 1) 40
- 2) 30
- 3) 20
- 4) 35
- 5) 25

Answer- 4) 35

Explanation:

According to **Article 58** of the Constitution, no person shall be eligible for election as President unless he/she –

- is a citizen of India (He is also called as the first citizen of India.);
 - has completed the age of **35 years**; and
 - is qualified for election as a member of the House of the People (Lok Sabha)
- i. The electoral college consists of elected members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Legislative Assemblies of the states, and the Legislative Assemblies of the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry.
 - ii. He is elected indirectly by the principle of Proportional Representation by means of Single Transferable Vote. The President submits his resignation to the Vice President of India.

197. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the National flag of India?

- 1) The Flag was proposed at the Constituent Assembly on 22 July 1947 as a horizontal tricolour.
- 2) The Flag is based on the Swaraj flag, a flag of the Indian National Congress designed by Dadabhai Naoroji.
- 3) The Colour of the top panel shall be India saffron (Kesari) & in the bottom panel shall be India green in the middle panel shall be white, at its centre the design of Ashoka Chakra in navy blue colour with 24 equally spaced spokes.
- 4) The National flag should be rectangular in Shape.
- 5) The Ratio of the length to the height(width) of the flag shall be 3:2.

Answer- 2) **The flag is based on the Swaraj flag, a flag of the Indian National Congress designed by Dadabhai Naoroji.**

Explanation:

The flag was proposed at the Constituent Assembly on 22 July 1947 as a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron, white and dark green. The flag is based on the Swaraj flag, a flag of the Indian National Congress designed by **Pingali Venkayya**.

Protocols of National flag of India:-

- The colour of the top panel shall be India saffron (Kesari) and that of the bottom panel shall be India green. The middle panel shall be white, bearing at its centre the design of Ashoka Chakra in navy blue colour with 24 equally spaced spokes.
- The National flag should be rectangular in Shape.
- The ratio of the length to the height(width) of the flag shall be 3:2. All three horizontal bands of the flag (saffron, white and green) are equally sized.
- In India, the term "tricolour" (Hindi: तिरंगा, Tiraṅgā) almost always refers to the Indian national flag.

198. _____ is wastewater from non-toilet plumbing systems such as hand basins, washing machines, showers and baths.

- 1) Green Water
- 2) Blue Water
- 3) Grey Water
- 4) Yellow Water
- 5) Black Water

Answer- 3) Grey Water

Explanation:

Owing to the concerted efforts of community members and government officials, a grey water management system has been successfully implemented in Pappankuzhi Village Panchayat in Kanchipuram district of **Tamil Nadu**. The initiative is a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) Phase II campaign of which greywater management is an integral component.

i. Greywater is the category of waste water that is not contaminated with faecal matter or urine. This includes used water from bathing, washing dishes, laundry, etc.

199. When was World Emoji Day celebrated across the globe?

- 1) 12th July 2022
- 2) 15th July 2022
- 3) 23rd July 2022
- 4) 17th July 2022
- 5) 20th July 2022

Answer- 4) 17th July 2022

Explanation:

Emoticons, popularly called emojis, have become ubiquitous in communication so it would only be fair to have a day dedicated to them. **July 17 2022** is **World Emoji Day**, a celebration of the pictograms that bring our conversations to life.

i. World Emoji Day will be marked with Twitter hashtag campaigns, singing of the official anthem of the observance and parties where people will dress up as emojis.

200. OneCard became the 104th unicorn in India after it raised USD 100 million. OneCard is located in which city?

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

Answer- 2) Pune, Maharashtra

Explanation:

OneCard, a mobile-first credit card firm, became the **104th unicorn** in India after it raised USD100 million in a series D round of funding led by Temasek. OneCard is **Pune, Maharashtra** based company.

i. In 2022 so far, India has produced more than 20 fintech unicorns, which includes OneCard, Open, Oxyzo, and Yubi (formerly CredAvenue).

201. The Aanayoottu festival is celebrated in _____ state.

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

Answer- 4) Kerala

Explanation:

The **Aanayoottu** (feeding of elephants) is a festival held in the precincts of the Vadakkunnathan temple in the City of **Thrissur**, in **Kerala**. The festival falls on the first day of the month of Karkidakam (timed against the Malayalam calendar), which coincides with the month of July.

202. Who was appointed (in July'22) as the president of Xiaomi India with the effect from 1st August 2022?

- 1) Muralikrishnan B
- 2) Deep Kalra
- 3) Vineet Jain
- 4) Manu Kumar Jain
- 5) Raghu Babu Reddy

Answer- 1) Muralikrishnan B

Explanation:

Chinese smart device maker **Xiaomi India** has elevated **Muralikrishnan B** as president of the company, with Raghu Babu Reddy given additional charge as the sales head.

i. Muralikrishnan has been serving as chief operating officer of the company since 2018. He will assume charge as president of Xiaomi India from August 1, 2022.

ii. Muralikrishnan, an alumnus of IIM-Calcutta, comes with over 25 years of experience in the consumer technology domain

203. In July 2022, Former Indian cricket captain and current Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president, Sourav Ganguly was felicitated by the British Parliament.

In which year Sourav Ganguly was awarded with the Padma Shri?

