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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to India's biggest Drone Festival, Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 in May 2022?

A) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's biggest Drone Festival, Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022, at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, Delhi.

B) For the first time in India, the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, has conducted a pilot project to carry mail using drone technology in Kutch, Gujarat.

C) India's First Flying Taxi 'e200' Showcased at Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 which was displayed by ePlane Company.

1) Only A

2) Only C

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

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

Explanation:

Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi inaugurated **India's biggest Drone Festival, Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022**, at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. For the first time in India, the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, has conducted a pilot project to carry mail using drone technology in **Kutch, Gujarat.**

ii. **India's First Flying Taxi 'e200'** Showcased at **Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022** which was displayed by ePlane Company, an aviation and aerospace component manufacturing company.

iii. At the Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 in New Delhi, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) inked an MoU with NewSpace Research & Technologies (NRT), a Bengaluru (Karnataka) based start-up.

2. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was recently (in May '22) extended for continuation till the financial year (FY) 2025-26 with the total outlay of approx. Rs.13554.42 Crore.

The PMEGP is the flagship scheme of which ministry?

1) Ministry of Labour and Employment

2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

3) Ministry of Rural Development

4) Ministry of Education

5) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Answer- **5) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (**PMEGP**) is the flagship scheme of the **Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)** was extended for continuation till the financial year (FY) 2025-26 with the total outlay of approx. **Rs.13554.42 Crore**, with an aim of creating sustainable employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five financial years.

i. The extension of the scheme is over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. All the States and Union Territories will be covered under the Scheme.

ii. Increase in Maximum project cost from Rs 25 Lakhs to Rs 50 Lakhs for manufacturing units and from Rs 10 Lakhs to Rs 20 Lakhs for service units.

iii. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was implemented to facilitate generation of employment opportunities for unemployed youth across the country by assisting the setting up of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector.

3. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the PM CARES For Children' scheme (as of May 2022)?

1) Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi released benefits under the 'PM CARES For Children' scheme, which was launched in 2021.

2) The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has been tasked with implementing the PM CARES for Children scheme.

3) The scheme provides Rs. 10,000 per month for basic requirements, as well as financial assistance for schooling, a higher education scholarship.

4) A monthly stipend will be provided to those who lost their parents in the pandemic and are between the ages of 18-23 years.

5) A passbook of PM CARES for Children and a health card for treatment up to Rs.5 lakh under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana are also provided to the eligible children.

Answer- 3) The scheme provides Rs. 10,000 per month for basic requirements, as well as financial assistance for schooling, a higher education scholarship.

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi released benefits under the 'PM CARES For Children' scheme, which was launched in 2021.

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has been tasked with implementing the PM CARES for Children scheme in partnership with stakeholder Ministries, States, and District Administration.

- The scheme provides Rs.4,000 per month for basic requirements, as well as financial assistance for schooling, a higher education scholarship. PM CARES also provides educational loans to children for professional courses or higher education.
- A monthly stipend will be provided to those who lost their parents in the pandemic and are between the ages of 18 and 23 years, and they would be given Rs.10 lakh when they turn 23 years.
- A passbook of PM CARES for Children and a health card for treatment up to Rs.5 lakh under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana are also provided to the eligible children.

4. In May 2022, the National Health Authority (NHA) launched an online public dashboard for which health mission?

- 1) Mission Parivar Vikas
- 2) Mission Indhradhanush
- 3) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- 4) National Urban Health Mission
- 5) National Rural Health Mission

Answer- **3) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**

Explanation:

The National Health Authority (NHA) under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) launched ABDM public dashboard for real-time information sharing and to act as a one-stop solution for information on the ABDM's progress at state or Union Territory(UT) level.

i. The dashboard will display information on core registries under the mission such as – Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers, Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) and Health Facility Registry (HFR).

5. In May 2022, Project Vartak of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) completed the excavation of the Nechiphu Tunnel in _____.

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

Answer- **2) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Project Vartak of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has completed the excavation of the **Nechiphu Tunnel** in **Arunachal Pradesh** the last blast was virtually initiated by Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry Director General Border Roads (DGBR).

i. The 500-meter Nechiphu tunnel along Balipara-Charduar-Tawang (BCT) Road (between Km 82.00 to 88.00) at an altitude of 5700 feet is being constructed by BRO.

ii. This D-shaped, Single Tube Double Lane Tunnel, with modern lighting and safety facilities, will accommodate two-way traffic.

iii. Under Project Vartak, the excavation of the Sela Tunnel(Twin tube – 1,555 meter and 980 meter) and Nechiphu tunnels on BCT road connecting Balipara to Tawang was completed in 18 months.

6. Under which article, the Supreme Court of India was recently (in May'22) recognised sex work as a "Profession"?

- 1) Article 16 (4)
- 2) Article 142
- 3) Article 14
- 4) Article 124
- 5) Article 21

Answer- 2) Article 142

Explanation:

The Supreme Court of India has recognised sex work as a "Profession", whose practitioners are entitled to dignity and equal protection under the law.

- i.** The 3-judge bench led by Justice L. Nageswara Rao directed an order passed after invoking special powers under **Article 142** of the Constitution.
- ii.** The court has stated that police should neither interfere nor take criminal action against adult and consenting sex workers and The authorities have a duty to protect them under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.
- iii.** Section 354C, Indian Penal Code(IPC), introduced in 2020, makes voyeurism a criminal offence, should be strictly enforced against electronic media, in order to prohibit telecasting photos of sex workers with their clients in the garb of capturing the rescue operation

7. Name the state that recently (in May'22) became the top sugar producer of India.

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Maharashtra became **India's top sugar producer** after a five-year gap, followed by **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** in the lead. During the current season of 2021-22, the state is crushing the highest amount of cane and producing the highest ever amount of sugar. Till date, Maharashtra has crushed 1194.75 lt of cane and produced 124.75 lt of sugar.

- i.** The first is the abundant rainfall Maharashtra has received since the start of the 2019 southwest monsoon season (June-September).

8. Government of India recently (in May'22) has increased the insurance premium rates to _____ from Rs. 330 per annum for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and from Rs. 12 per annum to Rs. 20 per annum for _____ scheme.

- 1) Rs. 389 per annum; Janshree Bima Yojana
- 2) Rs. 436 per annum; Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- 3) Rs. 523 per annum; Janshree Bima Yojana
- 4) Rs. 436 per annum; Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana
- 5) Rs. 523 per annum; Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

Answer- 2) Rs. 436 per annum; Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) has hiked the insurance premium rates for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (**PMJJBY**) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (**PMSBY**) to make them economically viable. The revision in premium rates is the first in seven years since the schemes' commencement in 2015. The revised premium rates will be effective from June 1, 2022.

- i.** In Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) has increased the insurance premium rates to Rs. **436 per annum** from Rs. 330 per annum and from **Rs. 12 per annum** to Rs. 20 per annum respectively.
- ii.** The premium rates for both schemes have been revised by making it **Rs 1.25 per day**.
- iii.** In percentage terms, PMJJBY's premium has increased by 32%, while PMSBY's premium has increased by 67%.

9. In May 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's first nano urea liquid plant by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) at _____, Gujarat.

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

Answer- **1) Kalol**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's first nano urea liquid plant by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (**IFFCO**) at **Kalol, Gujarat**. This facility was dedicated to the nation during a ceremony held at the Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

- i.** With this inauguration, India has become the first country globally to start commercial production of Nano Urea.
- ii.** Kalol plant has been set up with an investment of Rs 175 crore, the plant will produce approximately 1.5 lakh 500 ml bottles of nano urea per day, and eight more such plants will be established in India in the coming days.

10. In which city, India's first lavender festival was recently (in May '22) inaugurated by Union Minister of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Baderwah, Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- 5) Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **2) Baderwah, Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated **India's First Lavender Festival** in the **Baderwah town in Doda district** of Jammu Division of the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**).

- i.** Council of Scientific and Industrial Research–Indian Institute Of Integrative Medicine (**CSIR–IIIM**) introduced lavender farming in Jammu & Kashmir's Rama, Doda, Kathua, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Udhampur, Pulwama, Kupwara, Anantnag, and Bandipora districts and Jitendra Singh also

inaugurated six distillation units for lavender under CSIR-IIIM. CSIR-IIIM also installed 50 distillation units under the Aroma Mission.

ii. CSIR-Aroma Mission, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, aims to develop aroma related science and technology to reach end users such as farmers, industry, and society.

11. Delhi Customs recently (in May '22) inaugurated the Project 'NIGAH' at Inland Container Depot (ICD) Garhi Harsaru in _____.

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 3) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 4) Gurugram, Haryana
- 5) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Gurugram, Haryana**

Explanation:

Surjit Bhujabal, Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs Zone, inaugurated the Project 'NIGAH' at Inland Container Depot (ICD) Garhi Harsaru, **Gurugram, Haryana**.

i. Project 'NIGAH' is an initiative to track containers by using ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module) which will enable better visibility of the container movement inside the ICD. ICTM was developed in collaboration with M/s. Gateway Rail Freight Limited (GRFL).

ii. This will assist Customs to expedite long standing containers and monitor timely clearances and enhance Ease of Doing Business along with ensuring lead preventive checks.

12. Which state government recently (in May'22) approved the new guidelines for the implementation of "Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana"?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **2) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister(CM) of **Rajasthan**, has approved the new guidelines for the implementation of "**Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana**", which was announced by the CM in the 2022-23 budget to provide employment in urban areas on the lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (**MGNREGA**).

i. Under the new urban employment scheme, families residing in urban areas will get **100 days** of employment per year. The Rajasthan govt will spend around **Rs 800 crore** per year on this scheme.

ii. Under these new guidelines, People of the age group **18 to 60 years** residing in the local body area will be registered on the basis of Jan Aadhaar card.

13. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in June'22) union cabinet approval?

- A) The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to expand the mandate of the Government e Marketplace-Special Purpose Vehicle (GeM-SPV) to allow cooperatives as buyer's platforms.**
B) The minimum educational qualification requirement for constables (General Duty) in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been relaxed from Class 10 to Class 8 was approved by the Union Cabinet.
C) The education relaxation made for the recruitment of 400 candidates as Constables in the CRPF from three districts in South Chhattisgarh: Bijapur, Dantewada, and Sukma.

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

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

Explanation:

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- i.** The minimum educational qualification requirement for constables (General Duty) in the Central Reserve Police Force (**CRPF**) has been relaxed from **Class 10 to Class 8** was approved by the Union Cabinet.
- ii.** The education relaxation made for the recruitment of 400 candidates as Constables in the CRPF from **three** districts in South Chhattisgarh: Bijapur, Dantewada, and Sukma.
- iii.** The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has developed an IT (Information Technology) module for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to integrate competent financial authorities and Internal Financial Advisers (IFA) for online e-concurrence and approval of procurement proposals on the GeM portal.

14. Name the Indian logistics company that recently (in June'22) signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s Climate Neutral Now (CNN) pledge.

- 1) Allcargo Logistics
- 2) Apollo LogiSolutions
- 3) Blue Dart Express
- 4) Aegis Logistics
- 5) Mahindra Logistics

Answer- **3) Blue Dart Express**

Explanation:

Blue Dart Express, an Indian logistics company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group has signed the '**Climate Neutral Now**' (**CNN**) **pledge** framed by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (**UNFCCC**) to ambitious CO2 reduction targets and the company's long term goal is to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by 2050.

- i.** DPDHL Group has taken measures worth up to Euro 7 billion to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement.
- ii.** Climate Neutral Now (CNN) was launched in 2015. It is one of several initiatives launched by the UNFCCC secretariat to increase climate action by engaging non-Party stakeholders (sub-national governments, companies, organizations, individuals).

