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- The Two-time world champion and 2024 Paris Olympics bronze-medalist Anderson Peters of Grenada won the event with a throw of **90.61m** while Julian Weber of Germany finished 3rd with a throw of **87.08m**.
- With seven points gained from this tournament, **Neeraj Chopra** is sharing the **3rd** spot alongside **Julian Weber** (Germany) in Diamond League standings with **15** points.
- The Diamond League is an annual series of track and field athletic competitions organised by World Athletics (formerly known as the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)).

7. Name the Indian Cricketer who has recently (in August '24) announced retirement from both international and domestic cricket.

- 1) Shikhar Dhawan
- 2) Gautam Gambhir
- 3) Riyan Parag
- 4) Ravichandran Ashwin
- 5) Nitish Kumar Reddy

Answer- **1) Shikhar Dhawan**

Explanation:

On 24th August 2024, Indian cricketer **Shikhar Dhawan** (38 years old), fondly known as “Gabbar”, announced his **retirement** from both domestic and international cricket.

- He scored **6793** runs at an average of 44.11 and a strike rate of 91.35. He scored 2315 runs at an average of 40.61 in 34 Tests, and 1759 runs at a strike rate of 126.36 in 68 Twenty20 International (T20Is)
- He has scored 24 hundreds (17 in ODIs and 7 in Tests) across 269 international matches.
- He was also India’s highest run scorer in the **2015 ODI World Cup** and was the highest scorer for India in Asia Cup 2014, World Cup 2015, Champions Trophy 2017 and Asia Cup 2018.

8. Who won the Formula 1(F1) Heineken Dutch Grand Prix (GP) 2024 title held at the Circuit Zandvoort, in Zandvoort, the Netherlands?

- 1) Max Verstappen
- 2) George Russell
- 3) Oscar Piastri
- 4) Lando Norris
- 5) Charles Leclerc

Answer- **4) Lando Norris**

Explanation:

McLaren’s Lando Norris, a **British** racing driver, **won** the title at the Formula 1 (**F1**) **Heineken Dutch Grand Prix (GP) 2024** held at the **Circuit Zandvoort**, in Zandvoort, the Netherlands. This marks Norris’s 2nd title of his F1 career.

- **Red Bull’s Max Verstappen** a Dutch-Belgian racing driver (competing under the Dutch flag) finished **2nd** followed by **Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc** of Monaco at the 3rd position.
- The Dutch GP 2024 was the 15th round of the 2024 Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA) F1 world championship.
- Lando Norris won his first F1 career title at the 2024 Miami GP in May 2024 in Florida, the United States of America (USA).

9. Union Communication Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated a 10-meter air pistol shooting range in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, named in honor of renowned Indian sport shooter _____.

- 1) Abhinav Bindra
- 2) Manu Bhaker
- 3) Sarabjot Singh
- 4) Gagan Narang
- 5) Swapnil Kusale

Answer- **2) Manu Bhaker**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia**, Ministry of Communications (MoC) inaugurated a **10 meters (m) air pistol shooting range** at **Jiwaji Club** in **Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh(MP), named after Indian Shooter **Manu Bhaker**, who won 2 bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics(France).

- The new facility honours Bhaker's achievements as the **1st Indian athlete** (post-independence) to win **2 medals** in the same Olympics.
- The 10m air pistol shooting range is a standardised facility used for competitive air pistol shooting events (indoor).

10. Which country won the silver medal at the Team Challenge Maruhabaa Cup at the Asian Surfing Championships (ASC) 2024 held in Maldives?

- 1) Japan
- 2) France
- 3) India
- 4) China
- 5) United Kingdom

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

Indian surfing team featuring Kamali Prakash; Ajeesh Ali; Srikanth D; and Sanjay Selvamani, won the **silver medal** at the **Team Challenge Maruhabaa Cup** at the **Asian Surfing Championships (ASC) 2024** held in Thulusdhoo, Maldives. The Indian team recorded a score of 24.13.