- 1) 2004
- 2) 2000
- 3) 2005
- 4) 1995
- 5) 1997

Answer- 1) 2004

Explanation:

Former Indian cricket captain and current Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president, Sourav Ganguly was felicitated by the British Parliament. The Indian cricket legend was felicitated on the same date July 13 when he led India to Natwest final win in 2002 and exactly 20 years later on the same day he was honoured in the same city.

i. He was elected as the President of BCCI in 2019.

ii. Ganguly was awarded the **Padma Shri** in **2004**, one of India's highest civilian awards.

204. Which country plans to provide support to India to drive the transition to clean energy?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Japan
- 5) China

Answer- **4) Japan**

Explanation:

Japan plans to provide support to India to drive the transition to clean energy, expanding a programme it launched last year (2021) for Southeast Asian nations.

i. Japan's 'Asia Energy Transition Initiative' initially targeted supporting countries in the Association of SouthEast Asian Nations (ASEAN) pushing towards net-zero carbon emissions, including USD10 billion in finance for renewable energy, energy efficiency and liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects.

205. Which is the first IT company to publicly indicate interest in the government's direct distribution of spectrum for exclusive 5G networks?

- 1) Tech Mahindra
- 2) Wipro
- 3) HCL Technologies
- 4) L&T Technology Services
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer- **4) L&T Technology Services**

Explanation:

L&T Technology Services has become the first technology company to publicly express its interest in the government's direct allocation of spectrum for captive 5G networks.

i. It will obtain spectrum to set up a 5G non-public network to build use cases on the technology.

ii. India recently issued rules for non-telecom enterprises to acquire spectrum directly from the telecom department for setting up private 5G networks.

206. In July 2022, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) decided to shut down the Blockchain and Crypto _____ Council (BACC).

- 1) Accrued
- 2) Account
- 3) Average
- 4) Annual
- 5) Assets

Answer- **5) Assets**

Explanation:

The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has decided to shut down the **Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC)**. With this, IAMAI will cease to represent crypto-exchanges operating in India. IAMAI had created and nurtured BACC for four years.

207. The Durand Cup is related to which sports?

- 1) Baseball
- 2) Football

- 3) Tennis
- 4) Hockey
- 5) Cricket

Answer- **2) Football**

Explanation:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiled the **Durand Cup trophy** in July 2022. The 134-year-old iconic Durand Cup **football tournament** was hosted by the state for the very first time and as part of a trophy tour involving five cities, Guwahati, the venue for 10 Group D games, was chosen as the first stop.

i. The matches in Guwahati will be held at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium from August 17th to September 4th, 2022.

208. The Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX) began operations after receiving all necessary approvals from the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) in July 2022.

The Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX) is located in which state?

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

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Promoted by BSE, PTC India and ICICI Bank, the Hindustan Power Exchange (**HPX**), based **Mumbai, Maharashtra**, began operations after receiving all necessary approvals from the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) in July 2022.

i. HPX is the third power exchange in the country as Indian Energy Exchange and Power Exchange of India Ltd are already operational.

209. Who is the current (as of July'22) chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- 1) Ananta Barua
- 2) Debashish Panda
- 3) Ajay Seth
- 4) S. K. Mohanty
- 5) Rajeshwar Rao

Answer- **2) Debashish Panda**

Explanation:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has asked companies to take a leaf from the banking industry's strategy for inclusion by companies adopting individual states as lead insurers. IRDAI has also set goals in terms of insurance penetration for the life and non-life industry.

i. IRDAI chairman **Debashish Panda** held the first of his proposed bi-monthly meeting with insurance chiefs at Hyderabad, Telangana in July 2022.

210. What is the Tagline of Punjab National Bank (PNB)?

- 1) One Family One Bank
- 2) The name you can BANK upon
- 3) Together We Can
- 4) Where service is a way of life
- 5) Good people to grow with

Answer- **2) The name you can BANK upon**

Explanation:

Punjab National Bank (**Oriental bank of commerce** and **United bank of india** are merged into **PNB**. After the merger **PNB, will become the 2nd largest PSB after SBI**). The Tagline of **PNB** is The name you can BANK upon.

i. As many as 8 major public sector banks (PSBs), including State Bank of India (SBI), have joined the account aggregator ecosystem in some form or the other as the deadline set out by the ministry of Finance.

ii. An industry alliance for the account aggregator ecosystem, Canara Bank, Bank of India (BoI), Indian Bank, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, SBI, Bank of Maharashtra and UCO Bank have gone live on the ecosystem.

211. _____ is a higher tax rate on sudden big profits levied on a particular company or industry.

- 1) Perquisite Tax
- 2) Corporate Tax
- 3) Wealth Tax
- 4) Windfall Tax
- 5) Capital Gains Tax

Answer- **4) Windfall tax**

Explanation:

A **windfall tax** is a higher tax rate on sudden big profits levied on a particular company or industry. Italy and the UK are two key economies that have levied windfall tax.

i. In July 2022, Indian Government slapped a windfall tax on domestic **crude oil producers**, imposed export duties on petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) but **On 21st July** The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC) **cut** the windfall tax on crude oil to Rs 17,000 a tonne and reduced the export tax on jet fuel to Rs 4 a litre from Rs6.

