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Answer- 2) **601.363 billion**

Explanation:

According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s data, India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves for the week ended May 27 increased by USD 3.854 billion to **USD 601.363 billion** led by an increase in India's Foreign Currency Assets (FCA). India's forex reserves have increased for the 2nd consecutive week after falling for 10 straight weeks.

- i. According to RBI's weekly statistical supplement, all the components of the forex reserves rose during the week ended May 27 led by a sharp jump in the FCA.
- ii. The FCA includes the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-dollar currencies like the Euro, Pound Sterling and the Japanese Yen.

6. As per the World Bank (WB)'s Global Economic Prospects June 2022 Report, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth reduced to _____ from 8% for FY23.

- 1) 7.2%
- 2) 7.3%
- 3) 6.9%
- 4) 7.5%
- 5) 7.1%

Answer- 4) **7.5%**

Explanation:

The World Bank (WB) in its latest **Global Economic Prospects June 2022 Report** has reduced its **FY23** real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for India to **7.5%**, from **8%** (April 2022, forecast), amid inflationary pressures, supply-chain disruptions, and geopolitical tensions.

- i. This is the second time WB has revised its GDP growth forecast for India in FY23. In April 2022, it had trimmed the forecast from 8.7% to 8%.

7. As per the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s Economic Outlook (as of June'22), India's GDP is reduced to _____ from 8.1% for FY23.

- 1) 7.9%
- 2) 7.6%
- 3) 7.0%
- 4) 6.9%
- 5) 7.4%

Answer- 4) **6.9%**

Explanation:

In its "**OECD Economic Outlook, June 2022**", the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) **slashed** India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to **6.9%** in Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY23) from its December 2021 forecast of 8.1 percent.

- i. This is 120 basis points lower than the December 2021 forecast of 8.1%. The OECD expects that the global economy will grow by 3% in 2022, down from 4.5% predicted in December 2021, and that inflation will be around 9%.

8. Who has launched the 'SMBSaathi Utsav', an initiative in partnership with social media platform Josh Talks to help small businesses and with the goal of educating and assisting small businesses?

- 1) WhatsApp India
- 2) Instagram
- 3) Telegram
- 4) Google
- 5) Apple

Answer- 1) WhatsApp India

Explanation:

WhatsApp India has launched the 'SMBSaathi Utsav' initiative to help small businesses use digital media like the WhatsApp Business App to handle their business. It was launched in partnership with social media platform Josh Talks, with the goal of educating and assisting small businesses in realising their full potential using WhatsApp.

- The SMBSaathi Utsav is the second phase of WhatsApp's SMBSaathi campaign, which was launched in early 2022.

WhatsApp India, GoI Join Hands to Leverage Chatbot for Non-Covid Use-Cases

i. Following the widespread use of the WhatsApp chatbot during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020–2022), WhatsApp India and the Government of India (GoI) have announced plans to expand the bot's features to include dedicated medical opinion for online cancer consultation and patient electronic history capturing.

- X-Ray Setu, an automated solution that aids in the interpretation of chest X-rays from low-resolution images shared via WhatsApp, is also in development.

9. As of June'22, what is the rank of India according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2022 for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2021?

- 1) 2nd Rank
- 2) 3rd Rank
- 3) 5th Rank
- 4) 9th Rank
- 5) 7th Rank

Answer- 5) 7th Rank

Explanation:

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2022 entitled "International tax reforms and sustainable investment", India ranked 7th in the top 10 global economies for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2021 despite a decline in FDI investment.

- FDI inflows have declined by USD 19 billion to USD 45 billion in 2021.
- However India managed to reach the top 10 economies for FDI inflows in 2021, ranking 7th after the US, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada and Brazil.

To increase FDI India launched the **National Single-Window System**, which will become a one-stop shop for approvals and clearances needed by investors, entrepreneurs and businesses.

10. In June 2022, which company joined with TotalEnergies from France to build the world's largest green hydrogen ecosystem?

- 1) Adani Enterprises Ltd
- 2) Tata Group
- 3) Aditya Birla Group
- 4) Reliance Industries
- 5) Larsen and Toubro Ltd

Answer- **1) Adani Enterprises Ltd**

Explanation:

Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) and TotalEnergies of France have formed a strategic alliance to build the world's largest green hydrogen ecosystem.

i. TotalEnergies would invest at least USD 12.5 billion to acquire a 25% minority interest in Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) from AEL as part of this partnership.

ii. AEL and TotalEnergies will use ANIL as their exclusive platform for the production and commercialization of green hydrogen in India.

Note- France's TotalEnergies is one of the world's largest oil and gas companies. It already owns a 37.4% stake in Adani Total Gas Ltd.

11. Which company recently (in June'22) partnered with UN Women to Create Employment Opportunities for Women?

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) LinkedIn
- 3) Intel
- 4) Microsoft
- 5) Meta

Answer- **2) LinkedIn**

Explanation:

LinkedIn Corporation, the world's largest professional network partnered with **UN Women** for the **LINK Women project** with an investment of USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 crore) to advance women's economic empowerment.

i. This is a **15-month pilot project** launched in Maharashtra, after which UN Women and LinkedIn will incorporate lessons learned and evaluative feedback to improve the programmes.

ii. Aim – To create a cadre of women who will acquire new digital and employability skills, leading to better jobs.

12. Which company recently (in June'22) got selected by the Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) to construct Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar, Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) Tata Projects
- 2) L&T Infrastructure Development Projects
- 3) Atlanta Ltd
- 4) Valecha Engineering Ltd.
- 5) TanTia Construction Ltd

Answer- **1) Tata Projects**

Explanation:

The Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (**YIAPL**) has selected **Tata Projects** to undertake the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (**'EPC'**) of the new greenfield airport, Noida International Airport (**NIA**), at **Jewar, Uttar Pradesh**.

i. Tata Projects Limited, the infrastructure and construction arm of the Tata Groups, has won the bid to construct the terminal, runway, airside infrastructure, roads, utilities, landside facilities and other ancillary buildings at NIA.

ii. The NIA, spread across 1334 hectares, will have a single-runway operation in the 1st phase with a capacity to handle 12 million passengers per annum at an investment of Rs 5700 crore. The NIA is expected to be functional by 2024.

13. As per the Export-Import Bank of India, India's total merchandise exports was projected to reach _____ in the 1st quarter (Q1) of FY23.

1) USD 117.2 billion

2) USD 100 billion

3) USD 89.2 billion

4) USD 95.5 billion

5) USD 128 billion

Answer- **1) USD 117.2 billion**

Explanation:

The Export-Import Bank of India (**India Exim Bank**) has forecasted India's total merchandise exports to reach **USD 117.2 billion**, growing at 22.7% in the first quarter (**Q1**) of **FY23**. As a result, India's overall merchandise exports will continue to cross USD 100 billion for the fourth consecutive quarter in a row. In the same quarter of FY22, total merchandise exports amounted to USD 95.5 billion.

i. India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) are estimated to reach USD 62.21 billion in May 2022, an increase of 24.03 % over May 2021.

14. As per the recent (June'22) data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to a record high of ____ in May 2022, from 15.08% in April 2022.

1) 16.89%

2) 15.88%

3) 17.89%

4) 16.01%

5) 15.98%

Answer- **2) 15.88%**

Explanation:

In accordance with the data released by the National Statistical Office (**NSO**), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**), the Wholesale Price Index (**WPI**) inflation rose to a record high of 15.88% in May 2022 from 15.08% in April 2022. This is the **highest WPI** in the 2011-12 series. The WPI based inflation was 13.11% in May 2021.

i. The high rate of inflation in May, 2022 is primarily due to rise in prices of vegetables, fruits, milk, manufacturing, fuel, power, mineral oils, crude petroleum & natural gas, basic metals, chemicals & chemical products and food products etc.

- ii. Inflation in crude petroleum and natural gas was 79.50% in May 2022. In the fuel and power basket- 40.62%, Manufactured products and oil seeds- 10.11 per cent and 7.08 per cent, respectively.
- iii. Retail inflation in May 2022 was 7.04%, remaining above the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance level of 6% for the fifth consecutive month. The highest inflation rate was recorded by Telangana at 9.45% , followed by Maharashtra at 8.52% and Andhra Pradesh at 8.49%.

15. Which Indian Company recently (in June'22) India's first multiplex named 'Xstream multiplex' in the metaverse on the Partynite Metaverse platform?

- 1) MTNL
- 2) BSNL
- 3) Bharti Airtel
- 4) Vodafone Idea
- 5) Reliance Jio

Answer- **3) Bharti Airtel**

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel (**Airtel**), has launched **Xstream multiplex**, India's first multiplex in the metaverse on the Partynite Metaverse platform. The Xstream multiplex is an extension of Airtel's Xstream Premium offering.

i. Xstream is a 20-screen platform with access to content portfolios from leading (Over-The-Top) OTT partners available on its application. ii.Xstream multiplex with multiple engagement layers allows the users to interact on Partynite Metaverse.

ii. The idea of the multiplex was initiated by Essence, the integrated media agency of record of Airtel and developed by Gamitronics, creator of Party Nite, a blockchain-powered digital parallel universe.

16. Which organisation recently (in June'22) signed an Agreement with Galore Networks to Develop Indigenous 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) Products and Solutions?

- 1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 2) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- 3) Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development
- 4) Centre for Development of Imaging Technology
- 5) Centre for Development of Telematics

Answer- **5) Centre for Development of Telematics**

Explanation:

The Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**), the Research & Development (R & D) division of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, and **Galore Networks** have signed an agreement to boost indigenous development of end-to-end **5G** (fifth generation) Radio Access Network (**RAN**) **products** and solutions.

i. The partnership will create 5G products for Indian and global tier-1 telecom operators, critical networks, and private networks, highlighting the underlying potential of India's immense technological prowess.

17. According to V. Anantha Nageswaran, India's Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), India will become a USD 5 trillion economy by _____.

- 1) 2026-27
- 2) 2024-25

3) 2023-24

4) 2025-26

5) 2027-28

Answer- **1) 2026-27**

Explanation:

Addressing an event organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India, Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser(CEA) of India, stated that India would become a **USD 5 trillion** economy by **2026-27** and a **USD 10 trillion** economy by **2033-2034**.

i. At present India is a USD 3.3 trillion economy, assuming a 10% nominal GDP growth in dollar terms will get USD 10 trillion by 2023-34 and another doubling with the same rate.

ii. India's economy grew 8.7% in the fiscal year 2021-22 against a 6.6% contraction in the previous year.

MoUs AND AGREEMENTS

1. Name the state government that recently (in May '22) signed an MoU with the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to obtain Digital Life Certificates from pensioners at their doorstep.

1) Gujarat

2) West Bengal

3) Tamil Nadu

4) Kerala

5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The **Tamil Nadu** (TN) government has signed an **MoU** with the India Post Payments Bank (**IPPB**) to obtain life certificates from pensioners through the Postal Department's Door Step Services.

i. As per the MoU, the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) would provide Door Step Services at a cost of Rs.70/- per Digital Life Certificate.

ii. The TN Government has issued orders for five modes of Annual Mustering from July to September 2022, including the IPPB's Door Step Services for obtaining Digital Life Certificates through the Jeevan Pramaan Portal, to relieve the old aged pensioners and family pensioners of the burden of coming in person.

2. Which organisation recently (in June'22) signed an agreement with WiSig Networks & VVDN Technologies to Develop 5G Open RAN (Radio Access Network)?

1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

2) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

3) Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development

4) Centre for Development of Imaging Technology

5) Centre for Development of Telematics

Answer- **5) Centre for Development of Telematics**

Explanation:

An agreement was signed with Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**), WiSig Networks Private Limited, and VVDN Technologies Private Limited to collaborate in the area of Open RAN (Radio Access Network) based Radio Network for 5G solution.

i. It is a step towards making India 'Atmanirbhar' in the field of Telecom. This collaboration will utilize technical competencies of the Indian R&D (Research & Development) industry for indigenous design, development, manufacturing and deployment of cost-effective 5G products and solutions.

3. Which state recently (in June'22) signed a Tripartite MoU with Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML) and Ford India Private Limited (FIPL) to acquire the Ford's passenger vehicle manufacturing plant at Sanand?