15. What is the target year of the Indian government to achieve coal gasification to 100 million tonnes (MT)?

- 1) 2028
- 2) 2040
- 3) 2035
- 4) 2025
- 5) 2030

Answer- **5) 2030**

Explanation:

While addressing the National Mineral Congress held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, highlighted that the government of India (**GoI**) has set a target to **increase** coal gasification to **100 million tonnes (MT)** by **2030** with investments worth over Rs. 4 lakh crores.

He also stated that GoI has also prepared a National Mission document to achieve 100 MT Coal Gasification by 2030.

Note- Coal Gasification is considered a cleaner option compared to the burning of coal and gasification facilitates the utilisation of the chemical properties of coal.

16. India decided to introduce “Made in India” Tuberculosis (TB) infection skin test named

- _____.
- 1) m-TB
 - 2) i-TB
 - 3) a-TB
 - 4) c-TB
 - 5) e-TB

Answer- **4) c-TB**

Explanation:

Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare(MoHFW) stated that India will introduce **c-TB**, a newly approved, cost-effective “Made in India” Tuberculosis (TB) infection skin test. This new tool will also benefit the other high burden countries.

i. He also stated that the government will also launch a new initiative “Adopt people with TB”, based on Indian values of collectivism.

17. In May 2022, The government of India (GoI) established an inter-ministerial panel to regulate the online gaming industry.

How many members are in the inter-ministerial panel?

- 1) 7
- 2) 4
- 3) 10
- 4) 8
- 5) 9

Answer- **1) 7**

Explanation:

The government of India (GoI) has established a **7 members** inter-ministerial panel to work on regulations for the online gaming industry and identify a nodal ministry to monitor and look after the online gaming sector.

- i. The panel will assess various aspects to promote online gaming and frame regulatory mechanisms for online gaming, protection of gamers, and ease of doing business, among others.
- ii. The panel includes Amitabh Kant, CEO of Niti Aayog along with secretaries of Home Affairs, Revenue, Industries and Internal Trade, Electronics and Information Technology, Information and Broadcasting and Sports.

18. The Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) recently (in May '22) crossed a sales turnover of Rs 100 crores in May 2022 for the 1st time.

PMBI is the implementing agency of which scheme?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana

Answer- 2) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana

Explanation:

Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (**PMBI**), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (**PMBJP**), Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, has crossed a sales turnover of **Rs 100 crores** in May **2022**(for the first time), this is the highest ever monthly sales record by PMBI.

- i. This has in turn saved around Rs 600 crores for Indian citizens. More than 15,000 Crore Rs. have been saved by the general public under this Pariyojana in the last 5 years. In May 2021, during the COVID-19 second wave period, the total sales were Rs. 83.77 crore.

19. Name the company that recently (in June'22) released Biodiversity Policy 2022 for the conservation and restoration of a balanced ecosystem.

- 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 2) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 3) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited
- 4) National Mineral Development Corporation
- 5) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

Answer- 5) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

Explanation:

NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, has released its Biodiversity Policy 2022, for the conservation and restoration of a balanced ecosystem.

- i. With this, NTPC Ltd aims to mainstream the concept of biodiversity across its value chain and adopt the precautionary approach for sustainable management of biodiversity in all decision making processes to ensure earth's diverse life in and around NTPL's business unit.

20. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) recently (in May '22) commenced the 2 months long “Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0” to accelerate the pace and coverage of COVID19 vaccination.

Who is the Current (as of June'22) Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare?

- 1) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 2) Mansukh Mandaviya
- 3) Parshottam Rupala
- 4) Bhupender Yadav
- 5) Raj Kumar Singh

Answer- 2) Mansukh Mandaviya

Explanation:

Mansukh L. Mandaviya is the Union ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

i. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) has commenced the 2 months long “Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0” to accelerate the pace and coverage of COVID19 vaccination across all eligible age groups across States and Union territories (UTs) of India.

ii. ‘Har Ghar Dastak 2.0’ will be implemented from 1st June 2022 to 31st July 2022.

iii. Objective: To vaccinate and cover the eligible population groups for 1st, 2nd and precaution doses through door-to-door campaigns

21. Name the Indian cricketer who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Election commission of India (ECI) State Icon for National Capital Territory(NCT) of Delhi.

- 1) Unmukt Chand
- 2) Yash Dhull
- 3) Ripal Patel
- 4) Vicky Ostwal
- 5) Raj Bawa

Answer- 2) Yash Dhull

Explanation:

Election commission of India (ECI) has appointed Indian cricketer **Yash Dhull**, as the **ECI State Icon for National Capital Territory(NCT) of Delhi** to encourage the youngsters of Delhi.

i. As the ECI State Icon Yash Dhull will educate and motivate the youngsters to enrol themselves in the electoral roll. He will also participate in college-level voter awareness events.

ii. Yash Dhull was the **captain** of the **2022 International Cricket Council (ICC) Men’s Under 19** World Cup-winning Team. He made his first-class cricket debut for the Delhi Cricket Team in the 2021-22 Ranji Trophy.

22. In June 2022, the Central Government approved a ____ rate of interest on Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22, which is lowest since 1977-78.

- 1) 8.2%
- 2) 8.0%
- 3) 8.3%
- 4) 8.1%
- 5) 8.5%

Answer- 4) 8.1%

Explanation:

The Central Government has officially approved **8.1%** rate of **interest on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22**, which is down by 40 basis points from **8.5%** provided in 2020-21.

- i.** This new interest rate is the lowest since 1977-78 (over four-decade low), when it stood at 8%.
- ii.** This approval has been made concurrently by the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E), and the Ministry of Finance.

23. In June 2022, Supreme Court of India issued an order that the Mining & construction of Permanent Structures within Extended Buffer Zone (ESZ) of ____ radius of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is banned.

- 1) 2 km
- 2) 10 km
- 3) 200 km
- 4) 1 km
- 5) 5 km

Answer- **4) 1 km**

Explanation:

The Bench of Justice L Nageswara Rao, Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai (BR Gavai) and Justice Aniruddha Bose in the Supreme Court of India (SC) has ordered that mining and construction of new permanent structures within Extended Buffer Zone (**ESZ**) of **1-kilometre(km)** radius of a national wildlife sanctuary or national park will not be permitted.

- i.** For Jamwa Ramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan, ESZ shall be 500 metres so far as subsisting activities are concerned.

24. The Bandhan Express is the India- ____ passenger train service resumed in June 2022 after 2 years.

- 1) Thailand
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Bhutan

Answer- **4) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

The passenger train services between India and **Bangladesh** were resumed with **Bandhan Express** (Kolkata, West Bengal, India to Khulna, Bangladesh) and **Maitree Express** (Dhaka, Bangladesh to Kolkata, West Bengal), 2 years after these trains were stopped on 28th March 2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- i.** The Mitali Express, a 3rd train connecting New Jalpaiguri in North Bengal, West Bengal with Dhaka, Bangladesh will be flagged off in June 2022 by Railways ministers of both India and Bangladesh.

- ii.** So far, 5 rail links have been rebooted between India and Bangladesh.

25. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched (in June'22) the Pan-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign named 'Ghar Ke Upar Solar Is Super'.

The Campaign is initiated by which organisation in India?

- 1) Solar Energy Corporation of India
- 2) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
- 3) Bharat Heavy Electricals
- 4) National Solar Energy Federation of India
- 5) Power Grid Corporation of India

Answer- 4) National Solar Energy Federation of India

Explanation:

A 3-year long Pan-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign titled '**Ghar Ke Upar Solar Is Super**' by the National Solar Energy Federation of India (**NSEFI**) is launched by the Minister of State (MoS) Bhagwant Khuba, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) during an event at Bidar, Karnataka to urge public for installing solar rooftops.

About Campaign:

- It is initiated by NSEFI with support from the German Solar Association (BSW) and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) under the Sequa Kammer- und Verbandspartnerschafts-Programm (KVP) Programme.
- Its aim is to mobilize local government, citizens, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), and Municipalities to spread awareness of Solar Rooftop among 100 Indian towns and cities, especially tier 2 and tier 3 towns/cities.

26. In June 2022, Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the 'LiFE Movement'.

In LiFE, what does 'E' stand for?

- 1) Energy
- 2) Environment
- 3) Earth
- 4) Economy
- 5) Ecology

Answer- 2) Environment

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi launched '**Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement**' via video conferencing, the idea of which was introduced by him during the 26th United Nations Climate Change (UNCC) Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland in 2021.

i. This launch resulted in the initiation of 'LiFE Global Call for Ideas and Papers'.

ii. The LiFE envisages the replacement of the prevalent economy of 'use-and-dispose' with a circular economy of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'. There is a need to live a lifestyle in tune with our planet in order to make the environment sustainable. The people opting this lifestyle are regarded as 'Pro-Planet People (P3)'.

27. Which state government recently (in June '22) declared the 'Blue Duke' as the State Butterfly?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Tripura

4) Assam

5) Sikkim

Answer- **5) Sikkim**

Explanation:

On the occasion of **World Environment Day (5th June 2022)**, the government of **Sikkim** declared the **Blue Duke**(scientific name: *Bassarona durga durga*), a species of nymphalid butterfly found in the Himalayas, as the **State Butterfly of Sikkim**.

i. Blue Duke, discovered in the state in 1858, falls in **Schedule 2** of the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** and is a highly protected butterfly species in the Himalayas. It is found at an altitude below 1500 metres in the **Himalayas**.

ii. The idea of the **state butterfly** was proposed by Butterfly enthusiast **Nosang M Limboo**, also known as the **Butterfly Man of Sikkim**.

28. In June 2022, which state is set to introduce the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award to the state's sportspersons?

1) Gujarat

2) Rajasthan

3) Odisha

4) Assam

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Rajasthan Chief Minister(CM) **Ashok Gehlot** announced that the state government is set to introduce the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** to the **State's sportspersons**. He made the announcement while addressing the inauguration and player award ceremony at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

i. The CM inaugurated Rajasthan High-Performance Sports and Rehabilitation Centre, Renovated Synthetic Hockey Astro Turf and Badminton Indoor Hall, Olympic and also awarded Para Olympic medalists, Asian Games-2022 and Commonwealth Games-2022 players.

ii. He also informed that **Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics** will commence on **29th August 2022** in which more than 27 lakh players of all ages can participate

29. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) recently (in June'22) granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for Armed Forces Capital Acquisition Proposals worth of _____.

1) Rs 45,789 crore

2) Rs 68,213 crore

3) Rs 53,124 crore

4) Rs 89,012 crore

5) Rs 76,390 crore

Answer- **5) Rs 76,390 crore**

Explanation:

The Defence Acquisition Council (**DAC**), chaired by Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD), has granted Acceptance of Necessity (**AoN**) for Armed Forces Capital Acquisition Proposals worth **Rs 76,390 crore**.

- i. The approval is issued under “Buy (Indian)”, “Buy & Make (Indian)”, and “Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed, Developed, and Manufactured (IDDM))” categories.
- ii. For the Indian Navy, the DAC accorded AoN for procurement of Next Generation Corvettes (NGC) for around Rs 36,000 crore. The corvettes should be 120-meter-long with a range of more than 4,000 nautical miles and be capable of sailing at 27 knots, according to the Navy.

30. In which city, Maruti Suzuki India recently (in June'22) installed Asia's largest 20 MegaWatt Peak (MWp) carport-type solar power plant?

- 1) Kheda, Gujarat
- 2) Tumkur, Karnataka
- 3) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Gurugram, Haryana
- 5) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Gurugram, Haryana**

Explanation:

Maruti Suzuki India Limited, a subsidiary of Suzuki Motor Corporation(Japan), has installed **Asia's largest 20 MegaWatt Peak (MWp)** carport-type solar power plant at its Manesar facility in Gurugram, Haryana. The Manesar facility will produce 28,000 MegaWatt Hour(MWh) per annum of solar power.

i. The generated power will be equivalent to the energy required to produce more than 67000 cars annually which would be around 11.5% of the total energy requirement of the facility.