212. As per the recent study of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), which of the following is 'Not' most prone to a high-intensity forest fire?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

More than 30% of Indian districts are vulnerable to extreme forest fires. Also, instances of forest fires in the country have risen by over 10 times in the past two decades. This was revealed in an independent study released today by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

- i. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra are the most prone to high-intensity forest fire events caused by rapid change in the climate.
- ii. Mizoram has had the highest number of forest fire incidences in the last two decades, with more than 95% of its districts being forest fire hotspots.

213. As per the Forest Survey Report 2021, which state has shown mangrove cover increase in India?

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

Answer- **2) Odisha**

Explanation:**According to the Forest Survey Report 2021-**

- i. Total mangrove cover in India is 4,992 sq km.
- ii. An increase of 17 sq Km in mangrove cover has been observed as compared to the previous assessment of 2019.

Top three states showing mangrove cover increase are **Odisha** (8 sq km) followed by Maharashtra (4 sq km) and Karnataka (3 sq km).

Note-

- West Bengal has around 42% of India's mangrove cover, the highest percentage of area under the total Mangrove cover of India.
- Sundarbans in West Bengal is known for its mangrove forest region. It is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

214. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of RattanIndia Power?

- 1) Sharad Behal
- 2) Sanjiv Chhikara
- 3) Vibhav Agarwal
- 4) Brijesh Gupta
- 5) Rajiv Rattan

Answer- **4) Brijesh Gupta**

Explanation:

RattanIndia Power has appointed **Brijesh Gupta** as Managing Director (**MD**). He has experience working across the renewable, steel, mining and commodities sector in India and abroad.

- i. RattanIndia Power is a private power generation company, with installed capacity of 2,700 MW thermal power plants at Amravati and Nashik (1,350 MW at each location) in Maharashtra, with investments of Rs. 18,615 crores (USD 2.5 billion). The power plants are spread over an area of 2,400 acres.

215. The city of Bath UNESCO world heritage sites is located in ____.

- 1) Peru
- 2) Brazil
- 3) England
- 4) Russia
- 5) Germany

Answer- 3) England

Explanation:

The City of Bath is a cultural UNESCO World Heritage Site in Somerset, **England**. The UK has the city of Bath and the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales was UNESCO world heritage sites for 2021.

i. As temperatures have continued to soar, the UK Meteorological (Met) Office issued the first-ever red extreme heat warning for areas of England, including London.

ii. Temperatures could reach 40 degrees Celsius, and a red warning, the maximum level used by the Met Office under its alert system, indicates a risk to life is possible. The unusual warning, which is categorised as a national emergency, signifies that life is in danger for people of all ages.

- An area from London up to Manchester and then up to the Vale of York is covered by the alert.

216. Which ministry launched the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan Campaign?

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Law and Justice
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer- 2) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Explanation:

To address the issue of drug abuse among Indian youth, the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** began implementing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan or a 'Drugs-Free India Campaign In the 272 most susceptible districts in August 2020.

i. The National Survey of Extent, Pattern and Trends of Substance Use conducted in 2004 and the Comprehensive National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India conducted in 2018 both show a change in the pattern of substance abuse, according to Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A. Narayanaswamy.

217. Name the personality who was recently (in July'22) appointed as Managing Director (MD) of the ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL).

- 1) Rajesh Kumar Srivastava
- 2) Pankaj Kumar
- 3) Pomila Jaspal
- 4) Rajarshi Gupta
- 5) Anurag Sharma

Answer- 4) Rajarshi Gupta

Explanation:

Rajarshi Gupta has taken over as Managing Director of ONGC Videsh Ltd (**OVL**), the overseas investment arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). He replaces Alok Gupta who superannuated last month.

i. He has more than 33 years of wide-ranging experience in supervisory, managerial and strategic planning capacities in domestic and international operations of ONGC and ONGC Videsh.

218. Which state recently (in July'22) conducted first-ever blackbuck survey on Godavari islands?

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

Answer- **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

The **Andhra Pradesh** State Wildlife Department has kick-started the **first-ever survey of blackbucks** along a stretch of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam with the goal of drawing up a conservation plan to protect the endangered species.

- i. The islands surrounded by the branches of the Godavari, such as the Gowthami, Vasista, Vainteya and Vridha Gowthami, in Konaseema and East Godavari districts are a major habitat for blackbucks, which roam across the region close to human habitations.
- ii. There have been instances of blackbucks getting poached downstream of Dowleswaram.

219. The Central Government is considering granting Tribal status to the Haithi Community of the Tans-Giri region of _____.

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Government of India is considering the **Himachal Pradesh** government's request for the inclusion of the **Hatti community** in the list of Scheduled Tribes in the state.

Note: The list of STs in Himachal Pradesh includes Gaddis, Gujjars, Kinnaras (Kinnauras), Lahaulas, Pangwalas, and some other smaller tribes.

- The Hattis are a close-knit community who take their name from their traditional occupation of selling home-grown crops, vegetables, meat, and wool at small-town markets known as 'haats'.
- The Hatti homeland straddles the Himachal-Uttarakhand border in the basin of the Giri and Tons rivers, both tributaries of the Yamuna.
- They live in the Trans-Giri area in Himachal Pradesh and Jaunsar Bawar in Uttarakhand.

220. Recently, Mangarh Hillock was in the news, is located in which state/UT?

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

Answer- 1) Rajasthan

Explanation:

The National Monuments Authority submitted a report on declaring Mangarh hillock in Rajasthan as a monument of National Importance in honor of 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters.