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

Answer- **3) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (**TPEML**), a Tata Motors Ltd subsidiary, and Ford India Private Limited (**FIPL**) signed a **Tripartite MoU** with the **Gujarat government** for the potential acquisition of Ford's passenger vehicle manufacturing plant at Sanand.

i. The Ford India vehicle manufacturing site at Sanand is a state-of-the-art site with a capacity to provide direct employment to 3,043 people and indirect employment to 20,000 more.

ii. Now TPEML would acquire the land and buildings, a car manufacturing facility, machinery, and equipment, as well as all eligible personnel of FIPL Sanand's vehicle manufacturing operations

4. Which state/UT recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to set up the First-of-its-kind Indian Air Force Heritage Centre?

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) Assam

Answer- **3) Chandigarh**

Explanation:

Indian Air Force (**IAF**) signed an MoU with **Chandigarh administration** for setting up of a First-of-its-kind Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in Union Territory of Chandigarh.

i. Simulators, decommissioned aircraft, aero engines, and other IAF artefacts will be housed in this facility and Virtual reality and artificial intelligence will be used in the centre.

5. Which country recently (in June'22) signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with India to Support Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes?

- 1) Canada
- 2) France
- 3) Poland

4) Germany

5) Spain

Answer- **3) Poland**

Explanation:

India and **Poland** have signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (**MLAT**) on Criminal Matters. The treaty aims to enhance the effectiveness of both Poland and India in the investigation and Prosecution of various crimes including crimes related to terrorism, through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

i. Poland becomes the 45th country to sign an MLAT on criminal matters with New Delhi.

ii. The Union Cabinet of India, chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, approved the treaty in December 2021.

6. Name the department that recently (in June'22) renewed the MoU with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support innovative approaches for new preventions, therapies, and interventions for global health.

1) Department of Biotechnology

2) Department of Science and Technology

3) Department of Health Research

4) Department of Pharmaceuticals

5) Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Answer- **1) Department of Biotechnology**

Explanation:

The Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) and the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** have renewed the MoU for developing new preventions, therapies and interventions to solve health (human and animal), food and nutritional inequities.

i. Under the renewed MoU, the partnership pledges USD 50 million investment to explore the mechanisms to support innovators, focused on early-mid stage research and product development to tackle health and developmental issue

ii. In 2012, DBT and Gates Foundation signed a MoU on cooperation in health and development for 5 years, which was then renewed for another 5 years till 17th July 2022.

7. Which institute recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for sharing knowledge in the field of highway engineering?

1) IIT Kanpur

2) IIT Guwahati

3) IIT Kharagpur

4) IIT Indore

5) IIT-Roorkee

Answer- **5) IIT-Roorkee**

Explanation:

The National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (**NHIDCL**) signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**)-**Roorkee**, in Uttarakhand, for sharing knowledge on innovative ideas and technologies in the field of highway engineering.

AIM: To establish the collaboration between the NHIDCL and IIT-Roorkee in order to take up various activities of common interest such as sharing knowledge on innovative ideas and other infrastructure works as per mutually agreed terms and conditions.

8. According to the MoUs signed during the visit of India's Vice President to Gabon (recently in June'22), which of the following statements are correct?

A) MoU for cooperation between India's Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Services (SSIFS) and Gabon's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and

B) An agreement for establishment of a Joint Commission between two Foreign Ministries.

C) MoU between India and Gabon on youth cooperation.

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

Answer- 3) Both A & B

Explanation:

On May 30, 2022, India's Vice President (VP) M Venkaiah Naidu paid his first high-level bilateral official visit to Gabon.

- This was India's first visit to all three countries at the level of Vice President.

Both sides signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) /Agreements:

i. MoU for cooperation between India's Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Services (SSIFS) and Gabon's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and

ii. An agreement for establishment of a Joint Commission between two Foreign Ministries.

- The Gabonese side requested that an Indian resident mission be established in Libreville, Gabon's capital.

9. Name the state government that recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with NLC India to set up a 1 Giga Watt (GW) solar power project.

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

Answer- 5) Assam

Explanation:

Assam Government is set to **sign** an **MoU** with **NLC India Ltd**, the public sector navaratna company to set up a first-of-its-kind joint venture company (JVC) for generating 1 Giga Watt (GW) solar power with an investment of 5000 crore.

i. NLC India Limited would hold 51 percent stake in the solar joint venture.

ii. NLC India has collaborated with the Assam government for the sale of power from the Ghatampur thermal power project, through a joint venture of NLC India and the Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh and NLC India may also build a 1,000 MW solar power plant in the state as a joint venture with the Assam Power Distribution Company, controlled by the government of Assam.

iii. The Assam cabinet also has given approval for implementation of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) with Rs 8,727 crore as project cost and state share of Rs 263 crore.

10. Name the organisation that recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) for Cooperation on Numerical Model-Based Applications in Meteorology and Oceanology.

- 1) Indian Navy
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 3) Indian Army
- 4) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 5) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Answer- **1) Indian Navy**

Explanation:

The **Indian Navy** and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (**NCMRWF**) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences(MoES), signed an **MoU** for "Cooperation on Numerical Model-Based Applications in Meteorology and Oceanology."

i. Under this collaboration, the Indian Navy and NCMRWF will share expertise in the domains of weather and ocean modelling, coupled modelling, data assimilation, ensemble forecasting, and satellite data utilisation, with the intent of keeping both organisations up to date with rapid development.

ii. The NCMRWF, with its highly skilled scientists and cutting-edge facilities, would render support to two of the Indian Navy's premier establishments in Kochi, Kerala:

- The Naval Operations Data Processing and Analysis Centre (NODPAC), and
- The Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC).

11. Which state government recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with the Byju's to provide quality education to students of government schools?

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

Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh government has entered into an **MoU** with educational tech company **Byju's** to impart quality education to students of government schools.

i. The MoU was signed by school education commissioner S Suresh Kumar on behalf of the state with Susmit Sarkar, vice-president (public policy) of Byju's, in the presence of chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

ii. Under this partnership, the quality content provided by Byju's will make it easier for children to understand in the visual medium, and also help in achieving better results for the students studying between class 4-10 in government schools across the State.

12. Which state recently (in June'22) signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore to scale up at least 100-150 existing women-owned or women-led enterprises in the state?

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

Answer- 3) Karnataka

Explanation:

Karnataka government signed 2 Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) that will help economic activities of women self-help groups and facilitate organic farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers.

- i.** One **MoU** was with the Indian Institute of Management (**IIM**), **Bangalore** to scale up at least 100-150 existing women-owned or women-led enterprises in the state.
- ii.** Another, signed with **Subhiksha**, a multi-state cooperative society that is into organic farming would create a direct linkage with the consumers through the online marketing platform 'Subhiksha Farmers to Consumers' app.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1. In May 2022, the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA) was reconstituted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with the Union Minister of Culture as chairperson.

Who is the current (as of May'22) Union Minister of Culture?

- 1) Kishan Reddy
- 2) Bhupender Yadav
- 3) Giriraj Singh
- 4) Arjun Munda
- 5) Kiren Rijiju

Answer- 1) Kishan Reddy

Explanation:

Kishan Reddy is the current Minister of Culture.

- i.** The Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (**CABA**) was reconstituted by the Archaeological Survey of India (**ASI**) with the Union Minister of Culture as chairperson and members including officials from the Culture Ministry and ASI, Members of Parliament, nominees of State governments, representatives from universities, scientists, and experts on the Indus Valley script. CABA was reconstituted by The President for a three year term.
- ii.** The board comprises five persons nominated in their personal capacities by the Government of India along with a Former Director-Generals of ASI.

2. Who was recently (in May'22) appointed as the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson?

- 1) Dinesh Jain
- 2) Pradip Kumar Mohanty
- 3) Archana Ramasundaram

- 4) Bharat Lal
- 5) Mahender Singh

Answer- **2) Pradip Kumar Mohanty**

Explanation:

Ram Nath Kovind, President of India, has given justice **Pradip Kumar (PK) Mohanty** the **additional charge of Lokpal chairperson** after Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as Chairperson of Lokpal on 27th May 2022. **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** was appointed the **first Chief** of Lokpal in **March 2019**.

- i. Justice Mohanty, former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, has been serving as Member (Judicial), Lokpal since March 2019.
- ii. The Lokpal is headed by a chairperson and can have 8 members. At present, there are 6 members in the Lokpal.

3. Who was recently (in May'22) appointed as a part-time member of the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA)?

- 1) Pankaj Sharma
- 2) RV Verma
- 3) Vandita Kaul
- 4) Madhavi Das
- 5) Rakesh Sharma

Answer- **1) Pankaj Sharma**

Explanation:

The government of India (**GoI**) has appointed **Pankaj Sharma**, the joint Secretary in the Department of Financial Services (DFS) as a **part-time member** of the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (**PFRDA**). He succeeds erstwhile DFS Additional Secretary Vandita Kaul who was repatriated to her parent cadre.

- i. PFRDA consists of a Chairman, 3 whole-time members and 3 part-time members. At present only 2 part-time members posts are filled up, Anne George Matthew, Additional Secretary in the Finance Ministry is the other part-time member.
- ii. GoI has also appointed Suchindra Mishra, Additional Secretary in DFS as a member of the International Financial Services Authority (IFSCA) board and Shashank Saxena, Senior Economic Advisor in Department of Economic Affairs as a member of IFSCA.

4. Vandita Sharma was recently (in May '22) appointed as the 39th Chief Secretary (CS) of which state?

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

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The Government of **Karnataka** has appointed **Vandita Sharma** as the **39th Chief Secretary (CS)** of Karnataka. She took over as the new CS from incumbent **P Ravi Kumar** on 31st May 2022. She will hold the office **till November 2023**.

i. She is currently serving as the additional chief secretary-cum-development commissioner, Government of Karnataka. Vandita Sharma is the **4th woman** to be appointed as the CS of Karnataka after Theresa Bhattacharya, Malati Das and K Ratna Prabha.

5. Who was recently (in May'22) appointed as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)?

- 1) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- 2) Karnam Sekar
- 3) Padmakumar M Nair
- 4) Malvika Sinha
- 5) Natarajan Sundar

Answer- **5) Natarajan Sundar**

Explanation:

Natarajan Sundar has been nominated Managing Director(**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) of the National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (**NARCL**), the government-backed bad bank. He has been appointed to replace the incumbent chief executive officer Mr. Padmakumar M Nair.

i. NARCL had appointed Karnam Sekar as independent director and non-executive chairman of the board. He is a former MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank and Dena Bank.

ii. Malvika Sinha, retired executive director of RBI, also joined as independent director.

6. Name the Indian former Cricketer who is set to continue as Goodwill Ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for a record 20th year.

- 1) Harbhajan Singh
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Kapil Dev
- 4) Sourav Ganguly
- 5) Rahul Dravid

Answer- **2) Sachin Tendulkar**

Explanation:

Indian former Cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** is set to continue as Goodwill Ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) working towards the welfare of underprivileged children, for a record **20th year**.

i. He has been associated with UNICEF for over 2 decades and played a major role in furthering the campaigns aimed at the betterment of underprivileged children.

ii. In 2003, UNICEF selected him to lead the initiative to create awareness and promote polio prevention in India.

7. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Director General (DG) of National Informatics Centre (NIC)?

- 1) Rajesh Gera
- 2) Alkesh Kumar Sharma
- 3) N Vijayaditya
- 4) Neeta Verma
- 5) Shefali Dash

Answer- **1) Rajesh Gera**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the appointment of the Senior Scientist **Rajesh Gera** as the Director General (**DG**), National Informatics Centre (**NIC**) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (**MeitY**). Senior scientist Rajesh Gera was a Deputy Director General in the NIC earlier.

8. The Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC) recently (in June'22) extended the tenure of Sports Authority of India(SAI)'s Director General (DG) Sandip Pradhan till _____.

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

Answer- **2) 2024**

Explanation:

The Appointment Committee of Cabinet (**ACC**) **extended** the service tenure of Sports Authority of India (**SAI**)'s Director General (**DG**) **Sandip Pradhan** to another two years till 30th September **2024**.

- i.** He was to end his current tenure on July 6 but has been granted an extension till September 30, 2024.
- ii.** In 2019, Sandip Pradhan replaced Neelam Kappor as the Director General of Sport Authority of India.

9. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the Appointment of Managing Directors & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Union Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) and Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) by the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) of India?

A) Manimekhalai became 1st Woman to be appointed as the MD & CEO of UBI by succeeding Rajkiran Rai G.

B) Ajay Kumar Srivastava Selected as the MD & CEO of the IOB by replacing Partha Pratim Sengupta.

C) Swaroop Kumar Saha appointed as the MD & CEO at the Punjab & Sind Bank by succeeding S Krishnan.