31. In June 2022, PM Narendra Modi, announced that India has achieved the target of ____ ethanol blending in Petrol ahead of the original schedule of November 2022.

- 1) 10%
- 2) 30%
- 3) 15%
- 4) 20%
- 5) 25%

Answer- **1) 10%**

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, announced that India has achieved the target of **10% ethanol blending in Petrol**, 5 months ahead of the original schedule of **November 2022**. He made the announcement while addressing a programme on the “**Save Soil Movement**” at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day 2022(June 5, 2022).

i. India is aiming to achieve 20% of ethanol blending in Petrol by 2025-2026 in order to reduce the oil import dependence and address environmental issues.

ii. The achievement has reduced carbon emission by 27 lakh tonnes, saved the country Rs 41,000 crore in foreign exchange spending (on oil imports) and boosted income of farmers by Rs 40,000 crore in eight years.

iii. “Save Soil Movement” is a campaign which aims to raise awareness about declining soil health and to encourage people to take action to restore it.

32. Which state's Board for Wildlife recently (in June'22) approved 12 new conservation reserves and 3 wildlife sanctuaries to be set up in the state?

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

Answer- 5) Maharashtra

Explanation:

The **18th** Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife (**MSBWL**) meeting chaired by Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray, approved **12** new conservation reserves covering an area of **692.74 square (sq)** kilometres (Km) and **3 wildlife sanctuaries** covering an area of 303 sq km.

i. The total area under these protected areas (PAs) is around 1000 sq km, which is twice the size of Mumbai city's (~482 sq km). During the meeting, the board also approved the 10 endangered wildlife habitats.

ii. The 3 Wildlife Sanctuaries of Maharashtra are the extension of the Lonar wildlife sanctuary (0.8694 sq km), Kolamarka in Gadchiroli (180.72 sq km) and Muktai Bhawani in Jalgaon (122.74 sq km).

iii. Maharashtra has become the first Indian State to declare critical wildlife habitats with the Naigaon Peacock Sanctuary in Beed district and the Yedshi-Ramling Wildlife Sanctuary in Osmanabad district.

33. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the release/launch by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on World Food Safety Day on 7th June'22?

A) As per the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s 4th State Food Safety Index for 2021-2022 released by MoH & FW, Tamil Nadu was the top ranking state among larger states, followed by Gujarat.

B) The Ministry also awarded the winners of the Eat Right Challenge for Cities and Districts 2021-2021, Salem, Tamil Nadu secured the top position.

C) The Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Logo for Ayush Aahar which contains the initials of Ayurveda and Ahara in Devanagari and English language.

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

Answer- 4) Only A & C

Explanation:

As per the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**)'s 4th State Food Safety Index for 2021-2022 released by MoH & FW, **Tamil Nadu** was the top ranking state **among larger states**, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.

- Among the smaller states, Goa stood first followed by Manipur and Sikkim
- Among UTs (Union Territories), Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Delhi and Chandigarh secured first, second and third ranks.

i. The ministry also awarded the winners of the Eat Right Challenge for Cities and Districts 2021-2021, **Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)**, who shared the top position.

ii. The Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Logo for Ayush Aahar which contains the initials of Ayurveda and Ahara in Devanagari and English language with 5 leaves symbolising five elements of nature.

34. Which institute recently (in June '22) launched India's First Agri Land Price Index named "ISALPI" along with the Indian agri-land marketplace SFarmsIndia?

- 1) IIM Bangalore
- 2) IIM Lucknow
- 3) IIM Kozhikode
- 4) IIM- Ahmedabad
- 5) IIM Indore

Answer- **4) IIM- Ahmedabad**

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (**IIMA**), Gujarat, in association with Indian agri-land marketplace **SFarmsIndia** has launched the IIMA-SFarmsIndia Agri Land Price Index (**ISALPI**), a first-of-its-kind land price index.

i. This will record and present 'quality controlled' data of prices of agricultural land across India.

ii. Currently, ISALPI is based on land listing data from states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.

35. Name the ministry that recently (in June'22) engaged the young professionals through the Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme.

- 1) Ministry of Education
- 2) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- 3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 4) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 5) Ministry of Labour and Employment

Answer- **2) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** (MoPSW) has formulated the Sagarmala Young Professional scheme to engage talented, forward-thinking and dynamic young professionals in various divisions of the MoPSW.

i. Focus – This scheme focuses on active on-the-ground learning for young professionals and also involves them in decision making.

ii. Professionals must have acquired qualification in B.E/ B.Tech, B. Planning and/or MBA or equivalent degree in relevant subject/ field and minimum three year of relevant work experience.

36. The Sir M Visvesvaraya(SMV) Railway Terminal, India's 1st centrally air-conditioned (AC) railway terminal, became operational in June 2022.

The SMV Railway Terminal located in which city?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Kochi, Kerala
- 5) Chennai, Tamil

Answer- **3) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

The one-of-its-kind airport-like **Sir M Visvesvaraya(SMV) Railway Terminal** at Baiyappanahalli in **Bengaluru, Karnataka, India's 1st** centrally air-conditioned **(AC) railway terminal**, became operational.

- i. South Western Railway (SWR) decided to skip the inauguration and open the terminal for public use due to the criticism of the inordinate delay.
- ii. The Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express to Ernakulam, Kerala, became the first train to depart from the station.

37. Which state's Expressways Industrial Development Authority recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with the SBI, PNB, Bank of Baroda & SIDBI to Boost Investment in the Defence Industrial Corridor of the State?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The **Uttar Pradesh** Expressways Industrial Development Authority (**UPEIDA**) has inked MoUs with three major nationalized banks of India – State Bank of India (**SBI**), Bank of Baroda (**BOB**) & Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) and with Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**), the principal financial institution for promotion, financing and development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector.

- i. The collaboration is part of UPEIDA's ongoing support for investors in the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Defence Industrial Corridor.

38. Union minister of education Dharmendra Pradhan launched India's first nationwide hybrid blockchain network named Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN) and Polyversity, India's Largest Educational Metaverse in June 2022.

Which company developed the BBN and Polyversity?

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) Information Data Systems
- 3) Magneto IT Solutions
- 4) IBM
- 5) Glorium Technologies

Answer- **2) Information Data Systems**

Explanation:

Information Data Systems (IDS), an Information Technology (IT) Services and IT Consulting company based in Michigan, United States of America (USA), has unveiled the **Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN)**, India's first nationwide hybrid blockchain network, (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & **Polyversity** (Educational Metaverse), India's Largest Educational Metaverse.

- i. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) launched the initiatives in the presence of officials from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) at an event held at the AICTE Auditorium in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ii. Both initiatives are supported by AICTE and powered by IDS, with the goal of upskilling or reskilling one crore students in emerging technologies.

39. As per the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (as of June 2022), what is the target kilometers for constructing a highway per day?

- 1) 50 kilometers
- 2) 80 kilometers
- 3) 40 kilometers
- 4) 20 kilometers
- 5) 60 kilometers

Answer- **5) 60 kilometers**

Explanation:

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the target of constructing **60 kilometers** of highway per day.

- i. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) are primarily responsible for the construction of national highways and expressways across India.
- ii. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and logistics cost the construction was slowed down to 28.64 km a day in 2021-22 by India's national highway construction.

40. In June 2022, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) created a new Guinness world record for laying ____ of bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH53 between Amravati to Akola Districts in 105 hours and 33 minutes.

- 1) 39 kilometers
- 2) 54 kilometers
- 3) 71 kilometers
- 4) 75 kilometers
- 5) 69 kilometers

Answer- **4) 75 kilometers**

Explanation:

The National Highways Authority of India (**NHAI**) created a new Guinness world record in laying **75 kms** in under 5 days, of bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH53 between Amravati to Akola Districts in 105 hours and 33 minutes. The corridor connects major cities like Kolkata, Raipur, Nagpur and Surat.

- i. NHAI and Raj Path Infracon Pvt Ltd have jointly made the efficient implementation of the project with 720 workers including a team of independent consultants.
- ii. Earlier the Guinness World Record for the longest continuously laid bituminous was for building 25.275 km on Al-Khor Expressway in Doha, Qatar. In Feb. 2019, it was completed in 242 hours i.e. 10 days.

41. As per the Green Open Access Rules, 2022 recently (in June'22) notified by the Ministry of Power, Any consumer has access to open access & the open access transaction limit for green energy has been reduced to 100 kW from ____.

- 1) 2 MW
- 2) 150 kW
- 3) 200 kW
- 4) 250 kW
- 5) 1 MW

Answer- **5) 1 MW**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Power** has notified the **Green Open Access Rules, 2022**, in order to further expedite ambitious renewable energy programmes with the ultimate objective of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and green energy for all.

- i. It will speed up the approval of Green Open Access (OA), Uniform Banking, voluntary purchases of renewable energy (RE) by commercial and industrial consumers, and the applicability of OA charges, etc.,
- ii. Any consumer has access to open access, and the open access transaction limit for green energy has been reduced **from 1 MW to 100 kW** (kilowatt) to allow small consumers to purchase renewable energy through open access.

42. As per the “Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022”, The solar open access installations in India grew by ____ at 513 megawatt (MW) in January-March 2022.

- 1) 20%
- 2) 17%
- 3) 26%
- 4) 22%
- 5) 19%

Answer- **4) 22%**

Explanation:

According to Mercom India Research's newly released report “**Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022**”, India added 513 MW (megawatt) of new open access solar capacity in the first quarter (Q1) (January – March) of the calendar year (CY) 2022.

- i. In comparison to 324 MW installed in Q4 2021, it has increased by 58 % quarter-over-quarter (QoQ). Year-over-year (YoY) installations grew by **22%** from 422 MW in the first quarter of 2021.
- ii. The cumulative installed solar capacity in the open access market was about 5.7 GW by the end of March 2022.
- iii. In Q1, Karnataka was the largest market, accounting for 30% of all open access installations. The state was responsible for 37% of the total installations and Maharashtra was the second-largest market, with a phenomenal 131 % QoQ increase in solar open access installations over Q4 2021

43. (recently in June'22) To which Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) does the Union Cabinet approve to transfer 10 in-orbit communication satellites, which belong to the Government of India (Gol)?

- 1) Naini Aerospace Ltd.
- 2) Concor Air Ltd.

3) NewSpace India Ltd.

4) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

5) Godrej Aerospace Ltd.

Answer - **3) NewSpace India Ltd.**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from Government of India (GoI) to NewSpace India Ltd. (NSIL), a wholly owned Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) of GOI under the administrative control of the Department of Space.

- It also approved increasing the authorized share capital of NSIL from Rs 1000 crore to Rs 7500 crore.
- This approval envisages boosting domestic economic activity in space sector and increasing India's share in the global space market.

44. Which Cabinet Committee (recently in June'22) has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2022-23?

1) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

2) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.

3) Cabinet Committee on Investment and growth.

4) Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs.

5) Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.

Answer - **1) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the PM Narendra Modi, has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2022-23 to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce and encourage crop diversification.