- i.** The hillock, situated at the **Rajasthan** near the Gujarat border, is a site of a tribal uprising where a massacre of over 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters took place in 1913.
- ii.** The word Bhil is derived from "Veel", which means "bow" in the Dravidian language. The Bhil tribe is called "Dhanush Purush of India" because they are highly adept at learning Dhanush.

221. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as the chief foreign coach of the Indian national pistol shooting team?

- 1) Will Shaner
- 2) Serhiy Kulish
- 3) Abhinav Bindra
- 4) Munkhbayar Dorjsuren
- 5) Zhu Qinan

Answer- 4) Munkhbayar Dorjsuren

Explanation:

The National Rifle Association of India (**NRAI**) appointed two-time Olympic medallist shooter **Munkhbayar Dorjsuren**, Mongolian-German sport shooter, as the chief foreign coach of the national pistol team ahead of the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, Korea beginning on 9th July, 2022.

222. India is marking Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's 7th death anniversary on 27th July 2022.

In which year did Dr APJ Abdul Kalam receive Bharat Ratna Award?

- 1) 2008
- 2) 1997
- 3) 1981
- 4) 1990
- 5) 2000

Answer- 2) 1997

Explanation:

On July 27, India is marking **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's** 7th death anniversary. He passed away in the year 2015.

- i.** Millions of Indians found great inspiration in Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, widely known as the Missile Man of India. He was an aerospace scientist and a phenomenal teacher who served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007, and was widely referred to as 'People's President'. Besides, he was the first Muslim President to serve an entire term.
- ii.** Kalam received the prestigious Padma Bhushan (1981), Padma Vibhushan (1990), and Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour (1997).

223. In which country Kualanamu International Airport is located?

- 1) Seychelles
- 2) Madagascar
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Maldives

5) Indonesia

Answer- **5) Indonesia**

Explanation:

GMR Group announced its joint venture Angkasa Pura Aviassi has started operating the **Kualanamu International Airport** in Medan, **Indonesia**. Angkasa Pura Aviassi (APA) is a joint venture between GMR Airports Ltd and Indonesia's state-owned airport operator PT Angkasa Pura II.

i. With the project, GMR Airports, a subsidiary of GMR Infrastructure, has entered the growing Indonesian aviation market and the project will cover a cooperation period of 25 years, according to a release.

224. Recently, four tribal revolts were mentioned by the President Droupadi Murmu invoked in her inaugural speech”.

Match the Tribes Rebellion with respect to the Year:

Rebellions	Years
i. Paika Rebellions	a. 1817
ii. Bhil Rebellions	b. 1855
iii. Kol Rebellions	c. 1831
iv. Santhal Rebellions	d. 1818

1) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, iv-b

2) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c

3) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d

4) i-b, ii-d, iii-c, iv-a

5) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b

Answer- **5) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Recently, four tribal revolts were mentioned by the President Droupadi Murmu invoked in her inaugural speech” in July 2022.

- Paika Rebellion -1817
- Bhil Rebellion- 1818
- Kol Rebellion- 1831
- Santhal Rebellion- 1855-56

225. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as Indian representative of the International Association of Ports and Harbors' (IAPH)?

1) Avinash Dixit

2) Dilip Abreu

3) Ennarasu Karunesan

4) Takeshi Amemiya

5) V. R. Panchamukhi

Answer- **3) Ennarasu Karunesan**

Explanation:

Ennarasu Karunesan has been named as the International Association of Ports and Harbors' (**IAPH**) official **representative in India**.

i. IAPH is the world's port industry's forum for cooperation and excellence. Karunesan has over 33 years of leadership experience in the marine and port industries.

226. In which state/UT, the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas MotorBike Expedition' 2022 was organised by the Indian Army?

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

Answer- **1) Ladakh**

Explanation:

On the occasion of the **23rd Kargil Vijay Diwas, 2022**, the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas MotorBike Expedition' organised by the Indian Army culminated in Dras in **Ladakh UT** on Tuesday.

i. The bike expedition was flagged off on July 18, 2022, by the Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) from the National War Memorial, New Delhi, as a tribute to our bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland.

227. Which of the following countries are Baltic nations?

- 1) Estonia
- 2) Lithuania
- 3) Latvia
- 4) Only 1 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Baltic States, the northeastern region of Europe, includes the countries of **Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania**, on the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea.

i. Russia resumed pumping gas via its biggest pipeline to Europe in July 2022 after a 10-day outage, allaying some of Europe's immediate supply fears but not enough to end the threat of rationing to cope with potential winter shortages.

ii. Supplies via Nord Stream 1, which runs under the Baltic Sea to Germany, were halted for maintenance on July 11 but, even before that outage, flows had been cut to 40% of the pipeline's capacity in a dispute sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

228. Recently, Sberbank has been in the news. It is located in which country?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Russia
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) Finland
- 5) France

Answer- **2) Russia**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has sought an explanation from **Russia's Sberbank** for what it sees as a violation of domestic banking regulations amid the initiative to build a dedicated payments

platform that will facilitate trade with Moscow, now largely cut off from the formal grid in global commerce.

i. Russia's largest bank allegedly paid a bonus to its Indian CEO Ivan Nosov for performance year 2021 without the RBI's approval.

229. Cricket Player Tamim Iqbal recently (in July'22) announced retirement from T20Is.

Tamim Iqbal belongs to which country?