- 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:

Manimekhalai, executive director at Canara Bank, became 1st Woman to be appointed as the MD & CEO of UBI by succeeding Rajkiran Rai G.

ii. Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Executive Director at IOB, has been recommended and Selected as the MD & CEO of the IOB by replacing Partha Pratim Sengupta.

iii. Swaroop Kumar Saha has been recommended and subsequently appointed as the MD & CEO at the Punjab & Sind Bank by succeeding S Krishnan who retired in May 2022.

10. In June 2022, General Major Bajram Begaj was elected as the new president of which country?

- 1) Bulgaria
- 2) Austria
- 3) Albania
- 4) Croatia
- 5) Greece

Answer- **3) Albania**

Explanation:

Albania's parliament has elected a top military official, **General Major Bajram Begaj** as its **new president** after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting. The outgoing President Ilir Meta signed the decree on Begaj's dismissal as Chief of General Staff of the AAF.

i. He is Albania's 8th president and the 3rd from the military ranks.

ii. Bajram Begaj will take oath as the new president on 25th July 2022 to replace the current president 'Ilir Meta', who will remain in office until 22nd July 2022.

11. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace?

- 1) Sachin Tendulkar
- 2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 3) Dinesh Karthik
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) Virat Kohli

Answer- **2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni**

Explanation:

Garuda Aerospace appointed former Indian cricket World Cup (2011)-winning captain **Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni)** as its brand ambassador. He will also be one of their minority shareholders of Garuda Aerospace, a Chennai-based aviation and aerospace component manufacturing firm.

According to India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a report by BIS Research the global drone market is currently dominated by the US, China and Israel and its estimation reaches to \$28.47 billion in FY 22, with India accounting for about 4.25% of the share.

12. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI) for 2 years?

- 1) Alok Kumar Choudhary
- 2) Rajkiran Rai G
- 3) Partha Pratim Sengupta
- 4) S Krishnan
- 5) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer- **1) Alok Kumar Choudhary**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has approved the proposal of Department of Financial Services for appointment of State Bank of India's (**SBIs**) Deputy Managing Director (DMD) **Alok Kumar Choudhary** as Managing Director (**MD**) for a period of 2 years, effective from 30th June 2022. He will be handling the Retail Business & Operations of the lender in SBI.

- i. He replaces former MD Ashwini Bhatia who took charge as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ii. With the appointment of Alok Kumar Choudhary, SBI will have 4 MD's headed by the Chairman.
 - The three other MDs – CS Setty (MD in charge of retail banking),
 - Swaminathan Janakiraman (MD in charge of Stressed Assets, Risk and Compliance) and
 - Ashwini Kumar Tiwari (MD in charge of international banking).
 - Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara.

13. In June 2022, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) restructured its 25-member Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds under the chairmanship of whom?

- 1) B.P. Kanungo
- 2) Rajeshwar Rao
- 3) Shyamala Gopinath
- 4) Usha Thorat
- 5) Anand Sinha

Answer- **4) Usha Thorat**

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restructured its Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds which advises the SEBI on issues related to the regulation of mutual funds for ensuring investor Protection.

- i. The 25-member advisory committee will be chaired by Usha Thorat, former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ii. The committee will advise SEBI on issues related to the development of the mutual fund industry.

14. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the ambassador of 'India-UK Together Season of Culture'?

- 1) AR Rahman
- 2) Ayushmann Khurrana
- 3) Akshay Kumar
- 4) Priyanka Chopra
- 5) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer- **1) AR Rahman**

Explanation:

'India-United Kingdom (UK) Together Season of Culture' appoints Music Maestro AR Rahman as its ambassador which was officially launched by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of the British Council Barbara Wickham.

- i. The launch marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence. AR Rahman was a key consultant to the Season of Culture.
- ii. The 'Season of Culture' intends to build on the British Council's work in India and strengthen partnerships between India and the UK in the arts, English, and education.

15. Recently in June' 22 who was appointed as Director of IMF's Asia and Pacific Department?

- 1) Sandip Pradhan
- 2) Alok Kumar Choudhary
- 3) Natarajan Sundar

- 4) Rajesh Gera
- 5) Krishna Srinivasan

Answer- **5) Krishna Srinivasan**

Explanation:

Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has appointed Indian national Krishna Srinivasan, as the director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department (APD) from 22nd June 2022. He is currently serving as the Deputy Director in APD and oversees the APD's surveillance work on large and systemically important countries like China and Korea, and smaller states in the Pacific like Fiji and Vanuatu.

• He will succeed Changyong Rhee who relinquished his role as APD Director immediately, following his nomination as a candidate for Governor of the Central Bank of Korea.

16. Recently in June'22, Name the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh who has been appointed as Under Secretary General of UN and also a High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)?

- 1) Humayun Kabir
- 2) Muhammad Yunus
- 3) Shah Imran Ahmed
- 4) Rabab Fatima
- 5) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Answer- **4) Rabab Fatima**

Explanation:

United Nations (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres appointed Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh as the Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN and also appointed as High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS).

- She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.
- She is the current Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York.
- Ambassador Rabab Fatima is the 1st woman diplomat from Bangladesh to be appointed to this post and also the highest ranking official of Bangladesh under the UN system.

17. Recently in June'22, who has been appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as his Envoy on Technology.?

- 1) Roderico H Ofrin
- 2) T. S. Tirumurti
- 3) Amandeep Singh Gill
- 4) Vishal V. Sharma
- 5) Apurva Chandra

Answer- **3) Amandeep Singh Gill**

Explanation:

Senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill has been appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as his Envoy on Technology.

- The UN describes him as a ‘thought leader on digital technology’ who has a solid understanding of how to leverage the digital transformation responsibly and inclusively for progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Previously, Amandeep Singh Gill was India’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016-to 2018.

18. Who was recently (in June’22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RBL Bank for a period of 3 years?

- 1) Ishan Raina
- 2) Vijay Mahajan
- 3) Rajeev Ahuja
- 4) Veena Mankar
- 5) R Subramaniakumar

Answer- **5) R Subramaniakumar**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has approved the appointment of **R Subramaniakumar** as Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of **RBL Bank** for a period of **3 years** with effect from the date of his taking charge, under Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act 1949.

i. He succeeds **Rajeev Ahuja**, who was an Interim **MD and CEO**.

About RBL Bank:

RBL Bank, formerly known as Ratnakar Bank,

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded In – 1943

Tagline –Apno Ka Bank

19. In June 2022, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) nominated 4 part-time non-official Directors on the central board of RBI for a tenure of 4 years.

Which of the personalities are Not in the list of 4 non-official Directors of RBI?

- 1) M. Rajeshwar Rao
- 2) Ravindra H. Dholakia
- 3) Venu Srinivasan
- 4) Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel
- 5) Anand Gopal Mahindra

Answer- **1) M. Rajeshwar Rao**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (**ACC**) has nominated **4 part-time** non-official Directors on the central board of **RBI** for a tenure of **4 years** effective from 14th June 2022 or until further orders Including

- Anand Gopal Mahindra
- Venu Srinivasan
- Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel
- Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia

The above four are appointed by the Government of India in keeping with the Reserve Bank of India Act.

20. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the new Director-General (DG) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- 1) Kumar Rajesh Chandra
- 2) S L Thaosen
- 3) Surjeet Singh Deswal
- 4) Gopal Sharma
- 5) Arun Chaudhary

Answer- 2) S L Thaosen

Explanation:

Sujoy Lal Thaosen (S L Thaosen), Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, has been appointed as the new Director-General (**DG**) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (**SSB**). Thaosen has been serving as the Special Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).

- i. The post of SSB chief has been lying vacant after incumbent DG Kumar Rajesh Chandra retired on 31st December 2021.
- ii. IPS officer, Zulfiqar Hasan also appointed as the new Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) for a tenure up to his superannuation on 31st october 2024. Zulfiqar Hasan has been serving as the Special Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Delhi.

21. In June 2022, Hamza Abdi Barre was appointed as the Prime minister of which country?

- 1) Nigeria
- 2) Kenya
- 3) Somalia
- 4) Uganda
- 5) Ethiopia

Answer- 3) Somalia

Explanation:

Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud appointed a former chairman of the Jubaland state election commission, **Hamza Abdi Barre** as the prime minister (**PM**).

- i. Hamza Abdi Barre from the semi-autonomous state of Jubaland replaces Mohamed Hussein Roble and he served as the chairperson of the Jubaland Independent Boundaries and Electoral Commission in 2019-20 and is the 1st prime minister to emerge from Somalia's Ogaden clan.

About Somalia:

Capital – Mogadishu

Currency – Somali Shilling

22. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) for a period of one year w.e.f 23rd July 2022?

- 1) Narasimhan Srinivasan
- 2) Vinod Kumar Sharma
- 3) Ramesh Rangan
- 4) Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
- 5) Arun Ramanathan

Answer- 4) Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has approved the proposal to reappoint Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (**Vasudevan P N**) as the Managing Director (**MD**) & Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of the Equitas Small Finance Bank (**ESFB**), for a period of one year with effect from July 23, 2022.

i. Vasudevan P N, the founder and CEO of ESFB, had urged the lender to choose his successor in May 2022 because of his plan to step down. ESFB is a small-cap company with a market capitalization of Rs. 4,833 crore.

About Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFB):

It is the first Private Sector Bank from Tamil Nadu to commence operations post Indian Independence.

Commencement of Operation – September 5, 2016

Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Tagline – “It’s Fun Banking”

23. Who recently (in June’22) became the 1st leftist President of Colombia?

- 1) Gustavo Petro
- 2) Sergio Fajardo
- 3) Rodolfo Hernandez
- 4) Marelen Castillo
- 5) Enrique Gomez

Answer- **1) Gustavo Petro**

Explanation:

Gustavo Francisco Petro Urrego (Gustavo Petro), a former Mayor of capital Bogota and a longtime senator, who has transformed the social and economic system, **becomes 1st leftist President of Colombia**, who will take office in August 2022. **Francia Marquez**, will be the country’s **first Afro-Colombian woman Vice-President**.

i. He will succeed Iván Duque Márquez who has been serving as the President of Colombia since 2018 and Gustavo Petro won the Presidential Election against his rival Rodolfo Hernandez.

About Colombia:

Capital – Bogota

Currency – Colombian Peso

24. Who was recently (in June’22) given an additional charge as Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Prasar Bharati?

- 1) Supriya Sahu
- 2) Satendra Kumar Arya
- 3) Mayank Kumar Agrawal
- 4) Vivek Vaibhav
- 5) Shashi Shekhar Vempati

Answer- **3) Mayank Kumar Agrawal**

Explanation:

Mayank Kumar Agrawal, Director General (**DG**) of Doordarshan(**DD**) and Doordarshan News has been given additional charge as Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of **Prasar Bharati** till further orders or regular appointment to the post.

i. Mayank Kumar Agrawal, a 1989-batch Indian Information Service official, was given the additional charges following the approval from Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting. This decision was made after the 5-year tenure of Shashi Shekhar Vempati as CEO of Prasar Bharati concluded on 8th June 2022.

25. In June 2022, the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind was appointed new Chief Justices for six High Courts in exercise of the power conferred under _____ of the Constitution of India.

- 1) Article 123 (1)
- 2) Article 268
- 3) Article 217 (1)
- 4) Article 221
- 5) Article 224

Answer- **3) Article 217 (1)**

Explanation:

The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, has appointed new Chief Justices for **six High Courts:** Uttarakhand, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gauhati, and Telangana in exercise of the power conferred under **clause (1) of Article 217** of the Constitution of India, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana (N V Ramana).

- Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court **Satish Chandra Sharma** has been transferred to the **Delhi High Court** in the same capacity as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.
- Justice **Vipin Sanghi**, Judge, Delhi High Court, was appointed as the Chief Justice of the **Uttarakhand High Court**.
- Justice **Amjad A. Sayed**, Judge, Bombay High Court, was made Chief Justice of the **Himachal Pradesh High Court**.
- Justice Sambhaji Shivaji Shinde (**S S Shinde**), Judge, Bombay High Court, was appointed as the Chief Justice of the **Rajasthan High Court**.
- Justice **Rashmin Manharbhai Chhaya**, Judge, Gujarat High Court, was elevated as the Chief Justice of the **Gauhati High Court**.
- Justice **Ujjal Bhuyan**, who is currently a judge in Telangana High Court, was elevated as Chief Justice of **Telangana High Court**. His parent high court is Gauhati.