45. According to the Cabinet approval (recently in June'22) which of the following MoU signed is correct?

A) Cabinet approves MoU between India and UAE on Cooperation in the field of Industries and Advanced Technologies

B) Cabinet approves MoU between NIES, Japan and ARIES, India for Joint Research on Air Quality and Climate Change

C) Cabinet approves MoU signed between SNBNCBS, Kolkata, India and Leibniz-IFW Dresden e.V, Germany in the Novel Magnetic and Topological Quantum Materials

D) Cabinet approves MoU between India and Australia for Technical Cooperation for AIWASI

E) Cabinet approves MoU signed between India and US in Health Sector

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Both A & B

4) Only C

5) All the Above

Answer - **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the following proposals with foreign countries which were briefed by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) during a media briefing on Cabinet decisions, at National Media Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

- MoU between India and UAE on Cooperation in the field of Industries and Advanced Technologies
- MoU between NIES, Japan and ARIES, India for Joint Research on Air Quality and Climate Change
- MoU signed between SNBNCBS, Kolkata, India and Leibniz-IFW Dresden e.V, Germany in the Novel Magnetic and Topological Quantum Materials
- MoU between India and Australia for Technical Cooperation for AIWASI
- MoU signed between India and US in Health Sector

46. What system should be installed in all 'hyper-sensitive' airports by December 2023 as per the circular of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) (recently in June'22)?

- 1) Handling Agent System.
- 2) ATC Over Flight Billing System.
- 3) Real Time Apron Management System.
- 4) Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems
- 5) Air Traffic Control Administration System.

Answer- **4) Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems**

Explanation:

As per the circular provided by The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), all 'hyper-sensitive' airports need to install a Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems (PIDS) by December 2023, which helps in alerting security agencies of any intrusion through the boundary walls of the airport.

- Greenfield airports that are not part of the government's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) will also install PIDS.

47. Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha launched (in June'22) a people centric 'Accidental insurance scheme' under J&K bank, _____ is the insurance coverage for all government employees.

- 1) 15 Lakhs
- 2) 20 Lakhs
- 3) 10 Lakhs
- 4) 25 Lakhs
- 5) 13 Lakhs

Answer- **1) 15 lakhs**

Explanation:

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha launched a people centric 'Accidental insurance scheme' under which J&K bank will extend free group personal insurance cover of Rs 15 lakh for all government employees.

- The free Group Personal Insurance Cover is extended to all the permanent employees of J&K Government in addition to the offers that they are entitled to on behalf of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between J&K Bank and J&K Government.
- J&K banks also launched the Phone Pe Loan facility for government employees.

48. _____ is India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine for animals, which was developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- National Research Centre on Equines(NRCE) (Hisar, Haryana)?

- 1) Covovax
- 2) Nuvaxovid
- 3) Moderna
- 4) Sinovac-CoronaVac
- 5) Anocovax

Answer- 5)Anocovax

Explanation:

Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare(MoAFW) launched "**Anocovax**", India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine for animals. The vaccine developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- National Research Centre on Equines(NRCE) (Hisar, Haryana), is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, mice and rabbits.

- Anocovax contains inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) antigen with Alhydrogel as an adjuvant.
- This neutralises both Delta and Omicron variants of the SARS-CoV-2.

The Union Minister also launched '**CAN-CoV-2 ELISA kit**', a sensitive and specific nucleocapsid protein-based indirect (Enzyme-Linked Immunoassay) ELISA kit, for antibody detection against SARS-CoV-2 in canines.

49.Recently in June' 22, What is the amount allocated to invest in startups by the Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology(DST), Ministry of Science and Technology under the (PPP) model ?

- 1) Rs 1600 crore
- 2) Rs 1400 crore
- 3) Rs 1200 crore
- 4) Rs 1000 crore
- 5) Rs 1500 crore

Answer- 4)Rs 1000 crore

Explanation:

The Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology(DST), Ministry of Science and Technology is set to launch a **Rs 1000 crore** fund under a Public-Private Partnership(PPP) model.

i.Objective of the fund is to invest in startups across several sectors. The fund will also invest in early-stage startups.

ii.The fund will be launched in 2 phases:

In the 1st phase, a corpus of Rs 400 crore will be set up and Rs 200 crores of this will be contributed by a private limited company (yet to be named). In the 2nd phase, TDB will partner with several companies to raise money for the fund and invest an equal sum of money together with the companies.

50. Recently in June' 22, with which organisation did the Spices Board sign a Terms of Understanding(ToU) to enhance market access and support to promote farmers and grassroots organisations working in the spices sector?

- 1) Flipkart
- 2) Amazon
- 3) Snapdeal
- 4) Tata Neu
- 5) Ajio

Answer- 1) Flipkart

Explanation:

Spices Board, the flagship organization of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry(MoCI), signed a Terms of Understanding(ToU) with Flipkart to enhance market access and support to promote farmers and grassroots organisations working in the spices sector. The ToU was signed at the Spices Board headquarters in Kochi, Kerala.

- Spice board has partnered with Flipkart under its initiative Flavourit Spices Trading Limited (FSTL).
- The ToU was signed under the Flipkart Samarth programme, which aims to empower Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(MSMEs) artisans, entrepreneurs, and rural seller and farmer communities that sell products associated with rich cultural heritage through Flipkart.

51. Recently in June'22, Under which portal did the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launch the "CiSS application"?

- 1) National AI Portal
- 2) Jan Samarth Portal
- 3) Baal Swaraj portal
- 4) citizen-centric web portal
- 5) Koyla Darpan Portal

Answer- 3) Baal Swaraj portal

Explanation:

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched the "CiSS application" under the Baal Swaraj portal to help in the rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations. (CiSS). The portal developed by NCPCR is a first-of-its-kind initiative in India to help children in street situations. It follows a six stages framework for the rehabilitation of children.

- The initiative is taken under the direction of the Supreme Court of India.
- This program incorporates Article 51 (A) of the Constitution of India, as it provides a platform to the public and organizations that support the welfare of the children to report any child in need of assistance.

52. In which city, the India's first display fabrication (fab) unit to be established by Elest?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

An MoU is inked between the State Government of Telangana, and Karnataka-based Elest, a subsidiary of gold retailer Rajesh Exports, for **India's first Display Fabrication (fab) Unit** that will be set up in **Hyderabad, Telangana** with investments worth Rs 24,000 crore.

i. Under this, a display fab facility i.e. 'Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB' will be set up by Elest, with investments worth Rs 24,000 crore.

- AMOLED is an acronym for Active Matrix Organic Light Emitting Diodes.

ii. It is one of the largest investments in India's electronics sector and the largest ever investment by size in Telangana.

iii. The Display FAB would be set up under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) programme of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

53. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in June'22) inauguration by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi in Gujarat?

A) He inaugurated & laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth Rs 3,050 crores during the 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan' at Khudvel, Navsari district of Gujarat.

B) The PM performed the Bhumi Pujan for 13 water supply projects worth Rs. 961 crores for residents of Tapi, Navsari, and Surat districts of Gujarat.

C) PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at Bopal in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

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

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

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth Rs 3,050 crores during the 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan' at Khudvel, a tribal region in Navsari district of Gujarat.

- This comprises the inauguration of seven projects, the laying of foundation stones for 12 projects, and the Bhumi Pujan of 14 projects.

i. The PM performed the Bhumi Pujan for 13 water supply projects worth Rs. 961 crores for residents of Tapi, Navsari, and Surat districts of Gujarat.

ii. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at Bopal in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He was accompanied by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the ceremony.

54. Which organisation recently (in June'22) Collaborated with MapmyIndia to enhance the quality of 3D maps?

- 1) Survey of India
- 2) National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization
- 3) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 5) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer- **5) Indian Space Research Organisation**

Explanation:

MapmyIndia, subsidiary of CE Info Systems Ltd, has announced a partnership with India's space agency, Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**), to enhance the quality of its 3D maps.

- MapmyIndia is working on new maps as part of their metaverse venture.

It develops mapping software for the automotive and mobility industries, consumer and business markets. It caters to the Indian market through the MapmyIndia brand, and the international market under the Maapls brand.

55. As per the Ministry of Defence amended service rules (as of June'22), what is the eligible age for the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)?

- 1) 64 years
- 2) 62 years
- 3) 60 years
- 4) 63 years
- 5) 65 years

Answer- **2) 62 years**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Defence** has amended the service rule of the Army, Air Force and Navy, inserting the clause allowing the retired Chief and their second in command in the armed forces, **not older than 62**, eligible for the post of Chief of Defence Staff (**CDS**), the topmost military assignment.

- i. The government may extend the service of the CDS for such a period as it may deem necessary subject to a maximum age of 65 years. The clause has been inserted after sub-rule (4) of rule 16A of the Army Rules, 1954.
- ii. This will enable the retired 3 star generals from Army, Navy and Air force to become eligible for the post of CDS.

56. Which institute recently (in June'22) collaborated with the Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI) to organise a conclave on 'Direct to Mobile and 5G Broadband – Convergence Roadmap for India'?

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

Answer- **4) IIT Kanpur**

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Kanpur**, Uttar Pradesh(UP) in collaboration with Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (**TSDSI**) organised a conclave on '**Direct to Mobile and 5G Broadband – Convergence Roadmap for India**' at Akashvani Rang Bhawan auditorium of Prasar Bharati in New Delhi, Delhi.

- i. The 1st time NextGen Broadcast technology on smart phones and other smart devices were demonstrated and joint white paper on Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) broadcasting by IIT Kanpur, TSDSI and Prasar Bharat, India's public broadcaster, was released.

ii. D2M technology is based on the convergence of broadband and broadcast, using which mobile phones can receive terrestrial digital TV.

57. In June 2022, a special health care Abhiyan "Anchal" for pregnant women was launched in the Karauli district of which state?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 2) Rajasthan

Explanation:

A special health care Abhiyan "Anchal" for pregnant women was launched in the Karauli district of **Rajasthan**. This unique scheme, initiated by Ankit Kumar Singh IAS, District Collector & District Magistrate, Karauli, Rajasthan, would benefit more than 13 thousand women.

Aim: To ensure the availability of all medical aid to pregnant women at the pre and post-natal stage to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

- Auxiliary Nurse Midwives and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers will aid pregnant women and provide necessary counselling and treatment.

58. Name the Indian Railway Innovation Policy that was launched by union minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw in June 2022.

- 1) Meri Saheli
- 2) StartUps for Railways
- 3) AatmaNirbhar Bharat in Railway
- 4) Made in India Railway
- 5) Mahila Suraksha

Answer- 2) StartUps for Railways

Explanation:

The Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw launched Indian Railway Innovation Policy 'StartUps for Railways' and also an 'Indian Railway Innovation Portal' in Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

Aim – To leverage innovative technologies developed by Indian Startups/MSMEs/Innovators/Entrepreneurs to improve operational efficiency and Safety of Indian Railways.

i. Indian Railways ensures for 50 percent, up to **Rs. 1.5 Crore** capital grant on equal basis in milestone payment, assured market, scale and ecosystem.

ii. The Developed Intellectual property rights (IPR) will remain with innovators only.

59. In June 2022, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched the National Air Sports Policy 2022 (NASP 2022), which aims to make India one of the top sports nations in the world by _____ year.

- 1) 2050
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2027

4) 2025

5) 2040

Answer- **2) 2030**

Explanation:

The National Air Sports Policy 2022 (NASP 2022) was launched by Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), with the aim of optimizing India's potential in the field of air sports. This is India's First National Airports Policy.

i. By 2030, the NASP 2022 aims to make India one of the top sports nations in the world by providing a safe, affordable, accessible, enjoyable, and sustainable air sports ecosystem.

ii. Target-The policy has the potential to be an income generator worth Rs. 8,000–10,000 crores.

iii. In this industry, India now produces revenues of around Rs 80 crore to Rs 100 crore.

60. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 2nd edition "National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021): Reaching citizens through seamless service delivery" report ?

1) The Ministry of Planning released the **NeSDA 2021** report prepared by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog).

2) Jammu and Kashmir, assessed for the first time, ranked the highest among Union Territories with an overall compliance score of nearly 90 percent for NeSDA

3) Kerala has secured the highest overall compliance score among all the States and UTs.