- 1) West Indies
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- **2) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

Bangladesh ODI captain, **Tamim Iqbal** has announced his retirement from T20Is and his decision came shortly after his side defeated West Indies 3-0 in the three-match ODI series. He played his last T20 International in March 2020.

230. Name the personality who recently (in July'22) climbed the summit of Mt. Denali, the highest peak in North America, & became the oldest Indian to climb the summit of Mt. Denali.

- 1) Harshvardhan Joshi
- 2) Sharad Kulkarni
- 3) Harish Kapadia
- 4) Debabrata Mukherjee
- 5) Shivangi Pathak

Answer- **2) Sharad Kulkarni**

Explanation:

Maharashtra's **Sharad Kulkarni**, a mountaineer and resident of Thane, Maharashtra had successfully climbed the summit of Mt. Denali (20,395 ft), the highest peak in North America, as part of his passion to climb the highest peaks of the seven continents.

i. With this he has become the oldest Indian to climb the summit of Mt. Denali.

231. In July 2022, PhonePe plans to shift its headquarters from _____ to India.

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Taiwan
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Philippines

Answer- **2) Singapore**

Explanation:

Walmart group digital payments firm **PhonePe** is planning to shift its headquarters from **Singapore to India.**

i. PhonePe had crossed the 250 million registered user milestone, with over 100 million monthly active users (MAU) generating nearly one billion digital payment transactions in October 2020.

232. How many member states are in the International Labour Organisation (ILO)?

- 1) 149
- 2) 180
- 3) 198
- 4) 187
- 5) 130

Answer- **4) 187**

Explanation:

About International Labour Organisation (ILO):

Director-General – Guy Ryder (Gilbert F. Houngbo will take office in October 2022.)

Establishment – 1919

Member states – 187 member states

233. The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of MSME
- 2) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 5) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Answer- **5) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

Explanation:

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched in August 2016 by Government of India under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to promote the Apprenticeship in the country by providing financial incentives, technology and advocacy support.

i. The standing committee on skills development has suggested the government enhance the stipend given to apprentices under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme by a sizable extent to restore parity with the stipend given for technical courses under the apprenticeship scheme of the ministry of education.

ii. Currently, stipend under NAPS is 25% subject to a maximum of Rs 1500 per month as against 50% for engineering degree and diploma holders under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme of the education ministry.

Note- Currently, two apprenticeship schemes are in implementation, namely, National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE) and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) by MSDE.

234. Which of the following countries will be the newest Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) members as of July 2022?

- 1) Belarus
- 2) Iran
- 3) Moldova
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (**SCO**) is all set for expansion with **Iran** joining the grouping as its ninth member while **Belarus** has applied for membership, its Secretary General Zhang Ming.

i. India will host the SCO summit next year and Varanasi has been selected as the SCO region's first "Tourism and Cultural Capital".

235. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed Director General of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)?

- 1) Himanshu Pathak
- 2) Samiran Panda
- 3) Dipankar Chakravorty
- 4) Balram Bhargava
- 5) Jayanta Kumar

Answer- **1) Himanshu Pathak**

Explanation:

Senior scientist **Himanshu Pathak** was appointed as Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education-cum-Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Secretary, DARE-cum-DG, **ICAR**).

i. Himanshu Pathak is currently serving as Director, ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Baramati, Maharashtra.

236. Alibag's white onion now recognized for Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It belongs to which state?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Punjab
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Alibag, in the Raigad district of **Maharashtra**, is one of the popular tourist spots. But, Alibag will be now recognized for Geographical Indication (GI) tagged white onion. The GI for this onion, characterized by its sweetness, has been accepted.

i. Alibag's white onion gets GI tagged, to benefit farmers as white onion will get premium price

237. In which state Corbett National Park is located?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **1) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Jim Corbett (1875-1955) was born in Nainital, Uttarakhand where he moved after Independence. Edward James Jim Corbett has lent his name to India's oldest and perhaps most famous national park, **Corbett National Park** and to the cottage industry that has grown around it.

- i. The name of Jim Corbett remains alive in and around the forests of **Uttarakhand** where the man lived, and whose efforts led to the establishment of the national park.
- ii. But the park was not always called Corbett. Set up in 1936 as India's and Asia's first national park, it was named Hailey National Park after Sir Macolm Hailey, the governor of the United Provinces.
- iii. Shortly after Independence, it was renamed Ramganga National Park after the river that flows through it, and was rechristened yet again as Corbett National Park in 1956.

238. Which country is the world's largest producer of sugar?

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) China
- 3) Brazil
- 4) Japan
- 5) India

Answer- **5) India**

Explanation:

India is the **world's largest producer** of sugar and the second-largest exporter after Brazil.

- i. A committee of ministers headed by Home Minister Amit Shah has reportedly cleared an additional 10-12 lakh tonnes of sugar for exports. This is over and above the 100 lt cap fixed in May when the Centre decided to restrict shipments from June 1 2022.

239. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as chief executive officer (CEO) of India Deaf Cricket Association?

- 1) Taniya Bhatia
- 2) Roma Balwani
- 3) Ekta Bisht
- 4) Sumit Jain
- 5) Deepti Sharma

Answer- **2) Roma Balwani**

Explanation:

Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA), the governing body for deaf cricket in India, has appointed **Roma Balwani** as its chief executive officer (CEO) and Brand Custodian effective from July 2022.