Note- The Gauhati High Court in Assam is the High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh

26. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) in New York?

- 1) T. S. Tirumurti
- 2) Nirupam Sen
- 3) Syed Akbaruddin
- 4) Ruchira Kamboj
- 5) Asoke Kumar Mukerji

Answer- **4) Ruchira Kamboj**

Explanation:

Senior Diplomat **Ruchira Kamboj**, currently Indian ambassador to Bhutan, has been appointed as the **next Permanent Representative of India** to the **United Nations (UN)** at New York. She will succeed TS Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the United Nation.

- Ruchira Kamboj is the first female Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bhutan.

About United Nations (UN):

Secretary General – Antonio Guterres

Establishment – 1945

Headquarters – New York, United States (US)

Member states – 193

27. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL)?

- 1) Ashish Chauhan
- 2) R Subramaniakumar
- 3) G. Mahalingam
- 4) Manoj Kumar
- 5) Venkat Nageswar Chalasani

Answer- 5) Venkat Nageswar Chalasani

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed **Venkat Nageswar Chalasani**, former Deputy Managing Director of SBI, as a member of the **Advisory Committee** of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL) with effect from 22nd June 2022. He succeeds R Subramaniakumar, Former MD & CEO, Indian Overseas Bank.

i. The three member Advisory Committee shall advise the Administrator in the operations of the SIFL and SEFL during the corporate insolvency resolution process.

ii. The other 2 members of the committee are, T T Srinivasaraghavan (former Managing Director, Sundaram Finance Limited) and Farokh N Subedar (former Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary, Tata Sons Limited).

28. In June 2022, 'Parameswaran Iyer' was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of which of the following organisation?

- 1) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 2) NITI Aayog
- 3) National Securities Depository Limited
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

Answer- 2) NITI Aayog

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet(ACC) has approved the appointment of **Parameswaran Iyer** as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) for a period of 2 years or until further orders.

i. He takes over as the new CEO of NITI Aayog succeeding Amitabh Kant who is set to complete his 6-year stint as CEO of NITI Aayog by the end of June 2022.

About NITI Aayog:

NITI Aayog was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on 1 January 2015.

Chairman– Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)

Vice Chairman– Suman Bery

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

29. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IDRCL) for a period of 3 years?

- 1) Sanjay Jain
- 2) Avinash Kulkarni
- 3) Pradip Shah
- 4) Diwakar Gupta
- 5) Raj Subramaniam

Answer- 2) Avinash Kulkarni

Explanation:

Avinash Kulkarni, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India Resurgence ARC (Asset Reconstruction Company) Private Limited (IRARC), has been appointed as the **CEO** of India Debt Resolution Company Limited (**IDRCL**) for a period of 3 years.

- i. He is set to take over as the new CEO of IDRCL from the current CEO Manish Makharia in July 2022. The appointment has been approved by the board of IDRCL.
- ii. Avinash Kulkarni's appointment to IDRCL follows the appointment of SBI veteran Natarajan Sundar as the CEO of NARCL in April 2022. He took over as the CEO in May 2022.

30. In June 2022, Mohammed Hasan Jalood became the New President of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).

Mohammed Hasan Jalood belongs to which country?

- 1) United states of America
- 2) Iran
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Iraq
- 5) Hungary

Answer- 4) Iraq

Explanation:

The International Weightlifting Federation (**IWF**) has elected **Mohammed Hasan Jalood** from **Iraq** as its new **president** at the 2022 IWF Special and Electoral Congress in Tirana, Albania. He is also the **first Asian** who became president of the International Weightlifting Federation. He succeeds out-going Interim President Dr. Michael Irani.

- i. Ursula Garza Papandrea from America became the first female vice president of the IWF.

International Weightlifting Federation(IWF):-

Founded in – 1905

Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland

31. Who was recently (in June'22) appointed as a new Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- 1) Sangeeta Singh
- 2) Y.K. Singh
- 3) Nitin Gupta
- 4) Anuja Sarangi
- 5) Pragya Sahay Saksena

Answer- 3) Nitin Gupta

Explanation:

A Committee of Secretaries has selected **Nitin Gupta** as a new **Chairman** of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (**CBDT**), an apex body of the Income Tax department. His appointment was approved by the Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC).

- i. He will replace **Sangeeta Singh** who is an incumbent chairman of CBDT after JB Mohapatra, a full time chairman retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body on 30th April 2022.
- ii. Nitin Gupta is currently a Member of CBDT handling the charge of Investigation. He is the 1st CBDT Member after 3 years who is appointed for the independent charge of Investigation.

32. Name the personality who was recently (in June'22) appointed as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB).

- 1) Atish Mathur
- 2) Dinkar Gupta
- 3) Arvind Kumar
- 4) Samant Goel
- 5) Tapan Deka

Answer- **5) Tapan Deka**

Explanation:

Tapan Deka has been appointed the new Director of Intelligence Bureau (**IB**), central intelligence agency. He will replace incumbent Arvind Kumar from 30th June 2022 till June 2024, for a period of two years. He also handled operations during the 2015-16 Pathankot air base attack and the 2019 Pulwama attack.

- i. Samant Kumar Goel is current chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), has been given an extension of one year in his tenure which comes to an end on 30th June 2022.
- ii. Former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta has been appointed as the new chief of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Special Director in the IB Swagat Das as Special Secretary in the Home Ministry.

33. Who was recently (in June'22) president of the India International Centre (IIC) by succeeding N N Vohra?

- 1) Shyam Saran
- 2) Ashis Nandy
- 3) Shailesh Nayak
- 4) Gopalkrishna Gandhi
- 5) Ashok Vajpeyi

Answer- **1) Shyam Saran**

Explanation:

Former foreign secretary **Shyam Saran** has been elected as the new president of the India International Centre (IIC). He succeeds N N Vohra and will take charge. The President of the IIC is elected once every 5 years.

- i. Shyam Saran has also served as Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Nuclear Affairs and Climate Change.

34. Name the personality who was recently (in June'22) appointed as the Director-General of the New Development Bank (NDB)'s India Regional Office in GIFT City.

- 1) Devashish Panda
- 2) D J Pandian
- 3) T. Venkatesh
- 4) Rajendra Pratap Pandey
- 5) Sanjay Kothari

Answer- 2) D J Pandian

Explanation:

New Development Bank (**NDB**), headquartered in Shanghai, China, has appointed Dr D J Pandian as the Director-General of its India Regional Office(IRO) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

i. Pandian has previously served as the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) based in Beijing, China. He has also served as the Chief Secretary of Gujarat.

ii. In May 2022, the NDB (formerly referred to as the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Development Bank) announced its plan to open its regional office in India at GIFT City.

35. Who was recently (in June'22) became the Chairman of the board of directors of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd?

- 1) Akash M. Ambani
- 2) Anant M. Ambani
- 3) Tina Ambani
- 4) Isha M. Ambani
- 5) Jai Anshul Ambani

Answer- 1) Akash M. Ambani

Explanation:

The Reliance Industries (RIL) Chairperson & Managing Director(MD), Mukesh Ambani resigned from the Board of Directors (BoD) of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, the digital and telecom arm of RIL. **Akash M. Ambani**, Non-executive Director of Reliance Jio Infocomm and son of Mukesh Ambani became the Chairman of the board of directors of Reliance Jio.

i. Mukesh Ambani will continue to be the Chairman of Jio Platforms Ltd, the flagship company that owns all Jio digital services brands including Reliance Jio Infocomm.

ii. The Reliance Jio BoDs approved the appointment of Pankaj Mohan Pawar as Managing Director (MD) of the company for a period of 5 years commencing from June 27 2022.

36. Who recently (in June'22) took oath as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court?

- 1) Rashmin Manharbhai Chhaya
- 2) Satish Chandra Sharma
- 3) Mohammad Rafiq
- 4) Ujjal Bhuyan
- 5) Vipin Sanghi

Answer- 4) Ujjal Bhuyan

Explanation:

Justice **Ujjal Bhuyan** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice of Telangana High Court** in a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office to Justice Bhuyan.

i. On June 19 2022, the Union government appointed Justice Ujjal Bhuyan as the new Chief Justice. He succeeded Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, who was transferred to the Delhi High Court.

ii. Previously, **Justice Bhuyan** took oath as judge of Telangana High Court in October, 2021.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the 75th annual Cannes film Festival 2022?

- 1) An Indian Filmmaker from Delhi, Shaunak Sen's 'All That Breathes' won the prestigious – 2022 L'Oeil d'Or (Golden Eye) for the best documentary at the 75th Cannes Film Festival.
- 2) A Swedish comedy movie 'Triangle of Sadness' directed by Ruben Östlund won the Palme d'Or award 2022.
- 3) The Movie Close won The Grand Prix (Ex Aequo) and The Eight Mountains movie won the Jury Prize (Ex Aequo) award.
- 4) India has been named the first 'Country of Honour' at the Marche du Film or Cannes Market which was also organized alongside the Cannes Festival.
- 5) Indian Actress Priyanka Chopra served as the jury member of 75th Cannes film Festival.

Answer- 5) Indian Actress Priyanka Chopra served as the jury member of 75th Cannes film Festival.

Explanation:

The 75th annual Cannes Film Festival was held at Cannes, France. Its official poster was designed as homage to American Film, The Truman Show (1998).

- An Indian Filmmaker from Delhi, Shaunak Sen's 'All That Breathes' won the prestigious – 2022 L'Oeil d'Or (Golden Eye) for the best documentary at the 75th Cannes Film Festival. This film had earlier won the World Cinema Grand Jury Prize at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival.
- A Swedish comedy movie 'Triangle of Sadness' directed by Ruben Östlund won the Palme d'Or award 2022. The movie also won the Prix C.S.T. de l'Artiste-Technicien, 2022 award.
- The Movie Close won The Grand Prix (Ex Aequo) and The Eight Mountains movie won the Jury Prize (Ex Aequo) award.
- India has been named the first 'Country of Honour' at Marche du Film or Cannes Market which was also organized alongside Cannes Festival.
- Indian Actress Deepika Padukone served as the jury member of 75th Cannes film Festival.

2. As per the Fortune 500's list of the World's top 10 highest paid Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in 2021, who is the Highest-Paid CEOs in 2021?

- 1) Leonard Schleifer
- 2) Tim Cook
- 3) Jensen Huang
- 4) Reed Hastings
- 5) Elon Musk

Answer- 5) Elon Musk

Explanation:

Elon Musk, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Tesla** and SpaceX has topped the **Fortune 500's list of the World's top 10 highest paid CEOs in 2021**.

i. According to the Fortune 500 list, Elon Musk has also topped the list of the world's most highly compensated CEOs in 2021 with compensation worth around USD 23.5 billion followed by Tim Cook, CEO of Apple(USD 770.5 million) ranked 2nd and Jensen Huang, co-founder of NVIDIA(USD 561 million) ranked 3rd.

ii. Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft, who received a salary of USD 309.4 million in 2021, has secured the 7th rank on the list. He is the only Indian origin person to feature on the list.

3. Who recently (in June'22) received the Companion of Honour(CH) for services to literature in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2022?

- 1) Farrukh Dhondy
- 2) Rudyard Kipling
- 3) Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie
- 4) Neel Mukherjee
- 5) George Orwell

Answer- **3) Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie**

Explanation:

Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie (74 years old), an Indian-born British novelist and the author of the 1981 Booker Prize-winning novel "Midnight's Children", leads the list Queen's Birthday Honours list 2022, featuring more than 40 professionals and community champions of Indian origin.

i. In the list released on 1st June 2022, **Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie** is named the Companion of Honour(CH) for services to literature. Ahmed Salman Rushdie, born in Bombay (now Mumbai, Maharashtra), India, is a storied author of nonfiction, an essayist, and a noted humanist.

ii. The Queen's Birthday Honours mark the extraordinary contributions and service of people across the United Kingdom (UK).

4. As per the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards Asia 2022, _____ in Himachal Pradesh has been highly commended under the "Outstanding Support for Students" category, while Taylor's University in _____ was declared a winner under the same category.