4) Both 2 & 3

5) Both 1 & 2

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

Explanation:

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (MoS) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions released the **2nd edition "National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021): Reaching citizens through seamless service delivery"** prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.

i. Jammu and Kashmir, assessed for the first time, ranked the highest among Union Territories with an overall compliance of nearly 90 percent for national e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA),

ii. Kerala has secured the highest overall compliance score among all the States and UTs.

61. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the Iconic Week Celebrations of the Ministry of Finance (FinMin) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) in 6th to 12th June 2022?

1) The Ministry of Finance (FinMin) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) was held under the theme of "AatmaNirbhar Bharat".

2) The PM also launched a special series of coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations having AKAM design are not commemorative coins and will be part of circulation.

3) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a special window facility for senior citizens above 75 years seeking refund from the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA).

4) The Union Finance Minister also launched NETRA (New e-Tracking and Remote Administration) portal, and Mobile App for India Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).

5) The Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) released Aarohan, a Coffee Table Book and e-book on the progressive contribution of the Income Tax (IT) Department over the decades.

Answer- 1) The Ministry of Finance (FinMin) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) was held under the theme of “AatmaNirbhar Bharat”.

Explanation:

- As a part of the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)’, Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi inaugurated Iconic Week Celebrations of the Ministry of Finance (FinMin) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) was held under the theme of “**Transforming Lives**”.
- The PM also launched a special series of coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations having AKAM design are not commemorative coins and will be part of circulation.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a special window facility for senior citizens above 75 years seeking refund from the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA). It is an initiative by IEPFA.
- The Union Finance Minister also launched NETRA (New e-Tracking and Remote Administration) portal, and Mobile App for India Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).
- The Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) released Aarohan, a Coffee Table Book and e-book on the progressive contribution of the Income Tax (IT) Department over the decades.

62. Which of the following points is ‘correct’ with respect to the Iconic Week Celebrations of the Ministry of Finance (FinMin) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) in 6th to 12th June 2022?

A) The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) Dashboard of the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to ensure effective utilization of technology in public finance.

B) The Ministry of Finance also released an e-book titled Pratidhwani that highlights policy initiatives and changes in the IT Department during the period 2000 to 2022.

C) As part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ celebrations, a coin exhibition was inaugurated in Saifabad Mint Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.

1) Only A

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also launched the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) Dashboard of Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to ensure effective utilization of technology in public finance.

i. Union Minister of State (MoS) Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Ministry of Finance released an e-book titled Pratidhwani that highlights policy initiatives and changes in IT Department during the period 2000 to 2022.

ii. As part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ celebrations, a coin exhibition was inaugurated in Saifabad Mint Museum in Hyderabad, Telangana.

63. In June 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Biotech Startup Expo – 2022 New Delhi, Delhi which was organised by the Department of Biotechnology and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

What is the theme of Biotech Startup Expo – 2022?

- 1) Biotech Startup Innovations: To Achieve 750 biotech products
- 2) Biotech Startup Innovations: Toward Biotech Innovation
- 3) Biotech Startup Innovations: Green Energy India
- 4) Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat
- 5) Biotech Startup Innovations: Make in India

Answer- 4) Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2-days Biotech Startup Expo – 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, Delhi in June 2022, organised by the Department of Biotechnology and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

i. The theme of Biotech Startup Expo – 2022 is “Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat”.

ii. PM Modi also launched the e-portal of 750 biotech products along with the biotech products developed during the 75th year of Independence of India and a coffee book of 75 women biotech entrepreneurs.

iii. PM also stated that the bio-economy of India has increased 8 times, it has grown from USD 10 billion to USD 80 billion. The future trajectory of the Bio-economy in the Biotech sector is to achieve USD 150 billion by 2025 and India as a \$100 Bn Bio-manufacturing Hub.

64. As of June '22, which country became India's 2nd-biggest oil supplier by surpassing Saudi Arabia?

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Qatar
- 3) United States of America
- 4) Iraq
- 5) Russia

Answer- 5) Russia

Explanation:

Russia has overtaken **Saudi Arabia** to become **India's 2nd-biggest oil supplier** next to Iraq, as Russian crude is currently available at discount following the war in Ukraine. Indian refiners have bought Russian crude oil at discount as high as **USD 30 per barrel**.

i. Iraq was the top supplier to India and Saudi Arabia stands 3rd biggest supplier to India.

Note – India is the world's 3rd biggest oil-importing and consuming nation after the United States (US) and China.

About Russia:

President – Vladimir Putin

Capital – Moscow

Currency – The Russian Ruble

65. Name the state government that recently (in June'22) launched a pilot project, the 'Sujal' initiative for water conservation.

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- 1) Haryana

Explanation:

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar launched a pilot project the '**Sujal**' initiative for Panchkula to monitor the water supply and control its flow in the region.

i. Under the initiative, a device will be installed in every drinking water metre, tube well and connections of Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) that will store the water usage data online in a single dashboard and thus it is easy to estimate the flow of water in every house.

66. In June 2022, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) awarded the first Type Certificate (TC) under the Drone Rules, 2021 to IoTechWorld Avigation Pvt Ltd. (IoTechWorld).

IoTechWorld company is located in which city?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Gurugram, Haryana
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 4) Gurugram, Haryana

Explanation:

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia of the **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** awarded the **first** Type Certificate (**TC**) under the Drone Rules, 2021 to IoTechWorld Avigation Pvt Ltd.

(IoTechWorld).

i. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), MoCA, issues a Type Certificate for a specific type of unmanned aircraft system (drone) on the recommendation of the Quality Council of India (**QCI**) or an authorised testing entity under the Drone Rules 2021.

ii. IoTechWorld, one of India's leading manufacturers of kisan drones, was established in April 2017 in **Gurugram, Haryana** and the company received the first Type Certificate just 34 days after submitting its online application on the DGCA's DigitalSky Platform.

67. Under which scheme the Indian Railways recently (in June'22) Launched First Train from Coimbatore North railway station, Tamil Nadu to Sainagar Shirdi, Maharashtra?

- 1) Dibrugarh Puri
- 2) Dakshin Darshan
- 3) Takht Parikrama
- 4) Jyotirling Yatra
- 5) Bharat Gaurav

Answer- 5) Bharat Gaurav

Explanation:

The first train under the Indian Railways '**Bharat Gaurav**' scheme was flagged off the maiden service from Coimbatore North railway station, Tamil Nadu to Sainagar Shirdi, Maharashtra. This is India's first Private train service.

- i. With this, the Southern Railway became the first zone in Indian Railways to get the first registered service provider under the "Bharat Gaurav" scheme.
- ii. Coimbatore-based South Star Rail is the registered service provider that operates the train. The company is part of the conglomerate group – Future Gaming & Hotel Services Pvt. Limited .

68. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has rescued 150 women, including many girls, from human trafficking under which operation?

- 1) Operation Vijay
- 2) Operation Sarp Vinash
- 3) Operation Mahila Suraksha
- 4) Operation Shivalik
- 5) Operation Meri Saheli

Answer- **3) Operation Mahila Suraksha**

Explanation:

During the **Operation Mahila Suraksha**, the Railway Protection Force (**RPF**), a security force under the Indian Railways, has rescued 150 women, including many girls, from becoming victims of human trafficking.

- i. The pan-India drive "Operation Mahila Suraksha" was launched from 3rd to 31st May 2022 which aims to ensure the safe and secure travel of women over the Indian railways.
- ii. During the operation, PRF also arrested over 7000 people for traveling in coaches reserved for women. The force organised 5742 awareness campaigns to educate rail users regarding their safety and Dos and Don'ts as safety and security of women.

69. Name the state that recently (in June'22) became the first Indian state to approve drone policy and public use of drones.

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh (HP) becomes the **first state** in India to approve drone policy and public use of drones. The 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' was approved by the chief minister of HP, Jai Ram Thakur.

- i. The policy visions to create a drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (**GARUD**). The aim is to propagate the use of drone-enabled technology in different sectors such as defence, transport, health, agriculture and more.

70. During the visit of Benjamin(Benny) Gantz, Defence Minister of Israel to India, “Vision Statement” was adopted between India and Israel to strengthen the defence cooperation. 2022 marks the ____ anniversary of the India-Israel diplomatic relations.

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

Answer- 5) 30th

Explanation:

Marking the **30th** anniversary of the **India-Israel diplomatic relations** (since 1992), India and Israel adopted the **“Vision Statement”** to strengthen the defence cooperation between India and Israel in the future. The year 2022 also marks Israel's 74th year of Independence.

i. During his visit to India, Benjamin(Benny) Gantz, Defence Minister, Israel held bilateral talks with Raj Nath Singh, Union Minister, Ministry of Defence, India, in New Delhi, Delhi and discussed the defence cooperation and prevailing global and regional scenario.

ii. Defence Minister of Israel, Benjamin Gantz received a Tri-Service Guard of Honour and he also laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.

71. Which state recently (in June'22) celebrated the Baikho festival, a spring festival?

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

Answer- 1) Assam

Explanation:

The ancient tradition known as **Baikho festival**, a spring festival, is annually celebrated in the month of June across the state of **Assam**. The festival is predominantly celebrated by the Rabha tribes.

i. Rabha tribes is a Tibeto-Burman agriculture based community who resides majorly in Lower Assam, Garo hills and Dooar region in West Bengal.

ii. The celebration of the Baikho festival is meant to bring abundant crops and good health.

72. Which of the following points are ‘correct’ with respect to the Uttarakhand budget for FY23 that was presented in June 2022?

- 1) Prem Chand Aggrawal, the Finance Minister of Uttarakhand, has presented Uttarakhand’s Rs. 49,013.31 crore budget for the financial year 2022-23 (FY23).
- 2) The budget includes Rs. 17,350.21 crore for state government employee salaries and allowances, Rs. 6,703.10 crore for pensions.
- 3) The budget proposes the highest allocation of Rs. 1,500 crores for payment of pensions to the elderly, widows with no one to rely on, differently-abled people & economically weak farmers.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 2 & 3

Explanation:

Prem Chand Aggrawal, the Finance Minister of Uttarakhand, has presented Uttarakhand's **Rs 65,571.49 crore** budget for the financial year 2022-23 (**FY23**) in the ongoing budget session of the state Legislative Assembly in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

- Revenue Expenditure – Rs. 49,013.31 crore, Capital Expenditure – Rs. 16,558.18 crore and Total estimated receipts for FY23 – Rs. 63,774.55 crore.

i. The budget includes Rs. 17,350.21 crore for state government employee salaries and allowances, Rs. 6,703.10 crore for pensions, and Rs. 6,017.85 crore for interest payments.

ii. The budget proposes the highest allocation of Rs. 1,500 crores for payment of pensions to the elderly, widows with no one to rely on, abandoned women, differently-abled people, and economically weak farmers.

73. Which state's Startup and Innovation Mission recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with Pontaq company to support startups?

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

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Pontaq, a Cross Border Innovation Fund, has signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission(**TANSIM**) – StartupTN backed by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu(TN).

i. Under this MoU, the government of TN will help the Pontaq-supported companies to expand their business operation in TN. Pontaq is an innovation fund which invests in early stage technology businesses in the United Kingdom(UK), India, the United States of America(USA) and Canada.

ii. The Department of Employment and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu(TN) and the Tata Technologies Limited(TTL) has signed an MoU for upgrading the 71 Industrial Technical Institutes (ITIs) run by the Government of TN into modern technology centres. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 2877.43 crore.

74. Name the state government that recently (in June'22) launched an e-stamping facility after abolishing the physical stamp papers for all denominations.