- i. In her new role, she will be responsible for creating a corporate structure and establishing the brand IDCA as the apex body for deaf cricket in India.
- ii. Sumit Jain, President of IDCA announced the appointment

240. In July 2022, Mahabalipuram to host the _____ edition of Tamil Nadu Kite Festival in August 2022.

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

5) 4th

Answer- 2) 1st

Explanation:

Mamallapuram or Mahabalipuram, to host the **1st edition** of Tamil Nadu Kite Festival is set to see custom kites, brought in by professionals from USA, Thailand, Malaysia and India, take flight.

- i. The event will take place at the sun-drenched, sea-kissed TTDC Ocean View, spread across 14 acres.
- ii. Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival will take place on August 13, 14 and 15, 2022.

241. Which state recently (in July'22) launched the 'Smart e-Beat System' for police attendance and real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel?

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

Answer- 4) Haryana

Explanation:

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the '**Smart e-Beat System**' at the office of the Police Commissioner, Gurugram, taking a step towards e-initiative for police attendance and real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel in Gurugram..

- i. Along with this, the Chief Minister also released details of the Smart e-Beat System and flagged off 119 motorcycle riders of the police associated with this system.
- ii. It is an app-based system. The presence of motorcycle rider policemen posted at the beat will also be available on this app and their monitoring can also be done easily.

242. Which country has the maximum Ramsar sites (as of July'22)?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Bolivia
- 3) Mexico
- 4) Brazil
- 5) United Kingdom

Answer- 5) United Kingdom

Explanation:

The **United Kingdom** (175) and Mexico (142) have the maximum Ramsar sites whereas Bolivia spans the largest area with 148,000 sq km under the Convention protection.

- i. Ramsar site is a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, an environmental treaty established by UNESCO in 1971, named after the city of 'Ramsar' in Iran

243. In July 2022, Samina Baig climbed the summit of Mount K2. She belongs to which country?

- 1) India
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) Iran

Answer- 4) Pakistan

Explanation:

Samina Baig completed the ascent to the top of K2, an imposing 8,611-metre-tall mountain situated on the Karakoram Range, Karar Haidri of the Alpine Club of Pakistan.

i. Samina Baig, a 32-year-old mountaineer from a remote northern village in Pakistan, hoisted her country's green and white flag atop the peak of the 28,250 foot-high K2 mountain in July 2022. In 2013, she was the first Pakistani woman to scale the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.

ii. K2, the second-highest mountain on the planet after Mount Everest, is considered one of the most dangerous summits.

244. Which country recently (in July'22) tested an advanced Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS)?

- 1) Japan
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Russia
- 4) India
- 5) China

Answer- **5) China**

Explanation:

China's People's Liberation Army recently tested an advanced Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) at an altitude of more than 5,300 metres in the Xinjiang Region close to the Indian border that could hit critical Indian military bases.

i. China is likely to deploy the PHL-16 MLRS on the Sino-Indian border.

245. Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after India's legendary cricketer, Sunil Gavaskar. The Leicester Cricket Ground is located in which country?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) England
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Australia
- 5) Barbados

Answer- **2) England**

Explanation:

England's **Leicester Cricket Ground** has been named after India's legendary cricketer, Sunil Gavaskar. The Leicester Cricket Ground, the ownership of which lies with Bharat Sports and Cricket Club, has decided to name the ground after Gavaskar to acknowledge his immense contribution to uplifting Indian Cricket to a certain height.

246. Which company recently (in July'22) partnered with INOX Leisure to create India's largest multiplex chain?

- 1) SRS Cinemas
- 2) PVR
- 3) SPI Cinemas
- 4) BookMyShow
- 5) Cinapolis

Answer- **2) PVR**

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) nod for **PVR-INOX** Leisure or INOX Movies merger to create India's largest multiplex chain.

- i. INOX and PVR shares are rising as market is bullish on these stocks after SEBI's nod for merger, believe stock experts
- ii. After the PVR-INOX merger, the new multiplex giant will hold more than 80 per cent of the market share in India.

247. Who authored the book 'Nightcrawling'?

- 1) Karen Joy Fowler
- 2) Leila Mottley
- 3) Selby Wynn Schwartz
- 4) Hernan Diaz
- 5) Alan Garner

Answer- **2) Leila Mottley**

Explanation:

Booker Prize longlist of 13 books, referred to as the "Booker dozen" and released in July 2022, is dominated by American authors, including previously longlisted writer Elizabeth Strout.

- i. Hernan Diaz is in the race for 'Trust', Percival Everett for 'The Trees', Karen Joy Fowler for 'Booth', 20-yr-old **Leila Mottley** for '**Nightcrawling**', Selby Wynn Schwartz for 'After Sappho' and Strout for 'Oh William!'. Besides the six Americans, the list includes two British authors - Alan Garner (oldest nominee at 87) for 'Treacle Walker' and 'Maddie Mortimer for 'Maps of Our Spectacular Bodies'.

248. Who was recently (in July'22) appointed as Managing Director (MD) of TATA Projects?

- 1) Anjali Bansal
- 2) Vinayak Pai
- 3) Praveer Sinha
- 4) Vinayak Deshpande
- 5) Vibha Padalkar

Answer- **2) Vinayak Pai**

Explanation:

TATA Projects has appointed **Vinayak Pai** as its Managing Director.