- 1) Bharati Vidyapeeth University; Singapore
- 2) Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences; Malaysia
- 3) Savitribai Phule Pune University; Thailand
- 4) Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences; Singapore
- 5) Savitribai Phule Pune University; Malaysia

Answer- **2) Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences; Malaysia**

Explanation:

Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences in Solan, Himachal Pradesh has been highly commended under the "**Outstanding Support for Students**" category of the **Times Higher Education (THE) Awards Asia 2022**.

i. 3 Indian institutes were recognised in THE Awards Asia 2022. **Taylor's University, Malaysia** was declared a winner under the Outstanding Support for Students category.

ii. Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra has won the 'THE Awards Asia 2022' under the "THE Data Points Research Improvement Award" category.

iii. Amity University-Online, India's first university recognized by University Grants Commission(UGC) to offer Online Degree, Diploma & Certification programs has won the award under the "Student Recruitment Campaign of the Year" category.

5. As per Forbes, _____ became the 1st Active National Basketball Association (NBA) Player to Become Billionaire with a net worth of USD 1 billion.

- 1) Chris Paul
- 2) Michael Jordan
- 3) Kevin Durant
- 4) LeBron James
- 5) Stephen Curry

Answer- **4) LeBron James**

Explanation:

According to the **Forbes** estimation, **LeBron Raymone James Sr.**, an American professional basketball player representing the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association (**NBA**), has officially become a **billionaire** with a net worth of USD 1 billion.

i. LeBron James nicknamed as "**King James**" has become the **1st ever active NBA player** to become a billionaire.

ii. Michael Jordan became the first NBA player to become a billionaire in 2014, almost 11 years after he retired as a player.

6. As per the Bloomberg Billionaire Index (as of 3rd June, 2022), who became the richest man in India as well as in Asia with a net worth of USD 99.7 billion?

- 1) Mukesh Ambani
- 2) Azim Premji
- 3) Gautam Adani
- 4) Lakshmi Mittal
- 5) Shiv Nadar

Answer- **1) Mukesh Ambani**

Explanation:

According to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index (as of 3rd June 2022), a daily ranking of the world's richest people, **Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) became **the richest man in India as well as in Asia** with a net worth of **USD 99.7 billion**, surpassing Gautam Adani, chairman and founder of the Adani Group whose net worth was at USD 98.7 billion.

i. Mukesh Ambani was ranked as the 8th richest man in the world whereas Gautam Adani was ranked 9th on the list.

ii. Elon Musk, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tesla and SpaceX, remained the World's richest man with a net worth of USD 227 Billion followed by Jeff Bezos(US) and Bernard Arnault (France).

7. According to Forbes "The Real-Time Billionaires List" (as of 3rd June 2022), _____ became the World's Richest Person with a net worth of USD 233.7 billion.

- 1) Leonard Schleifer
- 2) Elon Musk
- 3) Jensen Huang

4) Reed Hastings

5) Tim Cook

Answer- **2) Elon Musk**

Explanation:

According to **Forbes' "The Real-Time Billionaires List"** (as of 3rd June 2022), **Elon Musk** retains his position as the **World's Richest Person** with a net worth of USD 233.7 billion.

Rank	Name (Country)	Net Worth (USD)
1	Elon Musk (United States-US)	233.7 billion
2	Bernard Arnault (France)	157 billion
3	Jeff Bezos (US)	151.2 billion

Indians on the list:

Mukesh Ambani has ranked 6th on the list with a total net worth of USD 104.7 Billion while Gautam Adani has ranked 9th with a total net worth of USD 99.9 billion. Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani are the only Indians featured on the Forbes real-time billionaire list.

8. Name the personality who recently (in June'22) received Sangita Kalanidhi Awards 2022 along with GJR Krishnan.

1) A.V. Anand

2) Zakir Hussain

3) GJR Vijayalakshmi

4) GJR Rajalakshmi Jayaraman

5) Jayaraman

Answer- **3) GJR Vijayalakshmi**

Explanation:

The Music Academy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, announced the winners of the Sangita Kalanidhi Awards for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Neyveli R. Santhanagopalan, noted vocalist was selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi Awards 2020, Mridhangam Maestro Tiruvarur Bhaktavatsalam for 2021, and violinists Lalgudi **GJR Krishnan** and **GJR Vijayalakshmi** has been named the winners of 2022.

i. Sangita Kalanidhi, established in 1942, is considered the highest accolade in the field of Carnatic music.

ii. The award comprises a gold medal and a birudu patra (citation). Since 2005 the winner of this award has also received the MS Subbulakshmi Award instituted by The Hindu.

iii. Musicologist award 2022, instituted as Vaggeyakara award in 1999, was awarded to V. Premalatha.

9.The 2nd Edition of Awards for Excellence in DSDP Organised in New Delhi (recently in June'22): 30 Districts Awarded for Exemplary Planning.

Among the participated districts which district ranked First?

1) Satara in Maharashtra

2) Ahmedabad in Gujarat

3) Rajkot in Gujarat

4) Raigarh in Chhattisgarh

5) Cachar in Assam

Answer- **3) Rajkot in Gujarat**

Explanation:

The award ceremony of the “2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning’ (DSDP)” was organised at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. Among the participated districts, Rajkot in Gujarat has topped the ranking (rank 1) followed by Cachar in Assam (Rank 2) and Satara in Maharashtra (Rank 3).

30 districts were selected, and awards were given under the following 3 categories:

- Category I: Awards for Excellence in DSDP – 8 Winner
- Category II: Certificate for Excellence in DSDP – 13 Winners
- Category III: Letter of Appreciation for DSDP – 9 Winners

ii. The awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning’ (DSDP) were instituted under the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) Scheme by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in June 2018.

10. Name the personality who recently (in June '22) won the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee competition held in Maryland, USA.

- 1) Harini Logan
- 2) Gokul Venkatachalam
- 3) Balu Natarajan
- 4) Vikram Raju
- 5) Ananya Vinay

Answer- **1) Harini Logan**

Explanation:

Harini Logan, an Indian origin person from San Antonio, Texas, United States of America (USA) won the **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee** competition held in Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, **Maryland, USA**. She has received a USD 50,000 cash prize, a commemorative medal and the Scripps Cup.

i. This marks the **94th edition** of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee** was **hosted** by **LeVar Burton**.

ii. She competed against Vikram Raju of Indian origin in the first ever 90 seconds spell-off and spelt 21 words correctly (6 more than Vikram Raju) and won the 2022 championship.

Note- Balu Natarajan was the first person of Indian origin to win the spelling bee competition in 1985.

11. In June 2022, World Health Organization (WHO) awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) by Recognising its efforts in advancing tobacco control.

e-RCTC belongs to which Institute?

- 1) Christian Medical College Vellore
- 2) Banaras Hindu University Varanasi
- 3) AIIMS Delhi
- 4) PGIMER Chandigarh
- 5) Jipmer Puducherry

Answer- **4) PGIMER Chandigarh**

Explanation:

Recognising its efforts in advancing tobacco control, the World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (**e-RCTC**) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (**PGIMER**) in Chandigarh with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award.

- i. The Resource Centre for Tobacco Control provides information related to tobacco control in India, including circulars and orders, policies and legislations, multidisciplinary publications.
- ii. The e-RCTC, a joint initiative of the PGIMER and the UNION-SEA, was set up in 2018 by 25 organisations working over tobacco control in India with an aim to showcase tobacco control initiatives.

12. As per the Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 Special Report(SR) released in June 2022, _____ has become India's most valuable company with a value of Rs 18.9 lakh crore followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) Adani Green Energy
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited
- 5) Infosys

Answer- **4) Reliance Industries Limited**

Explanation:

According to the **Burgundy Private Hurun India 500** Special Report(SR), Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) has become India's most valuable company with a value of Rs 18.9 lakh crore followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) with Rs 12.9 lakh crore and HDFC Bank with Rs 7.7 lakh crore. The report states that the value of the top 500 companies in India has increased by 2% to Rs 232 lakh crore from Rs 221 lakh crore as on 30th October 2021.

- i. National Stock Exchange of India(NSE) is the most valuable unlisted company in India growing by 35.6% to Rs 2,28,100 crore.
- ii. Tata Group is tops in the Top 5 Industrial Groups with the total value of 22,02,823 crore..

13. According to the Kantar Brandz 2022 Most Valuable Global Brands report, which of the following Indian companies are 'Not' in the top 100 global biggest brands?

- 1) Tata Consultancy Service
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Life Insurance Corporation
- 5) Adani Group

Answer- **5) Adani Group**

Explanation:

As per Kantar Brandz, 2022 'Most Valuable Global Brands report', 4 Indian companies namely, Tata Consultancy Service (**TCS**)- 46th Rank , **HDFC Bank** (61st Rank), **Infosys** (64th rank) and Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) -92nd rank were featured among the top 100 global biggest brands.

- i. **Apple** retains its 1st position to become the first trillion-dollar brand with a brand value of USD 947.1 billion followed by Google, Amazon and Microsoft.

ii. French luxury brand, Cartier became the fastest-rising brand across all categories, growing its value by 88% to \$10bn.

14. Who recently (in June'22) became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon in Hamburg, Germany?

- 1) Ajeet Kumar Srivastava
- 2) Shreyas G. Hosur
- 3) Prem Chand
- 4) Bhaskar R. Choudhary
- 5) Deepak Peter

Answer- **2) Shreyas G. Hosur**

Explanation:

Shreyas G. Hosur became the **first officer** from the **Indian Railways** to complete the gruelling **'Ironman' Triathlon**, considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world. This event includes 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling and 42.2 km of running.

i. Shreyas G. Hosur also became first officer from the non-uniformed Civil Services to complete the event. He completed the event in 13 hours and 26 minutes in Hamburg, Germany.

ii. Shreyas G. Hosur, is an Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer of the 2012 Batch and he is currently serving as Dy. FA&CAO in Construction/SWR.

15. Name the personality who recently (in June'22) became the first Indian to be recognised as the Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for water stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

- 1) Rajesh Sawhney
- 2) Kunal Shah
- 3) Nithin Kamath
- 4) Sanjay Shah
- 5) Ramkrishna Mukkavilli

Answer- **5) Ramkrishna Mukkavilli**

Explanation:

Ramkrishna Mukkavilli has become the **first Indian** to be recognised as the **Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer** for water stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact **(UNGC)**. It is for the first time that an Indian has been recognised for the position.

i. The UNGC has also named 10 new SDG Pioneers, who are corporate leaders who are excelling in advancing the SDGs by implementing the UN Global Compact Ten Principles on human rights, environment, labour, and anti-corruption.

ii. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the Founder and Managing Director of Maithri Aquatech, a Make-In-India company.

16. Which of the following points is 'Incorrect' with respect to the 2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards?

A) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport Ahmedabad, Gujarat was named as the finest in India & South Asia for the 2nd consecutive year and ranked 32th position in 2021.

B) Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport for the 2nd year followed by Tokyo Haneda International Airport, Japan.

C) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru has been named the Finest Regional Airport in India and South Asia.

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

Answer- **1) Only A**

Explanation:

The 2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards named **Delhi's** Indira Gandhi International (**IGI**) airport the finest in India and South Asia for the **4th consecutive year** at the ceremony conducted in Paris, France on 16th June 2022. The airport rose to **37th position** from 45th position in **2021**, and it is the only airport from India to be featured in the world's top 50 airports. IGI Airport has also been declared "the cleanest airport" in India and South Asia 2022.

- **Qatar's Hamad International Airport** has been named the **World's Best Airport for the 2nd year** followed by Tokyo Haneda International Airport, Japan and Singapore Changi Airport.
- **Kempegowda International Airport**, Bengaluru (BLR Airport) has been named the Finest Regional Airport in India and South Asia and Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Hyderabad) has been named as the 'Best Airport Staff in India and South Asia'.
- The World Airport Awards began in 1999, based on an annual global airport customer satisfaction survey assessing customer service and facilities across 500 airports.

17. Which of the following constituent units of the NCERT has been awarded the 'UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize' for the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education for the year 2021?

- 1) Pandit Sundarlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education
- 2) Central Institute of Educational Technology
- 3) National Institute of Education
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- **2) Central Institute of Educational Technology**

Explanation:

The Central Institute of Education Technology (**CIET**), a constituent unit of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (**NCERT**) under the Department Of School Education and Literacy (DOSEL), MoE has been awarded the **UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize** for the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education for the year **2021** during the COVID-19 pandemic under PM eVIDYA.

- i.** The Department of School Education and the MoE gained UNESCO recognition for its use of ICT during the COVID-19 pandemic under PM eVIDYA.
- ii.** It will be awarded to the "Initiatives for Inclusive and Accessible Education during COVID-19" implemented by the CIET from India, and the "Digital Educational Programme" implemented by Ubongo from the United Republic of Tanzania.

18. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the 22nd Edition of the NEXA International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA Award) 2022 held in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi?

- 1) Shershaah, the biopic of Kargil martyr Captain Vikram Batra, won the Best Picture Award and its director Vishnu Vardhan won the award for best Directions.
- 2) Vicky Kaushal won the Best Actor award for his role in Sardar Udham.
- 3) Kriti Sanon won the Best Actress Award for her performance in Mimi.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

The **22nd Edition** of the **NEXA International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA Award)** for **2022** was held on 3rd and 4th June 2022 at the Etihad Arena in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi. The IIFA Awards, the annual ceremony that recognises the best technical talent in the Hindi film industry.

i. Shershaah, the biopic of Kargil martyr Captain Vikram Batra, won the **Best Picture Award** and its director **Vishnu Vardhan** won the award for **best Directions**.

ii. Vicky Kaushal won the **Best Actor** award for his role in Sardar Udham and **Kriti Sanon** won the **Best Actress Award** for her performance in Mimi.

19. Name the Dutch documentary film directed by Aliona van der Horst that won the Golden Conch award for Best Documentary Film at the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2022.

- 1) Brother Troll
- 2) Prince in a Pastry Shop
- 3) Closed to the Light
- 4) Turn Your Body to the Sun
- 5) Screaming Butterflies

Answer- **4) Turn Your Body to the Sun**

Explanation:

"**Turn Your Body to the Sun**", a dutch documentary film directed by **Aliona Van der Horst**, featuring the story of Soviet Prisoner of War, has won the **Golden Conch award** for the Best Documentary Film with Cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs, Golden Conch and a certificate at the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (**MIFF**) **2022**, first edition post-pandemic. MIFF is a festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films.

i. Malayalam film 'Saakshatkaaram' directed by Sudesh Balan and 'Brother Troll' directed by Gudmund Helmsal, a film from Faroe Islands of Denmark, won the Silver Conch Award in Short Fiction category.

ii. 'Prince in a Pastry Shop'(Poland) directed by Katarzyna Agopsowicz won the Silver Conch for Best Animation Film in the International Competition category.

20. Shreya Lenka has become the first-ever k-pop artiste from India by joining the South Korean girl group called "Black Swan" formed by DR Music.

Shreya Lenka belongs to which state?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Haryana

- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **1) Odisha**

Explanation:

Shreya Lenka (Stage-name Sriya) from **Odisha, India** has become the first-ever k-pop artiste from India. She is one of the 2 new members to join the South Korean girl group called "Black Swan" formed by DR Music.

i. Gabriela Dalcin (Gabi) from Brazil will be the 6th member of the group. Sriya and Gabi are the 1st generations of the Cygnus, a programme organised by DR Music to discover and train new singers from around the world.

21. Who recently won (in June'22) the Women's Prize for Fiction 2022 for the novel "The Book of Form & Emptiness"?

- 1) Susanna Clarke
- 2) Kamila Shamsie
- 3) Maggie O'Farrell
- 4) Ruth Ozeki
- 5) Tayari Jones

Answer- **4) Ruth Ozeki**

Explanation:

Ruth Ozeki, American-Canadian author, film-maker & Zen Buddhist priest, has won the **Women's Prize for Fiction 2022** for her novel titled "**The Book of Form & Emptiness**". 2022 marked the 27th anniversary of the Women's Prize for Fiction.

i. The award with 30,000 pound (USD 36,000) prize was presented by Mary Ann Sieghart, 2022 Chair of Judges at the award ceremony held in Bedford Square Gardens, London, the United Kingdom(UK) hosted by novelist and Women's Prize Founder Director, Kate Mosse.

22. Who recently (in June'22) won the 'Miss India Worldwide 2022' from the United Kingdom (UK)?

- 1) Khushi Patel
- 2) Karina Kohli
- 3) Tanishq Sharma
- 4) Shree Saini
- 5) Madhu Valli

Answer- **1) Khushi Patel**

Explanation:

According to the New-York based India Festival Committee (IFC), **Khushi Patel**, a biomedical student from the United Kingdom (UK), has been declared the winner of the **Miss India Worldwide 2022**, the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India. This is the 29th edition of the pageant. The previous event (28th edition) was held in 2019.

i. **Vaidehi Dongre** from the United States was declared the 1st runner up while Shrutika Mane became the 2nd runner up.

ii. Roshani Razack from Guyana was declared Miss Teen India Worldwide 2022. Navya Paingol from the US was the 1st runner up, while Chiquita Malaha from Suriname was the 2nd runner up.

23. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the National Highways Excellence Awards 2021 organised by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)?

- 1) Welspun Enterprises Ltd won the Gold award in the Excellence in Project Management-PPP Category.
- 2) Simhapuri Expressway Ltd won the Silver award in the Excellence in Highway Safety- Plain Category.
- 3) GR Infra projects Ltd won the Special Award in the Green Highway Category.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

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

Explanation:

Welspun Enterprises Ltd won the Gold award in the Excellence in Project Management-PPP Category.

i. Simhapuri Expressway Ltd won the Silver award in the Excellence in Highway Safety- Plain Category.

ii. GR Infra projects Ltd won the Special Award in the Green Highway Category.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) announced the fourth cycle of National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) 2021 at an event organised under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to recognize India's best-performing road assets and toll plazas at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi with the theme of the 2021 awards of Innovation and Excellence in Road Construction.

SUMMITS, CONFERENCES

1. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2022 held at Davos, Switzerland in May 2022?

- A) Tamil Nadu state has signed renewables investment pacts worth around \$12 billion with Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), Greenko and Tata Power.**
- B) The Maharashtra Government in the 10th edition of its Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 programme at Maharashtra Pavilion in WEF 2022 signed 23 MoUs amounting to USD 4 billion.**
- C) ReNew Power signed a MoU with the Karnataka government at the WEF 2022 to invest Rs 50,000 crore in the state over the next 7 years.**

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

Answer- **3) Only B & C**

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh state has signed renewables investment pacts worth around **\$16 billion** with **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)**, Greenko and Aurobindo Realty & Infrastructure Pvt Ltd.

i. The **Maharashtra Government** in the 10th edition of its Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 programme at Maharashtra Pavilion in WEF 2022 signed 23 MoUs amounting to USD 4 billion.

ii. ReNew Power signed a MoU with the Karnataka government at the WEF 2022 to invest Rs 50,000 crore in the state over the next 7 years.

iii. The Telangana government on signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mastercard to formalise a Digital State Partnership

2. Which of the following points are 'correct' with respect to the New I2U2 grouping formed in June 2022?

- 1) The United States of America (USA) has announced the formation of I2U2, a new group that includes India, Israel, the USA, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- 2) Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi hosted the first-of-its-kind virtual summit of I2U2 during his visit to the USA.
- 3) I2U2 grouping is an entirely new grouping of partners dedicated to enhancing economic and political cooperation in the Middle East and Asia.
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- **5) Only 1 & 3**

Explanation:

The United States of America (USA) has announced the formation of I2U2, a new group that includes India, Israel, the USA, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

- The new grouping is known as "I2U2," with "I" standing for India and Israel and "U" standing for the USA and the UAE.

i. US President Joe Biden hosted the first-of-its-kind virtual summit of I2U2 during his visit to **West Asia** from July 13 to 16, 2022 with Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, Israel's PM Naftali Bennett, and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

- The summit will focus on the food security challenge and other areas of cooperation across hemispheres, with the UAE and Israel serving as significant innovation hubs.

ii. I2U2 Grouping is an entirely new grouping of partners dedicated to enhancing economic and political cooperation in the Middle East and Asia, especially through trade, climate change mitigation, energy cooperation, and other vital shared interests.

3. Which country recently (in June'22) co-hosted the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) in Geneva along with Switzerland?

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Czech Republic
- 3) Kazakhstan
- 4) Belgium
- 5) Kyrgyzstan

Answer- **3) Kazakhstan**

Explanation:

The World Trade Organization's (WTO) 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) was co-hosted by **Switzerland, and Kazakhstan** at WTO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of almost five years from June 12-June 17, 2022. It was attended by the Trade ministers of 164 nations.

i. It was chaired by Timur Suleimenov, First Deputy Chief of Staff of Kazakhstan's President.

Kazakhstan was originally scheduled to host MC12 in June 2020 but the conference was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ii. The meeting agreed on curbing harmful fishing subsidies, temporarily waiving intellectual property (IP) obligations concerning COVID-19 vaccines deals on e-commerce, responding to pandemics and reforming the organisation itself.

iii. The Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) represented India at the WTO's MC12 during the Thematic Session on Agriculture and he also attended the ministerial meeting of G33, a coalition of developing countries of which India is a key member.

COMMITTEE AND MEETING

1. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) 2022 held in June 2022?

1) For the first time, India hosted the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and Secretary-General for a 2-day SAIFMM 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi.

2) Vivian Balakrishnan, Foreign Minister of Singapore and S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister launched the logo for the celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations.

3) An MoU between the Narcotics Control Bureau of India and the National Narcotics Board of Indonesia, to combat illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances.

4) The 12th edition of the Delhi Dialogue 2022, a premium Track 1.5 Dialogue in the ASEAN-India calendar, was hosted by India under the theme 'Building Bridges in the Indo-Pacific'.

5) The 24th ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting 2022 was held in June 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi, and was attended by senior officials from ASEAN Member States and India.

Answer- 2) Vivian Balakrishnan, Foreign Minister of Singapore and S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister launched the logo for the celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations.

Explanation:

For the first time, India hosted the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and Secretary-General for a 2-day SAIFMM 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi.

- S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister (EAM), and Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs, co-chaired the SAIFMM.

i. Bui Thanh Son, Foreign Minister of **Vietnam** and EAM, **India** launched the logo for the celebration of **50 years** of diplomatic relations.

ii. An MoU between the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of India and the National Narcotics Board of Indonesia, to combat illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and precursors.

iii. The 12th edition of the Delhi Dialogue (DDXII) 2022, a premium Track 1.5 Dialogue in the ASEAN-India calendar, was hosted by India on June 16-17, 2022 under the theme 'Building Bridges in the Indo-Pacific'.

iv. The 24th ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting 2022 was held on June 15, 2022 in New Delhi, Delhi, and was attended by senior officials from ASEAN Member States and India.

2. Name the country that recently (in June'22) hosted the 8th meeting of the Heads of the Border Services of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Uzbekistan
- 3) India

4) China

5) Kyrgyzstan

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

India hosted the **8th meeting** of the Heads of Border Services of the competent authorities of member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (**SCO**) in **New Delhi, Delhi**. India is represented by Border Security Force (BSF) Director General (DG) Pankaj Kumar Singh.

i. This was one of several events being organised in 2022 by India as Chair of SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (SCO-RATS) mechanism. India became the chair of SCO-RATS on October 28, 2021 for a one-year period.

ii. The **12th meeting of BRICS National Security Advisors (NSA)** was held virtually which was chaired by Yang Jiechi, a member of the political bureau of the CPC (Chinese Communist Party) Central Committee in Beijing, China.

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1. What is the Indian Air Force (IAF) rank globally according to the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)'s Global Air Powers Ranking (2022)?

1) 2nd

2) 6th

3) 4th

4) 3rd

5) 5th

Answer- **2) 6th**

Explanation:

According to the Global Air Powers Ranking (**2022**), the current ranking of various armed air services across the globe, released by the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA), the Indian Air Force (**IAF**) has secured the **6th** Global Rank.

i. IAF has emerged as the 3rd strongest Air Force, only after the United States Air Force(USAF) and Russian Air Force.

Global Rank	Air Service	TrueValueRating (TvR)
1	The United States Air Force(USAF)	242.9
2	The United States Navy	142.4
3	Russian Air Force	114.2
6	Indian Air Force	69.4

Note- The formula produces the 'TrueValueRating' (TvR) helping to definitively separate each power based on - not only overall strength - but modernization, logistical support, attack and defense capabilities an so on

2. As per 'Road accidents in India-2020' report released by the Transport Research Wing (TRW) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Deaths due to road accidents were decreased by _____ in 2020.

- 1) 20.23%
- 2) 17.98%
- 3) 15.89%
- 4) 12.84%
- 5) 11.63%

Answer- **4) 12.84%**

Explanation:

As per report '**Road accidents in India — 2020**', prepared by Transport Research Wing (**TRW**) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), the number of road accidents has been on decline since 2016 except for a marginal increase of 0.46 per cent in 2018.