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

Answer- **5) Punjab**

Explanation:

The **Punjab** Government has launched an e-stamping facility by abolishing the physical stamp papers, in order to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of state revenue. The facility had been started with the help of National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) and can be availed in banks.

i. The e-stamping facility is now available for all denominations starting from Rs.1, which was earlier applicable only to a value above Rs 20,000. With this facility the government saves at least Rs 35 crore annually spent on printing of stamp papers.

75. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the recent cabinet approval in June 2022?

- 1) The proposal for signing of an agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva.
- 2) The Union Cabinet approves Agreement on Cooperation in the field of youth work among the authorized bodies of the member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- 3) Cabinet approves Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 4) CCEA approves grant of moratorium to Cochin Port Authority on repayment of GoI loans for a period of 3 years.
- 5) The Union Cabinet also approved a proposal of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications to conduct a 5G spectrum auction and 72097.8 MHz spectrum to be put on block by July 2022.

Answer- 3) Cabinet approves Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for signing of an agreement between the Government of India (GoI) and the United Nations (UN) on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

- The financial implication for development deployment and maintenance of the App is ~ \$ 2 Million.
- The Union Cabinet approves Agreement on Cooperation in the field of youth work among the authorized bodies of the member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- Cabinet approves Memorandum of Association (**MoA**) by India for establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre at **Colombo, Sri Lanka**.
- CCEA approves grant of moratorium to Cochin Port Authority on repayment of GoI loans for a period of 3 years.
- CCEA has approved the proposal for development of Phase I of New Greenfield Airport at Dholera (Ahmedabad), Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs 1305 crore, with completion time within 48 months. The Airport is planned to operationalize from the year 2025-26.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications to conduct a 5G spectrum auction and the Central Government announced 72097.8 MHz spectrum to be put on block by July 2022.

76. In June the Ministry of Education announced that the Government of India is set to establish "PM Shri Schools" to prepare the students for the future.

Who is the current (as of June'22) Union Minister of Education?

- 1) Narayan Tatu Rane
- 2) Giriraj Singh
- 3) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 4) Dharmendra Pradhan

5) Parshottam Rupala

Answer- **4) Dharmendra Pradhan**

Explanation:

Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister, **Ministry of Education** announced that the Government of India is set to establish “**PM Shri Schools**” which are fully equipped to prepare the students for future. These state-of-the-art schools will also act as a laboratory for the New National Education Policy (**NEP**) 2020.

i. The announcement was made during the two-day National Education Minister’s Conference held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The conference focused on the implementation of the new NEP 2020.

77. Which state government recently (in June '22) signed a joint declaration with Israel on water cooperation?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Karnataka

3) West Bengal

4) Punjab

5) Haryana

Answer- **5) Haryana**

Explanation:

The Government of **Haryana** and **Israel** have signed a joint declaration on integrated water resources management and capacity building.

i. This marks a significant event as India and Israel celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations. Water security has been one of the most important pillars of the India-Israel relationship.’

ii. The joint declaration was signed by Ambassador Eynat Shlein, Israeli Ambassador to India and head of Mashav, Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation at Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Government of Haryana, India.

78. As per the 14th Quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by NSO, the Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons of 15 years & above in urban areas declined to ___ in January-March 2022 from 9.3% in January-March 2021.

1) 8.9%

2) 8.0%

3) 8.4%

4) 8.2%

5) 8.5%

Answer- **4) 8.2%**

Explanation:

According to the 14th Periodic Labour Force Survey (**PLFS**) – Quarterly Bulletin [January-March 2022] by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Unemployment Rate (**UR**) for persons of 15 years and above in urban areas dipped to **8.2%** in January-March 2022 from **9.3%** in January-March 2021. It was 8.7% in October-December 2021.

UR or Joblessness is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.

- UR among females also declined to **10.1%** in January-March 2022 from 11.8% in January-March 2021. It was 10.5% in October-December 2021.

- Among males, the UR also declined to 7.7% in January-March 2022 compared to 8.6% in January-March 2021. It was 8.3% in October-December 2021.
- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in CWS (Current Weekly Status) remained 47.3% in January-March 2022 from 47.5% in January-March 2021.
- Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in CWS was 43.4% in January-March 2022, compared to 43.1% in the same period January-March 2021.

79. In which city did PM Narendra Modi recently (in June'22) inaugurated the underground 'Gallery of Revolutionaries' museum?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- 3) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi inaugurated the underground '**Gallery of Revolutionaries' museum** at Maharashtra's Raj Bhavan in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. The gallery is dedicated to the luminaries of the freedom struggle.

i. The underground gallery is established in the subterranean network of 13 pre-World War-I British era bunkers, discovered in the Maharashtra Raj Bhavan campus in August 2016 during the tenure of then Governor C. Vidyasagar Rao.

80. In which city, India's 1st Government MLD Desalination Plant for Industrial Use was inaugurated in June 2022?

- 1) Kaiga, Karnataka
- 2) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 3) Haripur, West Bengal
- 4) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Dahej, Gujarat

Answer- **5) Dahej, Gujarat**

Explanation:

India's first government desalination plant only for industrial use was inaugurated at **Dahej** in Bharuch (**Gujarat**) by the Chief Minister (CM) of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel. It was set up with an outlay of ~Rs 881.19 crore.

Developers:

- Its construction work was awarded to the joint venture company of Larsen & Toubro and Tecton.
- A special purpose vehicle (SPV), Dahej Desal Foundation, has been constituted by the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), and the beneficiary industrial units for operation and maintenance of the plant.

81. In June 2022, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions reconstituted a _____ member panel of the committee to examine the representation of officials sacked for alleged inefficiency or corruption in the government service.

- 1) Seven
- 2) Five
- 3) Three
- 4) Six
- 5) Four

Answer- 3) Three

Explanation:

The **three-member** panel of the committee to examine the representation of officials sacked for alleged inefficiency or corruption in the government service has been reconstituted by the **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions** of the Government of India (GoI).

Members of the Panel

i. Arti Ahuja, Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has been appointed in place of Leena Nandan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

ii. Puneet Kansal, Joint Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat, has been appointed in place of Ashutosh Jindal, Additional Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat.

iii. One member of the panel will be nominated by the cadre controlling authority (under whose administrative control the alleged corrupt officials come).

- The committee examines the representation of employees sacked in accordance with Fundamental Rule (FR) 56 (J), (I), and Rule 48 of the Central Civil Services (CCS) Pension Rules, 1972.

82. Which airport recently (in June'22) introduced Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) enabled tag to track check-in luggage?

- 1) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
- 2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- 3) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- 5) Cochin International Airport, Kochi

Answer- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

Explanation:

In a first in India, the **Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi** introduced radio-frequency identification (RFID) enabled baggage tags which will give passengers real-time information about the location of their luggage. The RFID technology will be personalised and help arriving passengers keep track of their check-in luggage.

i. The bag tags will be called 'Bagg Trax', and It will not only help domestic and international arrival passengers but also those in transit to track their checked-in baggage.

83. In June 2022, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) flagged off the luxury tourism cruise Ship “Empress” from Chennai port, Tamil Nadu.

Who is the current (in June’22) Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu?

- 1) Pinarayi Vijayan
- 2) K Chandrasekhar Rao
- 3) O. Panneerselvam
- 4) M.K. Stalin
- 5) Edappadi K. Palaniswami

Answer- **4) M.K. Stalin**

Explanation:

Tamil Nadu(TN) Chief Minister(CM) Muthuvel Karunanidhi (**M.K.) Stalin** flagged off the luxury tourism cruise Ship “**Empress**” from Chennai port, Tamil Nadu. The cruise is being operated by Cordelia Cruises. This is the first luxury cruise liner to be operated from Tamil Nadu.

i. The 11-storey tourist vessel can accommodate up to 2000 passengers and about 800 crew members. The ship will go to the high seas from Chennai port and will also anchor at Pondicherry and Visakhapatnam harbours.

84. In June 2022, the Ministry of Tourism launched the ‘National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveller Campaign’ in New Delhi, Delhi.

Who is the current (as of June’22) union minister of Tourism?

- 1) Kiren Rijiju
- 2) A. Som Parkash
- 3) Raj Kumar Singh
- 4) G. Kishan Reddy
- 5) Parshottam Rupala

Answer- **4) G. Kishan Reddy**

Explanation:

G. Kishan Reddy is the current union minister of Tourism.

i. The Ministry of Tourism has launched the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveller Campaign at the National Summit on Developing Sustainable and Responsible Tourist Destinations held in New Delhi, Delhi.

ii. The summit was organised by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with the United Nations Environment Program(UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI).

iii. The Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Tourism Ministry was launched with an objective to provide experience to the tourists and has sanctioned 76 projects.

85. Which of the following points are ‘correct’ with respect to the recent (in June’22) Inauguration by PM Narendra Modi?

A) PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates & lays Foundation Stones of Development Projects Worth of Rs 21000cr in Vadodara, Gujarat.

B) The PM launched the ‘Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana’ with an outlay of Rs 800 crores to provide nutritional food to pregnant and lactating women.

C) The PM virtually released a book ‘Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani (Indian constitution: untold stories)’ by Ram Bahadur Rai at Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) All A, B & C

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

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

Explanation:

PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates & lays Foundation Stones of Development Projects Worth ~Rs 21000 cr in Vadodara, Gujarat.

- i. The PM launched the 'Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana' with an outlay of Rs 800 crores to give 2 kg of chickpeas, 1 kg of tur dal, and 1 kg of edible oil free of cost from Anganwadi Centres every month to provide nutritional food to pregnant and lactating women.
- ii. The PM virtually released a book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani (Indian constitution: untold stories)' by senior journalist Ram Bahadur Rai at Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi. It was published by Prabhat publication.

86. In June 2022, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the project named 'National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN)' for Skill Training of Construction Workers under _____ scheme.

- 1) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- 3) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- 4) PM Svanidhi
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

Answer- **1) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched project **NIPUN** (National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers), an initiative of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under the flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (**DAY-NULM**).

- i. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the nodal agency under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, is responsible for the overall execution of the training, monitoring and candidate tracking.
- ii. NIPUN to train more than one lakh construction workers through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provide them with opportunities in foreign countries which includes training on Kaushal Bima (3-year accidental insurance with coverage of Rs 2 lakhs), digital skills like cashless transactions and BHIM app, orientation about EPF and BOCW facilities.

87. Which organisation recently (in June'22) signed a USD 165 million pact with GE Steam Power to supply three nuclear steam turbines?

- 1) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) THDC India Limited
- 4) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 5) Power Finance Corporation

Answer- **2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited**

Explanation:

GE Steam Power, a world energy leader, has inked a USD 165 million pact with state-run engineering firm Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**) to supply three nuclear steam turbines.

i. The pact is for the supply of three nuclear steam turbines out of six units for Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) domestic nuclear program- phase 1 being developed at Gorakhpur in Haryana (units – 1 to 4 [Gorakhpur Haryana Anu Vidyut Pariyojana (GHAVP)] and Kaiga in Karnataka (Kaiga Generating Station-5&6).

88. In June 2022, _____ launched an incentive scheme for design-led manufacturers and extended the base year for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme by _____.

- 1) Department of MSME; 1 year
- 2) Department of Telecom; 2 years
- 3) Department of Electronics; 1 year
- 4) Department of Telecom; 1 year
- 5) Department of Electronics 2 years

Answer- **4) Department of Telecom; 1 year**

Explanation:

The Department of Telecom (**DoT**), under the Ministry of Communications launched an incentive scheme for design-led manufacturers and extended the base year for the calculation of Rs 12,195 crore production-linked incentive (**PLI**) scheme by **one year** and raised the incentive rate by an additional 1 percent.

i. The Government has opened applications for from 21st June 2022 to 20th July 2022. The Objective is to build a strong ecosystem for 5G.

89. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in June'22) inauguration made by PM Narendra Modi in June 2022?

A) PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of multiple rail and road infrastructure projects worth over Rs 28000 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

B) He inaugurated India's first Air Conditioned Railway Station – Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Station at Baiyappanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

C) He also dedicated to the Nation the 100% electrification of the Konkan railway line about 740 Kms from Roha, Maharashtra to Thokur, Karnataka.

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

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

Explanation:

PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of multiple rail and road infrastructure projects worth over Rs 28000 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

i. He inaugurated **India's first Air Conditioned Railway Station – Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Station at Baiyappanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka**, which is developed on the lines of a modern airport at a total cost of around Rs 315 crore.

ii. He also dedicated to the Nation the 100% electrification of the Konkan railway line (about 740 Kms) from Roha, Maharashtra) to Thokur, Karnataka by flagging of Electric trains from Udupi, Madagaon and Ratnagiri.

iii. In Mysuru, He also dedicated to the nation the 'Centre of Excellence for persons with Communication Disorders' at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH).

90. Which ministry recently (in June'22) amended the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) Rules 2018 with 'NFRA Amendment Rules 2022'?

- 1) Ministry of MSME
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

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

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** (MCA) has amended the National Financial Reporting Authority (**NFRA) Rules 2018** with '**NFRA Amendment Rules 2022**' w.e.f. June 17, 2022, by exercising the powers conferred by sub-sections (2) and (4) of section 132, sub-section (1) of section 139 and sub-section (1) of section 469 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013).

i. This move rationalizes the penalty provision for certain contraventions aimed at encouraging compliance.

ii. The non-compliance will attract a penalty of Rs 5,000 and where the contravention is a continuing one, a further fine of Rs 500 for everyday during the period of contravention. It also drops a reference to section 450 of the Companies Act which specifies a cap of Rs 200,000 in the case of a company and Rs 50,000 for an officer in default or any other person for offences that persist.

91. Name the state that recently (in June'22) became India's first State to launch Balika Panchayat (girl Panchayat).

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Gujarat has become **India's first-ever State** to launch Balika Panchayat (girl Panchayat) to promote the social and political development of girl children and to eliminate child marriage and the dowry system, from society.

Balika Panchayat:

- Balika Panchayat initiative has been started in Kunaria, Maska, Motagua, and Vadsar villages of Kutch district of Gujarat and it is an initiative of the Women and Child Development Welfare department of the Gujarat Government under the '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' campaign.
- The members of Balika Panchayat are nominated just like Gram Panchayat and the members will be elected from **6 wards unanimously** uncontested. The contestants were young females aged between **10 and 21 years**.

Note- The **first-ever** elections of Balika Panchayat elections were successfully held at Kunariya village (Kutch, Gujarat). **Urmil Ahir**(20 years) was named as the sarpanch of the Balika Panchayat started in Kutch.

92. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the Sample Registration System (SRS)-Abridged Life Tables 2015-2019 that was released by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India in June 2022?

A) India's life expectancy at birth has increased up to 59.2 from 2015-2019 period and is still lower than the global average of 80.4.

B) Expectation of life at birth is highest in Delhi for males and in Kerala for females whereas it is lowest in Chhattisgarh for males and Uttar Pradesh for females.

C) Urban women in Himachal Pradesh had the highest life expectancy at birth, while the rural men in Chhattisgarh had the lowest..

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

Answer- 1) Only A

Explanation:

India's life expectancy at birth has increased up to **69.7** from 2015-2019 period and is still lower than the global average of **72.6**.

i. Expectation of life at birth is highest in Delhi (74.3 years) for males and in Kerala (78.0 years) for females, whereas it is lowest in Chhattisgarh (63.7 years) for males and Uttar Pradesh (66.2 years) for females.

ii. Urban women in Himachal Pradesh had the highest life expectancy at birth of 82.3 years while the rural men in Chhattisgarh had the lowest, 62.8 years which shows a gap of 15.8 years.

iii. Kerala is the only state where the rural life expectancy at birth was higher than urban for both women and men.

93. Which airport recently (in June'22) became India's 1st airport to run on hydro and solar power for its consumption needs?

1) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad

2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

3) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

5) Cochin International Airport, Kochi

Answer- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

Explanation:

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (**IGI**) airport becomes the **1st airport in India** that switched to **hydro and solar** power for its consumption needs from 1st June 2022, to run entirely on a combination of these forms of green energy. The majority of the consumption is hydro dependent.

i. This reduces energy emissions by 2 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide per year which would satisfy the airport's goal to achieve the 'Net Zero Carbon Emissions Airport' target by 2030.

ii. The Delhi IGI airport has 7.84 MW solar plants on the airside and 5.3 MW of rooftop solar power plants on the cargo terminals of the IGI airport.

94. Name the state that recently (in June'22) launched "Nalaya Thiran" (Tomorrow's Ability), a Skilling Programme for College Students.

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

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The Government of **Tamil Nadu** (TN) has launched a skilling Programme called "**Nalaya Thiran**" (Tomorrow's ability) under the "**Naan Mudhalvan**" (I am the first), the umbrella programme of Chief Minister(CM) MK Stalin. This programme will provide hands-on experience on problems and help the industry to get skilled students. (This is not a pilot programme).

i. This multi-agency programme was created by NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies), ICT Academy and Skill Development Corporation.

95. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the recent (in June'22) inauguration by the PM Narendra Modi?

A) PM inaugurated the new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry namely 'Vanijya Bhawan', and launched a new portal National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade (NIRYAT).

B) Vanijya Bhawan building has been completed at the cost of Rs 226 crore and will serve as an integrated and modern office complex for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Departments.

C) NIRYAT Portal is developed as a one stop platform for stakeholders to get all necessary information related to India's foreign trade.

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

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

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (**PM**) of India Narendra Modi inaugurated the new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**) namely '**Vanijya Bhawan**', and launched a new portal **NIRYAT** (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade) during an occasion in Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. Vanijya Bhawan building has been completed in less than the budgeted cost of Rs 226 crore. It will serve as an integrated and modern office complex for its two Departments i.e. Department of Commerce, and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

ii. NIRYAT Portal is developed as a one stop platform for stakeholders to get all necessary information related to India's foreign trade.

96. The Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) scheme completed two years on 20th June 2022.

Which ministry is the nodal Ministry of GKRA scheme?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 5) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Answer- 3) Ministry of Rural Development

Explanation:

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (**GKRA**), a scheme for migrant workers who were affected during COVID-19 has completed **two years**. The scheme was launched by the Government to provide immediate employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers in India.

i. The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal Ministry and is implemented in close coordination with the State Governments.

ii. Government of India launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) on **20th June in 2020** for a period of 125 days with a resource envelope of 50,000 crore rupees to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

97. Syngenta India recently (in June'22) signed an agreement with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) to safeguard chilli farmers in _____.

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- 2) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Syngenta India, a Agri-tech Company's vegetable seed division has entered into an exclusive agreement with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) to safeguard chilli farmers in Guntur, **Andhra Pradesh** from unfavourable price fluctuations due to unpredictable market conditions.

i. This is the 1st initiative for crop protection against market fluctuation. Until now, the compensation was given due to the natural calamities.

ii. About 2000 farmers of Atchampet, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh have been growing Syngenta's Hot Pepper Hybrid HPH 5531 in an average land holding of 2 acres with an insurance cover for about Rs. 1.5 lakh per acre.

98. Which state recently (in June'22) signed an agreement with BLS International Services for computerisation, e-governance of registration offices in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode?

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

Answer- 1) West Bengal

Explanation:

BLS International Services, a tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, has entered into an agreement with the **West Bengal** government for computerisation and e-governance of registration offices in Public-Private Partnership (**PPP**) mode in the Presidency Zone.

- i. BLS International Services Ltd. has been selected by the Directorate of Registration and Stamp Revenue, Govt. of West Bengal for Computerization and e-Governance of Registration offices in West Bengal.
- ii. In the project, the company will procure, install and commission the hardware for 81 offices under the Presidency Zone.

99. Name the state/UT that recently (in June 2022) partnered with the UNDP to set up an oxygen plant to supply 750 hospital beds.

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) Delhi

Explanation:

The government of the National Capital Territory (**NCT**) of **Delhi** collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) to set up an oxygen generation plant at Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital to increase the oxygen supply capabilities of the hospital. The oxygen plant can cater to 750 beds in the hospital, including those supported by ventilators.

- i. The plant utilises Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) technology to produce up to 1,050 litres of oxygen per minute.
- ii. In partnership with the state governments, UNDP has set up twelve oxygen generation plants across India, including Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, NCT of Delhi, and Tripura.

100. Which ministry recently (in June'22) launched Policy & Portal of e-auction for Commercial earning & Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) contracts?

- 1) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- 2) Ministry of Railways
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- 5) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Answer- 2) Ministry of Railways

Explanation:

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, **Ministry of Railways** launched e-auction for commercial earning, and Non-Fare Revenue (**NFR**) contracts, in Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (Delhi). This launch was made to bring Commercial Earning and NFR contracts under the ambit of electronic auction through Indian Railway e-Procurement System (IREPS), in line with prevailing e-auction of scrap sale.

- i. The e-auction for commercial earning will increase railways earning, and also enhance ease of doing business.

About Ministry of Railways-

Union Minister- Ashwini Vaishnaw, (Rajya Sabha- Odisha)

Ministers of State- Raosaheb Patil Danve (Constituency- Jalna, Maharashtra), Darshana Jardosh (Constituency- Surat, Gujarat)

101. Which of the following points are 'Correct' with respect to the Tamil Nadu Advanced Manufacturing Conclave 2022 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu in June 2022?

A) Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence in Advance Manufacturing (TANCAM) was inaugurated in the TIDEL Park at Taramani in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

B) Two innovation centres were inaugurated at the SIPCOT Industrial Parks in Hosur and Sriperumbudur.

C) The foundation stone was laid for the Neo-TIDEL Parks in Tiruppur and Villupuram districts of TN, which will cost around Rs. 76.90 crore.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only B & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

MK Stalin, the Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN), launched a number of initiatives during the Tamil Nadu Advanced Manufacturing Conclave 2022 at Taramani, Chennai, TN, to help industry adopt new technology and remain competitive.

i. Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence in Advance Manufacturing (TANCAM), India's first of its kind Center of Excellence (CoE), was inaugurated in the TIDEL Park at Taramani in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

ii. Two innovation centres were inaugurated at the SIPCOT Industrial Parks in Hosur and Sriperumbudur.

iii. The foundation stone was laid for the Neo-TIDEL Parks in Tiruppur and Villupuram districts of TN, which will cost around Rs. 76.90 crore.

iv. The TN Government's Department of Higher Education has launched a portal, <https://penkalvi.gov.in>, where beneficiaries can register from June 25-30, 2022.

102. In June 2022, the ____ Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) was celebrated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

1) 7th

2) 5th

3) 8th

4) 6th

5) 9th

Answer- 1) 7th

Explanation:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) organised a virtual event to celebrate **7 years** of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (**PMAY-U**) to highlight the important initiatives implemented under PMAY-U Mission.

- i. Launched by the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi on 25th June 2015, it is one of the largest urban housing programmes in the world.
- ii. An eBook '7 years of PMAY(U) 2015-2022' was released by Secretary, MoHUA which is a compendium encapsulating the evolution and achievements of PMAY(U).
- iii. With a total investment of Rs 8.31 Lakh Crore ,PMAY-U has so far sanctioned Rs 122.69 lakh, out of which more than 1 crore houses have been grounded and over 61 lakh houses have been completed and delivered to the beneficiaries.

103. Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Urban 2.0 recently (in June'22) launched the Revised Swachh Certification Protocols for ODF , ODF+, ODF++, and Water+ certifications.