- i. Vinayak Pai has taken over the reins from Vinayak Deshpande who will retire after being at the helm of affairs for over 11 years.

249. Who recently (in July'22) won first prize in an online art competition of the Art Craft organisation for the Vighnaharta?

- 1) Amrita Pritam
- 2) Deepak Ananth
- 3) Amrita Sher-Gil
- 4) Vivan Sundaram
- 5) Srinivasa Rao Kanumuri

Answer- **5) Srinivasa Rao Kanumuri**

Explanation:

Vighnaharta, the Visakhapatnam-based artist **Srinivasa Rao Kanumuri**, won **first prize** in an online art competition organized by Dubai-based organization Art Craft.

- i. Vighnaharta marks a reinterpretation of mythology, an ideology, and his entry into the themes of Indian epics.
- ii. The 30" x 30" work of art is a visual spectacle done in mixed media on canvas. It recently won first prize in an online art competition organized by Dubai-based organization Art Craft.

250. In which year the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) was established?

- 1) 1969
- 2) 2000
- 3) 1995
- 4) 1997
- 5) 1972

Answer- **5) 1972**

Explanation:

The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), established in **1972**, is organising the golden Jubilee celebrations from 26th July 2022. MPEDA Chairman K. N. Raghavan will launch the celebrations in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

- i. National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Chief Executive Suvarna Chandrappagari, Commissioner of Fisheries K. Kanna Babu, MPEDA secretary K. S. Pradeep, farmers and other stakeholders will participate in the programme.

251. The Nubra Valley is located in _____ state.

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

Answer- **1) Ladakh**

Explanation:

Nubra Valley is situated in the North of Ladakh, between Karakoram and Ladakh ranges of Himalayas. Nubra lies at average altitude about 10,000 feet above sea level.

- i. In Ladakh, CEC LAHDC Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan Inaugurated the Ladakh Festival Kargil 2022 at Khree Sultan Chow Stadium Bemathang Kargil. The festival is organised by the Department of Tourism and Culture Kargil UT Ladakh.
- ii. The Chief Guest along with Secretary Tourism UT Ladakh along with Executive Councilor Tourism LAHDC Kargil visited and inspected the various stalls by departs, NGIs, SHGs etc and appreciated the effort.
- iii. The Festival will be of two days and on 24th the 1st Incredible India Kargil Half Marathon will be held.

252. The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) recently (in July'22) signed an agreement with which of the following companies for the Tripura gas sale?

- 1) GAIL India
- 2) Assam Gas Company
- 3) Meghalaya Gases Limited
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Both 1 & 2

Explanation:

The state-owned exploration giant Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has signed a gas-selling agreement with **GAIL India** and Assam Gas Company Ltd (**AGCL**) to monetise natural gas at its upcoming gas well at Khubal under Panisagar of North Tripura.

i. The agreement was signed by executive director of ONGC, Tripura Asset, Tarun Malik, managing director of AGCL Gokul Chandra Swargiary and CGM-zonal head, GAIL, R Choudhury on behalf of their respective companies.

253. Who is the current (as of July'22) President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- 1) C. K. Khanna
- 2) N. Srinivasan
- 3) Shashank Manohar
- 4) Shivalal Yadav
- 5) Sourav Ganguly

Answer- 5) Sourav Ganguly

Explanation:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President is **Sourav Ganguly**.

i. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has introduced a new A+ category for its umpires and Nitin Menon, along with ten other officials, have been grouped in the category.

ii. Umpires in A+ and A categories are paid Rs 40,000 a day for a first-class game while Rs 30,000 a day are paid in the B and C category.

- The others in the A+ category include four international umpires: Anil Chaudhary, Madangopal Jayaraman, Virender Kumar Sharma and K N Ananthapadmabhanan.
- Rohan Pandit, Nikhil Patwardhan, Sadashiv Iyer, Ulhas Gandhe and Navdeep Singh Sidhu are also part of the A+ category.

254. In which state/UT, Talkatora Indoor Stadium is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- 4) Delhi

Explanation:

The first Khelo India Fencing Women's League, which will begin on 25 July, 2022, will be hosted by **Talkatora Indoor Stadium** in New Delhi, **Delhi**.

i. The first-of-its-kind national fencing competition for women will take place through the 29th of July, according to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It will take place in three stages.

255. Shericka Jackson won the 200-meter title at the world championships in the second-fastest time (21.45 sec) in history.

Shericka Jackson belongs to which country?

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Cuba
- 3) Barbados
- 4) Brazil
- 5) Jamaica

Answer- **5) Jamaica**

Explanation:

Shericka Jackson gave the **Jamaican** women another gold medal in the sprints night, capturing the 200-meter title at the world championships in the second-fastest time in history, 21.45 seconds after the win, Usain Bolt.

256. _____ in Gujarat has become the first city in India to get a processed steel slag (industrial waste) road.

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

Answer- **4) Surat**

Explanation:

The Diamond City of India, **Surat** in **Gujarat** has become the **first city in India** to get a processed steel slag (industrial waste) road.

i. India's first 1.2 km long road constructed in Surat with the steel slag from Arcelor Mittal and Nippon Steel's Hazira Steel plant has found a coveted place in the India Book of Records.