In India, road accident parameters decreased in 2020 compared to 2019. According to government data released recently, traffic accidents declined by 18.46% on average, deaths decreased by **12.84%**, and injuries decreased by 22.84% in 2020.

A decline in the number of fatal accidents, i.e., accidents involving at least one death. A total of 1, 20,806 fatal accidents were reported in 2020, which is 12.23 per cent lower than the 2019 figure of 1, 37,689.

- Major States that achieved significant reduction in road accidents in 2020 are Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- Major States that achieved significant reduction in road accident fatalities in 2020 are Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.

3. Which Indian company recently (In June'22) secured the 10th position among the top global Business Process Management (BPM) providers in 2021, as per Everest Group consultancy?

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

Answer- **5) Tata Consultancy Service**

Explanation:

As per estimates by outsourcing consultancy **Everest Group**, Tata Consultancy Service (**TCS**) has retained its **10th** position among the **top global** Business Process Management (**BPM**) providers in **2021**. TCS ranking was based on the composite revenue of over \$3 billion for TCS, and revenue growth, which grew by 14-16% over 2020.

i. The Everest Group's top 50 ranking is based on both 75 % of composite revenue and 25 % of year-on-year growth.

ii. The Top 5 BPM players in terms of revenue were Automatic Data Processing, Inc(ADP) , TelePerformance, Accenture, Concentrix ,and Cytal Group.

iii. The Top 5 fastest growing companies year-on-year were Tech Mahindra, Telus International, Majorel, Teleperformance and Comdata.

4. As per the biennial Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2022, India secured ____ rank globally, while ____ tops the index of emerging as the most sustainable country in 2022.

- 1) 130; United Kingdom
- 2) 180; Denmark
- 3) 176; Finland
- 4) 180; United Kingdom
- 5) 176; Denmark

Answer- 2) 180; Denmark

Explanation:

According to the biennial Environmental Performance Index (**EPI**) 2022 released which was analysed by the researchers at the Earth Institute of Yale and Columbia University, **India** has been ranked **180** which is at the bottom amongst other countries with a total score of 18.9. **Denmark** tops the index of emerging as the most sustainable country in the 2022 rankings followed by the United Kingdom..

i. India's neighbouring nations have shown better rankings including Pakistan which ranked 176 and Bangladesh ranked 177.

5. As per the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2023, which Indian institute ranked 155 & emerged as the fastest rising South Asian university among the top 200 universities?

- 1) IIM-Bangalore
- 2) IIT- Madras
- 3) IISc-Bengaluru
- 4) IIT- Delhi
- 5) IIM Ahmedabad

Answer- 3) IISc-Bengaluru

Explanation:

According to the Quacquarelli Symonds (**QS**) World University Rankings 2023, Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**), **Bengaluru**, Karnataka, ranked 155 gaining 31 places since 2022 ranking and emerged as the fastest rising South Asian university among the top 200 universities.

i. The ranking was topped by the United States(US)'s Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) followed by the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom(UK) and Stanford University(US).

ii. IISc has emerged as number one (globally) in the "Citations per Faculty (CpF)" indicator which is used by QS to evaluate the impact of research produced by universities.

iii. Indian Institutes of Technology(IIT) Guwahati (37th for CpF), IIT Roorkee (47th for CpF) and the University of Madras (48th for CpF) (new entry) are among the global top-50 research institutions.

6. According to the 4th Annual Report of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released in June 2022, the Unemployment Rate (UR) fall to ____ in 2020-21 from 4.8% in 2019-20.

- 1) 4.3%
- 2) 4.0%
- 3) 4.2%
- 4) 3.9%
- 5) 4.1%

Answer- 3) 4.2%

Explanation:

In accordance with the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – **4th Annual Report** (July, 2020 – June, 2021), the Unemployment Rate (UR) saw a decrease of 0.6% and fell to **4.2%** in 2020-21, compared with 4.8% in 2019-20. The survey was released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on June 14, 2022, covering both rural and urban areas.

- The UR in rural areas was 3.3% in 2021-21, a reduction from 4% in 2019-20; and in urban areas it was 6.7%, a reduction from 7% in 2019-20. The UR of males came down to 4.5 % in 2020-21 from 5.1% in 2019-20 and The UR of women declined to 3.5 % in 2020-21 from 4.2 % in 2019-20.
- The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in the population was 41.6% during 2020-21 as compared to 40.1% in 2019-20. In rural areas it was 42.7% in 2020-2021, and 38.9% in urban areas.
- The Worker Population Ratio (WPR) was 39.8%, an increase from 38.2% of 2019-20. It was 41.3% in rural areas for 2020-2021, and 36.3% in urban areas.

7. As of Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN)'s 41st issue of its Micrometer Report for Q4 Financial Year FY22, _____ Surpassed West Bengal to Emerge as The Largest State with Outstanding Microfinance Loans Portfolio.

- 1) Goa
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN), an industry association, has released the 41st issue of its Micrometer Report for Q4 Financial Year 2021-22 (FY22), a quarterly report that gives an overview of the microfinance (micro-credit) industry as of March 31, 2022 (Q4 FY22).

i. According to Micrometer Q4 FY22 data, **Tamil Nadu** has overtaken West Bengal as the state with the largest outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans.

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A) Startup Genome released the 10th-anniversary edition of Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2022 (GSER 2022).

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

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

Explanation:

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i. Bengaluru, Karnataka has ranked **22nd** on the global ranking while Delhi has moved up 11 places and ranked 26th and Mumbai is ranked at 36 while **Silicon Valley** has ranked **1** in the global startup ecosystem ranking followed by New York City and London in 2nd position followed by Boston in 4th and Beijing in 5th position.

ii. According to the report, Bengaluru has ranked 1st in Asia and 5th on the global stage for tech venture capital (VC) investment in 2022.

iii. Kerala and Telangana are among the top 10 in the Global Ecosystem in Affordable talents.

iv. Chennai and Pune and Telangana are featured among the top 100 emerging startup ecosystems globally.

9. As per the International Institute for Management Development (IMD)'s annual 34th World Competitiveness Index 2022 released in June'22, India secured ___ rank while ___ tops the 2022 ranking featuring 63 economies.

- 1) 43rd; Switzerland
- 2) 37th; Denmark
- 3) 34th; Singapore
- 4) 43rd; Denmark
- 5) 37th; Switzerland

Answer- **2) 37th; Denmark**

Explanation:

According to the International Institute for Management Development (IMD)'s annual World Competitiveness Index – 2022 (34th edition) India has jumped 6 positions from 43rd in 2021 to **37th** in the 2022 ranking. India has recorded the sharpest rise among the Asian economies.

i. Denmark has topped the 2022 ranking featuring 63 economies, followed by Switzerland(2nd) and Singapore(3rd).

- The 2022 World Competitiveness Ranking(WCR) was released by the IMD Business school in Switzerland and Singapore.

ii. India Rank: India's ranking in Economic performance has increased from 37 in 2021 to 28 in 2022, Government efficiency has increased from 46 to 45 and Business efficiency has increased from 32 to 23. India's ranking in Infrastructure remains at 49. India has ranked 11th on the Peer Group Ranking Asia-Pacific 2022.

10. According to Coursera's recent (as of June'22) annual Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022, India secured ____ rank globally in overall skills proficiency, while _____ tops for 2nd consecutive year in overall skills proficiency.

- 1) 64th; Switzerland
- 2) 66th; Denmark
- 3) 68th; Switzerland
- 4) 66th; Belgium
- 5) 68th; Denmark

Answer- 3) 68th; Switzerland

Explanation:

United States based **Coursera's** latest annual Global Skills Report (**GSR**) 2022 reveals that **India** ranked at the **68th** position globally and Asia's 19th position in **overall skills proficiency**. The report named **Switzerland** in the number one spot for the second consecutive year in overall skills proficiency.

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High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), nearly _____ people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021.

- 1) 3 million
- 2) 7 million
- 3) 4 million
- 4) 2 million
- 5) 5 million

Answer- 5) 5 million

Explanation:

According to the annual Global Trends Report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Refugee Agency published in June 2022, nearly **5 million** people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021. The report reflects the period of January 2021 to December 2021.

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i. On the global front, over 100 million people were forced to displace in 2021 due to violence, rights abuses, food insecurity, the climate crisis, war in Ukraine and other emergencies from Afghanistan.

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ii. Asylum seekers submitted 1.4 million new claims: The United States of America (USA) was the world's largest recipient of new individual applications (188,900), followed by Germany (148,000), Mexico (132,700), Costa Rica (108,500) and France (90,200).

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12. What is the rank of India in the world for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021, according to the Renewables Global Status Report (GSR) 2022 published by the global renewable energy community REN21?

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

Answer- **2) 3rd**

Explanation:

According to the Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (**GSR 2022**) published by the global renewable energy community **REN21**, India placed **third** in the world for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021, with 15.4 GW (giga watts), following only China (136 GW) and the United States (US) (43 GW).

- The GSR 2022 report is the 17th in a series of annual reports that tracks global renewable energy deployment.
- i.** According to the report, India installed 843 MW (mega watts) of hydropower capacity in 2021, bringing the overall capacity to 45.3 GW.
 - ii.** India was the second-largest market for new solar PV (Photovoltaic) capacity in Asia and the third-largest globally (13 GW of additions in 2021).
 - iii.** India was ranked third globally for total installed wind power capacity (40.1 GW), behind China, the US, and Germany.
 - iv.** For the first time, India surpassed Germany (59.2 GW) for fourth place in total installations (60.4 GW), followed by China (305.9 GW), US (121.4 GW) and Japan (78 GW).

13. As per the World Gold Council (WGC) 'Gold refining and recycling' report released in June 2022, India has secured _____ rank in global gold recycling in 2021, while _____ global gold recycling.

- 1) 4th; China
- 2) 2nd; Russia
- 3) 4th; United States of America
- 4) 3rd; China
- 5) 2nd; United States of America

Answer- **1) 4th; China**

Explanation:

According to the World Gold Council (**WGC**) report titled '**Gold refining and recycling**,' India has ranked **4th** in global gold recycling in 2021 recycling 75 tons, or 6.5 per cent of the total gold recycled across the globe. The report estimates that between 2013 and 2021, India's gold refining capacity has increased by 1500 tonnes (500%) to 1800 tonnes.

- i.** According to the WGC report, **China** tops the global gold recycling in 2021 as it recycled 168 tonnes of gold, followed by Italy with 80 tonnes and the United States of America(USA) at 3rd with 78 tonnes.
- ii.** Gold recycling in India is driven by the movements in the gold price, future gold price expectations and the wider economic outlook. In the past 5 years, around 11% of India's gold supply has come from "Old Gold".

14. As per the BloombergNEF (BNEF)'s report titled "Financing India's 2030 Renewables"

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ii. Shantanu Jaiswal, Head of India research at BNEF, was the lead au

**15. According to the "Creating Jobs and Cutting Bills: the econon
energy transition" report, Rapid transition to clean energy could
India by_____.**

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

Answer- **4) 2025**

Explanation:

Ahead of the Group of Seven (G7) leader's summit, We Mean Business
Econometrics published a new report titled "**Creating Jobs and Cutt
opportunities of a clean energy transition**".

i. The report states that rapidly implementing policies to end depend
to clean energy could lead to the creation of **1.5 crore new jobs in I**
savings on electricity bills.

ii. The report also states that India could witness an 8 USD or 10% re
expenditure by 2025 compared with the business as usual scenario.

**16. As per the Economic Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Global Liveabil
India secured a ____ rank in the list, while ____ top the list as V**

- 1) 80; Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2) 112; Vienna, Austria
- 3) 96; Copenhagen, Denmark
- 4) 150; Melbourne, Australia
- 5) 100; Vienna, Austria

Answer- **2) 112; Vienna, Austria**

Explanation:

According to the Economic Intelligence Unit's (EIU) 'The Global Liveability Index 2022', which examined 173 cities worldwide, **New Delhi, the capital of India**, is ranked **112th** on the list of the most liveable cities, whereas India's financial capital, Mumbai, (Maharashtra) is ranked 117th.

i. The list is topped by **Vienna, Austria's capital**, which made a successful comeback, being crowned the "most liveable city" in the world once again.

ii. Vienna has recaptured the top spot from Auckland, New Zealand, which fell to 34th place in 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

17. As per the International Labour Organization (ILO) report, only _____ of domestic workers from across the globe are legally covered for all benefits under social insurance schemes.