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Urban 2.0 comes under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Rural Development
- 2) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 3) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer- **5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

Explanation:

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Urban 2.0, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has launched the Revised Swachh Certification Protocols for ODF (Open Defecation Free), ODF+, ODF++, and Water+ certifications.

i. The launch event for the same was held at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi (Delhi) which was chaired by Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

ii. The revised protocols are aligned with the objectives of SBM-2.0.

104. In which city, Tata Power Solar Systems recently (in June'22) commissioned India's largest floating solar power project?

- 1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 2) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tumkur, Karnataka
- 4) Kayamkulam, Kerala
- 5) Patan, Gujarat

Answer- **4) Kayamkulam, Kerala**

Explanation:

Tata Power Solar Systems, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has commissioned **India's largest floating solar power** project in **Kayamkulam, Kerala** on a 350-acre water body, backwaters area with an installed capacity of 101.6 Megawatt (MW) Peak.

This project is the first one in the Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) through Power Purchase Agreement category. This plant boasts a floating inverter platform having a 5 Megawatt (MW) capacity.

About Tata Power Solar:

President, CEO – Ashish Khanna

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

105. In June 2022, the Ministry of Finance has extended the goods and services tax (GST) compensation cess under 28% slab until?

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

Answer- 1) March 2026

Explanation:

The Ministry of Finance has extended the period for levy and collection of cess under sub-section (1) of Section 8 of the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017 under **28% slab** by nearly 4 years from July 1, 2022 to **March 31, 2026**. These rules may be called the goods and services tax (period of levy and collection of cess) rules, 2022.

i. The compensation cess, levied on luxury and demerit goods, will continue to be collected till March 2026 to repay the borrowings that were done in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to compensate states for GST revenue loss.

ii. The Central government has borrowed and released Rs 1.1 lakh crore in FY21 and Rs 1.59 lakh crore in FY22.

106. Recently (in June'22), the Government of India increased the upper age limit for the recruitment process for Agnipath Scheme for 2022 from 21 years to ____ years.

- 1) 26 years
- 2) 23 years
- 3) 25 years
- 4) 22 years
- 5) 24 years

Answer- 2) 23 years

Explanation:

Amid the protest against Agnipath Scheme (to recruit soldiers only for 4 years), The government of India(GoI) has granted a one-time waiver for the proposed recruitment cycle for 2022 and **increased the upper age limit** for the recruitment process for **Agnipath Scheme for 2022** from 21 years to **23 years**.

- Previously, on the commencement of the scheme the entry age for all new recruits has been fixed as 17 and half to 21 years of age.

i. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the proposal for **10%** reservation in job vacancies in the Ministry of Defence for Agniveers meeting requisite eligibility criteria.

ii. The **10%** reservation will be implemented in the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and defence civilian posts, and all the 16 Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). This reservation would be in addition to existing reservations for ex-servicemen.

107. Name the organisation/Ministry that was recently (in June'22) launched India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy- Perspectives and Recommendations on the Future of Work report.

- 1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 2) Reserve Bank of India
- 3) Ministry of Finance

- 4) NITI Aayog
- 5) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Answer- **4) NITI Aayog**

Explanation:

NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) **Aayog's** report titled '**India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy- Perspectives and Recommendations on the Future of Work**' was launched by its Vice Chairman Suman Bery, CEO Amitabh Kant and Special Secretary Dr. K Rajeswara Rao. It is a first-of-its-kind study that presents comprehensive perspectives and recommendations on the Indian gig-platform economy.

- i.** Gig Economy/Sector is a labour market in which instead of a traditional, in-office, full-time job with a single company, gig workers work as short-term, temporary/freelance, or independent contractors for one or a variety of employers.
- ii.** In 2020–21, 77 lakh (7.7 million) workers were engaged in the gig economy which constituted 2.6% of the non-agricultural workforce or 1.5% of the total workforce in India.
- iii.** At present, about 47% of the gig work is in medium skilled jobs, about 22% in high skilled, and about 31% in low skilled jobs.

108. Name the state government that recently (in June'22) launched the 'Kashi Yatra' Scheme for Pilgrims.

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

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

Karnataka government launched '**Kashi Yatra**' with a project outlay of **Rs. 7 crore**. The project provides Rs 5,000 cash assistance to each of the 30,000 pilgrims, who are willing to take up a pilgrimage to **Kashi Vishwanath Temple** in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (**UP**).

- i.** According to Shashikala Jolle, Minister for Religious Endowment, Hajj and Wakf, the fund was sanctioned for the scheme under the accounts head of 'Assistance to Manasa Sarovara Pilgrims'.
- ii.** Pilgrims who are willing to avail the benefit must be the native of Karnataka and have to furnish the proof of domicile of origin of Karnataka with either of the documents including voter ID, Aadhaar Card or ration card. The applicants should be above 18 years and must provide a valid age proof.

109. Which of the following points are 'Correct' with respect to the Punjab Budget presented in June 2022?

- A) Punjab Finance Minister (FM) Harpal Singh Cheema presented Rs 1,55,859.78-crore budget in June 2022.**
- B) Every household (domestic consumers) in Punjab will have 300 units of free electricity every month from 1st July 2022**
- C) The government proposed to set up 16 new medical colleges making a total 25 medical colleges in the State.**

- 1) Only C
- 2) Only A & B

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

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

Explanation:

Punjab Finance Minister (FM) Harpal Singh Cheema presented **Rs 1,55,859.78-crore** budget in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. This is the first budget of the Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) government led by the Chief Minister(CM) Bhagwant Mann.

- i. Every household (domestic consumers) in Punjab will have 300 units of free electricity every month from 1st July 2022
- ii. The government proposed to set up 16 new medical colleges making a total 25 medical colleges in the State.

110. Which state's Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture recently (in June '22) partnered with the BSE Limited to Create Awareness on Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Listing?

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

Answer- **5) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

BSE Limited, a leading stock exchange, collaborated with the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (**MACCIA**) to promote and create awareness in Maharashtra on the benefits of Small and Medium Enterprises (**SME**) listing.

- i. BSE will provide technical and manpower support to SME enterprises that are registered with MACCIA to get listed on the BSE SME platform.
- ii. The BSE SME will provide training and capacity-building programmes to MACCIA officials, with a nodal person to be appointed as a single point contact in Maharashtra.

111. Which state recently (in June'22) formed a Joint Venture (JV) with the Ministry of Railways to boost railway connectivity?

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

Answer- **3) Assam**

Explanation:

The cabinet of Assam, chaired by Chief Minister(CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma, has approved the formation of a Joint Venture (**JV**), Assam Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (**ARIDCL**), between the Assam government and the **railway ministry** to increase the railway connectivity in Assam.

i. In ARIDCL, the Assam government will host 51% share and the Railway Ministry will hold the remaining 49%.

112. Which of the following points is 'Correct' with respect to the 'Dak Karmayogi'?

- 1) The Ministry of Home Affairs launched 'Dak Karmayogi', an e-learning portal of the Department of Human Resources in New Delhi, Delhi.
- 2) Dak Karmayogi was developed under the Central Government's vision of Mission Karmayogi.
- 3) This portal has been developed to bring efficiency in Government of India's employees and in bureaucracy with Minimum Government and Maximum Governance.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The Ministry of Communications (MOC) launched 'Dak Karmayogi', an e-learning portal of the **Department of Posts** in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. Dak Karmayogi was developed under the Central Government's vision of Mission Karmayogi.

ii. This portal has been developed to bring efficiency in Government of India's employees and in bureaucracy with Minimum Government and Maximum Governance.

iii. The Ministers also conferred Meghdoot Awards for 2021 to recognize the good performance of employees of the Department of Posts and to motivate them to maintain or improve their good work.

113. In June 2022, the Ministry of Defence inaugurated a Payroll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA), an automated Pay & Allowances module for _____.

- 1) Railway Protection Force
- 2) Sashastra Seema Bal
- 3) Indian Coast Guard
- 4) Border Security Force
- 5) Central Reserve Police Force

Answer- **3) Indian Coast Guard**

Explanation:

On the lines of Digital India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, a Payroll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (**PADMA**), an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard (**ICG**) was inaugurated by Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) on June 28, 2022.

i. This module has been developed under the aegis of Defense Accounts Department (DAD) and will be operated by Pay Accounts Office Coast Guard, Noida (Uttar Pradesh).

About PADMA:

- It is an automated platform or Centralized Pay System (CPS) which utilizes the latest technology to provide seamless and timely disbursal of Pay & Allowances to around 15,000 ICG personnel.
- CPS is one stop pay accounting solutions for all organizations under MoD.

114. Name the ministry that recently (in June'22) launched the 2nd phase of Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) 2.0 programme along with Meta.

- 1) Ministry of Education
- 2) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Answer- 2) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Explanation:

Social media giant **Meta** (Formerly known as Facebook) collaborated with the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** to launch the 2nd phase of Going Online As Leaders (**GOAL**) 2.0 programme. It was launched by Union tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda.

i. The 1st phase of GOAL has changed the lives of tribal youth through the digital mentorship programme.

ii. In the 2nd phase, a platform will be created for more than 50,000 self-help groups and 10 lakh families associated with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) to reach globally.

115. In which state did Pyse Fintech recently (in June'22) launched India's first and largest fractionally-owned solar power plant?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

Pyse Fintech Pvt. Ltd.(**PYSE**), an investment platform, has launched **India's first and largest fractionally-owned** solar power plant in **Karnataka**. The platform allows retail investors to invest in sustainable projects that create social and environmental impacts from a ticket size as low as Rs 5,000.

i. The plant is set to be commissioned by the end of July 2022 and is designed to offset 65 lakh kgs of carbon footprint every year for the next 25 years.

About Pyse Fintech Pvt. Ltd.(PYSE):

Co-founder -Kaustubh Padakannaya

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. _____ becomes the 2nd country to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender.

- 1) Denmark
- 2) Central African Republic
- 3) Japan
- 4) Germany

5) France

Answer- **2) Central African Republic**

Explanation:

Central African Republic (**CAR**) becomes the **2nd country** in the world, after El Salvador, to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender. CAR also became the first African country to adopt Bitcoin as its official currency.

i. CAR has adopted bitcoin as legal tender along with the existing fiat currency, the Central African Franc(CAF) and established a legal and regulatory framework for cryptocurrencies on 27th April 2022.

ii. The CAF, governed by the Bank of Central African States(BEAC) is the official currency of 6 countries including the Central African Republic.

2. Which of the following countries recently (in June'22) hosted the Industry transition Dialogue, as a part of the joint initiative "Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT)?"

1) Spain

2) India

3) Sweden

4) Both 1 & 2

5) Both 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

India and **Sweden** hosted the **Industry transition Dialogue in Stockholm, Sweden**, as a part of the India-Sweden joint initiative "Leadership for Industry Transition (**LeadIT**)", focusing on hard to abate sectors, which are the major stakeholders in the global climate action and require specific interventions.

i. LeadIT gathers countries and companies that are committed to action to achieve the Paris Agreement and it was launched by the governments of Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 and is supported by the World Economic Forum(WEF).

ii. The high level of dialogue contributed to the United Nations(UN) Conference – "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity", which is being held on 2nd & 3rd June 2022 and set the agenda for Conference of Parties 27 (COP27).

3. In June 2022, the United Nations (UN) approved to recognise the Republic of Turkey as

_____.

1) Türkiye

2) Türkish

3) Türrike

4) Türkique

5) Türrquie

Answer- **1) Türkiye**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**) has approved to recognise the Republic of Turkey as '**Türkiye**', pronounced "tur-key-YAY", following the request from the government of Turkey. "Türkiye" will now be used in all foreign languages and the country's full official name will be "Republic of Türkiye".