257. In which state Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **5) Maharashtra**

Explanation:**About Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve**

- It is located in Chandrapur district in **Maharashtra**.
- It is Maharashtra's oldest and largest national park.

- It is one of India's 50 "Project Tiger" reserves.

258. Who recently (in July'22) became the first person from Bangladesh to ascend Pakistan's administered K2 mountain peak?

- 1) Ashraf Aman
- 2) Nazir Sabir
- 3) Wasifa Nazreen
- 4) Mirza Ali Baig
- 5) Samina Baig

Answer- 3) Wasifa Nazreen

Explanation:

Mountaineer **Wasifa Nazreen** became the first person from **Bangladesh** to ascend Pakistan's administered K2, the second-highest mountain peak. She scaled the K2 mountain peak, which is 8611 metres (28,251 ft) high, and then descended to the base camp.

i. On completing this historic task, the 39-year-old mountaineer Wasifa paid tribute to all the known and unknown martyrs of Bangladesh from the language movement to the liberation war.

ii. Wasifa Nazreen climbed Mount Everest in 2012.

259. Which state government recently (in July'22) approved the creation of Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary?

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

Answer- 4) Assam

Explanation:

The Assam government has granted permission for the establishment of a second wildlife sanctuary in Assam's Barak Valley. Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi has given his approval for the creation of Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary.

i. The new **Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary** will be **opened** between the Barak River and the Sonai River.

ii. The new wildlife sanctuary will be spread over an area of 320 sq. km.

260. Which company recently (in July'22) signed an agreement with Aequs in the commercial aerospace sector?

- 1) Vedanta Limited
- 2) Tata Motors
- 3) Hindalco Industries
- 4) Adani Group
- 5) National Aluminium Company

Answer- 3) Hindalco Industries

Explanation:

Aditya Birla Group's metals flagship **Hindalco Industries** and **Aequs** have entered into a strategic pact for long-term collaboration and joint business development in the commercial aerospace sector.

i. The move will strengthen the commercial aerospace business of Aequus Pvt Ltd.

261. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)?

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

Answer- **3) Vienna, Austria**

Explanation:

About United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC):

Executive Director- Ghada Fathi Waly

Headquarters- Vienna, Austria

Established- 1997

262. The Siachen Glacier is located in the _____.

- 1) Kabru Mountain
- 2) Karakoram range
- 3) Lhotse Mountain
- 4) Shishapangma Mountain
- 5) Kirat Chuli range

Answer- **2) Karakoram range**

Explanation:

The Siachen Glacier is located in the Eastern **Karakoram range** in the Himalayas, just northeast of Point NJ9842 where the Line of Control between India and Pakistan ends.

i. It lies to the west of Aksai Chin, north of Nubra valley, and almost east of Gilgit.

263. In which country is the Sakurajima volcano located?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Kenya
- 3) Japan
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) China

Answer- **3) Japan**

Explanation:

A **Sakurajima volcano** on **Japan's** main southern island of Kyushu erupted in July 2022, spewing ash and rocks.

i. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries in nearby towns but residents were advised to evacuate.

264. The migratory monarch butterfly has been classified as 'endangered' in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species in July 2022.

Where is the headquarters of IUCN located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) New York City, USA

- 3) Nairobi, Kenya
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Gland, Switzerland

Answer- **5) Gland, Switzerland**

Explanation:

The migratory monarch butterfly, a sub-species of the monarch butterfly that travels around 4,000 kilometers across America each year, has been classified 'endangered' in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species in July 21, 2022

i. IUCN is a membership union uniquely composed of both government and civil society organizations. Created in 1948, it is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it.

ii. It is headquartered in **Gland, Switzerland.**

265. Neha Narkhede has bagged the 8th position among the top 10 richest Indian women, according to research firm Hurun in July 2022.

Neha Narkhede is the Co-founder and former chief technology officer of which company?

- 1) Atlassian
- 2) Snowflake Inc
- 3) HashiCorp
- 4) Databricks
- 5) Confluent

Answer- **5) Confluent**

Explanation:

The Co-founder and former chief technology officer of cloud company '**Confluent**' Neha Narkhede has bagged the 8th position among the top 10 richest Indian women, according to the latest list compiled in July 2022 by research firm Hurun.

i. The 38-year-old Neha Narkhede is the recent entry to join India's wealthiest women with a net worth of ₹13,380 crore.

266. The Government of India recently (in July'22) approved a proposal to release a commemorative postage stamp to honour _____, a freedom fighter from Tamil Nadu.

- 1) Ondiveeran
- 2) Dheeran Chinnamalai
- 3) Vanchinathan
- 4) Velu Nachiyar
- 5) V. O. Chidambaram Pillai

Answer- **1) Ondiveeran**

Explanation:

The Government of India has recently approved a proposal to release a commemorative postage stamp to honour freedom fighter **Ondiveeran**, who had fought against British rule. Ondiveeran was a trusted lieutenant in the Pulithevan Army that had taken on the imperialist forces.

- i.** The stamp is likely to be released in August, 2022. Since August 20 is the death anniversary of the freedom fighter and this year (2022) marks his 250th death anniversary, it may be chosen for the release.
- ii.** Ondiveeran was a native of Nerkattum Seval near Sankarankoil in the erstwhile Tirunelveli district (since bifurcated and now in Tenkasi district), Tamil Nadu.