1) 7%

2) 8%

3) 2%

4) 6%

5) 4%

Answer- **4) 6%**

Explanation:

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s new report titled "Making the right to social security a reality for domestic workers: A global review of policy trends, statistics and extension strategies", only **6%** of domestic workers from across the globe are legally covered for all benefits under social insurance schemes.

i. Around 94% of domestic workers lack access to the full range of protections, covering medical care, sickness, unemployment, old age, employment injury, family, maternity, invalidity and survivors' benefits

18. Which of the following points are 'Incorrect' with respect to the 'Performance Grading Index for Districts of India (PGI-D) for 2018-19 & 2019-20?

A) The Ministry of Education released the 'Performance Grading Index for Districts of India (PGI-D) Combined Report for 2018-19 & 2019-20'.

B) Kannur, Kerala is the highest performing district for 2018-19 in school education under the 'Utkarsh' category.

C) Number of districts in Ati-uttam grade has increased from 49 to 86 during 2018-19 to 2019-20 showing remarkable improvements.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

Answer- **2) Only B**

Explanation:

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), **Ministry of Education** released the 'Performance Grading Index for Districts of India (PGI-D) Combined Report for **2018-19 & 2019-20**' which assessed the performance of the school education system at the District level.

i. Rajasthan's Sikar district is the **highest performing district** for 2019-20 in school education, followed by its Jhunjhunu (486), and Jaipur (482). All these have attained the grade of 'Utkarsh' category (scoring 81-90% on a scale of 100).

ii. Number of districts in Ati-uttam grade has increased from 49 to 86 during 2018-19 to 2019-20 showing remarkable improvements.

19. Which of the following states/ UTs are "Not" in the Grade I++ category of the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 for states and UTs?

- 1) Chandigarh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), **Ministry of Education** released the Performance Grading Index **(PGI) 2019-20** For **States and UTs** in which, for the first time, 5 States and UTs have crossed the threshold of 90% PGI score and reached Grade I++ i.e. Level II (score 901-950). However, no state has attained the Level I (951 – 1000).

i. The **5 states** in Grade I++ are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

1. In May 2022, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of a shareholding in _____ by HCJI Holdings G.K., Citrus Investments, HCJ Holdings 2 G.K., Japan Industrial V – GP K.K., and other investors.

- 1) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd
- 2) Caterpillar Inc.
- 3) Komatsu Ltd
- 4) Kobe Steel Ltd
- 5) Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd

Answer- 5) Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India **(CCI)** approves acquisition of shareholding in **Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.** by HCJI Holdings G.K., Citrus Investments, HCJ Holdings 2 G.K., Japan Industrial V – GP K.K., and other investors.

i. The below investors proposed to acquire 26% in the Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. ("HCM/Target") from Hitachi Ltd., on a fully diluted basis.

2. In May 2022, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the amalgamation of two Panasonic India entities Panasonic India Private Limited, with which company?

- 1) Panasonic Eco Technology Co., Ltd.
- 2) Panasonic Life Solutions India

- 3) Panasonic Connect Co., Ltd.
- 4) Panasonic Solar Energy Co., Ltd.
- 5) Panasonic Energy India Company Limited

Answer- **2) Panasonic Life Solutions India**

Explanation:

The Chandigarh bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the amalgamation of two Panasonic India entities **Panasonic India Private Limited**, with **Panasonic Life Solutions India**.

- i. The income tax department has raised objections to the merger over the chances of the anti-abuse provisions of the General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) arising in the future.
- ii. Panasonic, the Japan-based tech brand approached the NCLT for the merger of loss-making Panasonic India with the profit-making Panasonic Life Solutions India solely aimed at tax avoidance.

3. Recently in June'22, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) is set to invest Rs 2200 crore in IIFL Home Finance Limited to purchase _____ the percentage of its stake?

- 1) 20%
- 2) 25%
- 3) 30%
- 4) 35%
- 5) 15%

Answer- **1) 20%**

Explanation:

A wholly-owned arm of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) is set to invest Rs 2200 crore in IIFL Home Finance Limited for 20% of its stake. This will be one of the largest equity investments in the affordable housing finance segment in India by a financial investor.

- i. The ADIA and IIFL Home Finance are subjected to regulatory approvals.
- ii. Avendus Capital and IIFL Securities were the financial advisors to IIFL Home Finance for this transaction.

4. For how many million did Tencent recently (in June'22) buy a stake in Flipkart from its co-founder Binny Bansal?

- 1) USD 128 million
- 2) USD 356 million
- 3) USD 512 million
- 4) USD 264 million
- 5) USD 478 million

Answer- **4) USD 264 million**

Explanation:

Tencent, a Chinese technology conglomerate, has bought a **stake in Walmart-owned Flipkart** from its co-founder **Binny Bansal** for **USD 264 million** (about Rs 2,060 crore) through its European subsidiary Tencent Cloud Europe BV.

- i. After selling a part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV, Binny Bansal now owns around 1.84 % of Flipkart. Following the transaction, Tencent Cloud Europe BV now owns 0.72 % of Flipkart, which is worth around USD 264 million.
- ii. Walmart acquired Flipkart for USD 16 billion in 2018. Its founders are: Sachin and Binny Bansal.

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

A) CCI has approved the acquisition of up to 50.23% shareholding of IIFL Wealth Management Limited(IIFL) by BC Asia Investments X Limited(BC Asia).

B) CCI has approved the sale of the global biosimilars portfolio of Viatris Inc. to Biocon Biologics Limited & an equity infusion in Biocon Biologics by Biocon and Serum Institute Life Sciences Private Limited.

C) The CCI also approved the acquisition of the entire equity share capital of AirAsia India by Air India Ltd. (AIL).

1) Only A

2) Only A & B

3) Only B & C

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **3) Only B & C**

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of up to **24.98%** shareholding of IIFL Wealth Management Limited(IIFL) by BC Asia Investments X Limited(BC Asia).

- CCI has approved the sale of the global biosimilars portfolio of Viatris Inc. to Biocon Biologics Limited (Biocon Biologics) and an equity infusion in Biocon Biologics by Biocon and Serum Institute Life Sciences Private Limited (Serum), a subsidiary of Serum Institute of India Private Limited(SII).
- The CCI has approved the acquisition of the entire equity share capital of AirAsia India by Air India Ltd. (AIL), a wholly-owned subsidiary(indirect) of Tata Sons Private Limited (TSPL). At present, TSPL holds 83.67% of the equity share capital of AirAsia India.
- Under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002, the CCI has approved the acquisition of the Corporate restructuring of GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Holdings Limited (JVCO).

6. In June 2022, the DBS Bank India acquired a _____ stake in Svakarma Finance, a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC).

1) 9.2%

2) 9.0%

3) 9.9%

4) 9.4%

5) 9.5%

Answer- **3) 9.9%**

Explanation:

DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL) has acquired a **9.9%** stake in Svakarma Finance, a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC), to deliver financial solutions to micro enterprises through a combination of direct lending and co-lending.

i. Svakarma is a non-deposit-taking NBFC, set up by former bankers to target micro-enterprises using an industry segment and cluster-focused delivery model.

About DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL):

Managing Director & CEO – Surojit Shome

Establishment – 1994

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

7. In June 2022, the State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank acquired a _____ stake each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services (Perfios AA).

- 1) 6.23%
- 2) 9.54%
- 3) 8.76%
- 4) 10.23%
- 5) 7.12%

Answer- **2) 9.54%**

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank acquired a **9.54%** stake each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited (Perfios AA).

- i. The three banks acquired 8,05,520 equity shares each by paying Rs 4.03 crore each for the stakes. The investments will be subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ii. Perfios AA, is a Bengaluru-based Reserve Bank of India (RBI)-registered Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)-Account Aggregator.

DEFENCE

1. Which company recently (in May'22) signed an Rs. 2,971 crores Defence Contract with the Ministry of Defence for the Supply of ASTRA MK-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air-to-Air Missile (AAM)?

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

Answer- **4) Bharat Dynamics Limited**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has inked a contract with Hyderabad-based public-sector **Bharat Dynamics Limited** (BDL) for the supply of ASTRA MARK (MK)-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) and related equipment to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy.

- i. The contract was signed under the Buy (Indian-Indian Designed, Developed, and Manufactured (IDDM)) category and is worth Rs. 2,971 crores. The project represents the spirit of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat,' and will accelerate India's transition towards self-sufficiency in Air-to-Air Missile (AAM).
- ii. The ASTRA MK-I BVR AAM was designed and developed indigenously by the MoD's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and It has a top speed of more than four times the speed of sound and a maximum altitude of 20 kilometres (km), making it extremely flexible for air combat. It can combat enemy fighter aircraft at ranges of up to 75 km.

2. Name the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) that was commissioned into the Indian Navy during an event in an Indian Naval Ship (INS) Utkrosh, Port Blair of Andaman and Nicobar Island in May 2022.

- 1) INAS 325
- 2) INAS 203
- 3) INAS 316
- 4) INAS 208
- 5) INAS 125

Answer- **1) INAS 325**

Explanation:

Indian Naval Air Squadron **(INAS) 325**, operating the indigenously built Advanced Light Helicopter **(ALH) MK-III aircraft**, was commissioned into the Indian Navy during an event in an Indian Naval Ship (INS) Utkrosh, Port Blair of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

i. Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM), Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar, has commissioned the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325 into the Indian Navy.

ii. The 'Eagle Owl' is the name of the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325 and the state-of-the-art multi-role helicopter has been developed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL), Bangalore, Karnataka. ALH is also known as the Dhruv helicopter or HAL Dhruv.

3. In June 2022, the 'Ex SAMPRITI-X 2022', a joint military training exercise, commenced between India and which country?

- 1) Thailand
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) France
- 5) Singapore

Answer- **3) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

A joint military training exercise between the armies of India and **Bangladesh**, 'Ex SAMPRITI-X 2022' commenced at Jessore military station in Bangladesh from June 5 to June 16, 2022. It is a part of the ongoing India Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation.

i. The Indian contingent is represented by a battalion of the Dogra regiment and Bangladesh is represented by Border Guards.

ii. Ex SAMPRITI-X 2022 to strengthen the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between both armies

4. Which organisation recently (in June '22) commenced the BALTOPS (Baltic Operations) 22, a Naval Exercise in the Baltic Sea?

- 1) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
- 2) Group of Seven (G7)
- 3) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
- 4) Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
- 5) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

Answer- **1) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation**

Explanation:

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (**NATO**) initiated **BALTOPS** (Baltic Operations) **22**, a two-week 51st iteration of the premier maritime-focused exercise that took place from June 5-17, 2022 on the **Baltic Sea**. It is being hosted by Sweden

- i.** It comprised more than 7,000 sailors, airmen and marines from 16 nations, involving 45 vessels and 75 aircrafts including 2 aspiring to join the military alliance, Finland and Sweden.
- ii.** The exercise is led by U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Sixth Fleet, commanded and controlled by STRIKFORNATO. Royal British Navy Rear Adm. James Morley, STRIKFORNATO deputy commander, will command the exercise control group.
- iii.** The annual BALTOPS naval exercise was initiated in 1972.

5. In June 2022, Indian Army participated in the Multinational Peacekeeping Military Exercise 'Ex Khaan Quest (KQ) 2022', hosted by which country?

- 1) France
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Mongolia
- 4) Singapore
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- **3) Mongolia**

Explanation:

Exercise Khaan Quest (KQ) 2022, a 14-day long annual Multinational Peacekeeping Military Exercise, commenced on 6th June 2022 at Five Hills Training Area near Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The Ex Khaan Quest (KQ) 2022, hosted by **Mongolia**, is being held from 6th to 20th June 2022. It was inaugurated by the President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh.

- i.** This year marks the 20th anniversary of Mongolia's first UN peacekeeping contribution. Military contingents from 16 countries are participating in this exercise. Indian Army (IA) is represented by a contingent from the Ladakh Scouts.
- ii.** The year 2021 marked the 66th anniversary of diplomatic ties between India and Mongolia.

6. In June 2022, Ministry of Defence approved the funding under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to _____ from 10 crore per project.

- 1) Rs 10 crore
- 2) Rs 30 crore
- 3) Rs 50 crore
- 4) Rs 20 crore
- 5) Rs 40 crore

Answer- **3) Rs 50 crore**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh has approved enhancement of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme, Ministry of Defence, to **Rs 50 crore** from Rs 10 crore per project.

- i.** The scheme was executed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and supports indigenous development of components, products, systems and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.