- In the Maruhabaa Cup, **Japan** won the **gold medal** with a score of 58.40 while **Chinese Taipei** won the **bronze medal** with a score of 23.93. China finished 4th with a score of 22.10.
- The 3rd edition of ASF Asian Surfing Championships(2024), organised by the Asian Surfing Federation (ASF), was held from 18th to 24th August 2024 in Thulusdhoo, Maldives.
- India secured its 1st ever surfing quota for the 2026 Asian Games which will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Indian men's and women's surfing teams will compete in the 2026 Asian Games.

11. Name the England's Cricketer who has recently(in August 2024) announced retirement from International Cricket.

- 1) James Michael Anderson
- 2) Dawid Malan
- 3) David Warner
- 4) Trent Boult

5) Shannon Gabriel

Answer- **2) Dawid Malan**

Explanation:

English Cricketer **Dawid Malan**(37 years old), the former World No.1 Twenty20 International (T20I) batter, has announced his **retirement** from **international cricket**.

- He last played for England at the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 held in India.
- He has scored 1,892 runs in T20Is (62 matches), 1,450 in One Day Internationals (ODIs) (30 games) and 1,074 in Tests (22 matches).

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Who is the author of the memoir titled "Breaking Rocks and Barriers: Memoirs of a Geologist and Mountaineer"?

- 1) Alpana Killawala
- 2) Vijayadevi Rane
- 3) Sudipta Sengupta
- 4) Anuradha Mascarenhas
- 5) Janardan Prasad

Answer- **3) Sudipta Sengupta**

Explanation:

Sudipta Sengupta, a geologist and trained mountaineer, has penned a memoir titled "**Breaking Rocks and Barriers: Memoirs of a Geologist and Mountaineer**" narrating her adventures as a geologist conducting fieldwork in remote areas worldwide.

The book is published by **HarperCollins Publishers India Pvt. Ltd.**

i. Sudipta Sengupta is one of the first Indian women (along with Dr Aditi Pant) to visit Antarctica as part of the 3rd Indian Antarctic Expedition in 1983-84.

ii. She was also a member of the first all-women's expedition to climb Ronti Peak in the Himalayas in 1967.

2. Who is the author of the book titled 'India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse'?

- 1) K V Subramanian
- 2) Vishal Pandey
- 3) Norris Pritam
- 4) S.Ramann
- 5) Parimal Nathwani

Answer- **1) K V Subramanian**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Piyush Vedprakash Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) has launched the book titled '**India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse**', authored by Professor **K V Subramanian**, the Executive Director (ED), International Monetary Fund (IMF).

i. The launch event took place at the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (**ASSOCHAM**) in **New Delhi, Delhi**.

ii. The book predicts that India can achieve a **USD 55 trillion economy** in **2047** with self-sufficiency, stronger currency, fundamentals and 8% Annual Growth Rate (AGR).

3. Name the recently (in August 2024) released book that was authored by Parimal Dhirajlal Nathwani, the Member of Parliament (MP), Rajya Sabha (Andhra Pradesh).

- 1) Source Code: My Beginnings
- 2) Call of the Gir
- 3) Adventures of Ed-a- Mamma: Ed Finds a Home
- 4) Sabke Ram
- 5) A Life with Wildlife

Answer- **2) Call of the Gir**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** has received the first copy of '**Call of the Gir**', a coffee table book on **Gir National Park** (Gujarat) and **Asiatic lions**, written by **Parimal Dhirajlal Nathwani**, the Member of Parliament (MP), Rajya Sabha (Andhra Pradesh).

- He dedicated the book to PM for being the visionary behind '**Project Lion and Lion@2047: Vision for Amrit Kaal**'.
- It has a message from the PM and Anant Ambani, Director of Reliance Industries Limited.
- His first coffee table book '**Gir Lions: Pride of Gujarat**' was published by Times Group Books (TGB) in 2017.

4. Who is the author of the recently (in August '24) released book titled 'Bharat ke 75 mahan krantikari' (75 Great Revolutionaries of India)?

- 1) Magod Basappa Ravindranath
- 2) Harivansh Narayan Singh
- 3) Ramesh Bais
- 4) Bhim Singh
- 5) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Answer- **4) Bhim Singh**

Explanation:

Harivansh Narayan Singh, the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha (Bihar) has released the book titled '**Bharat ke 75 mahan krantikari**' (**75 Great Revolutionaries of India**) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The book was written by **Bhim Singh**, Member of Parliament (MP), Rajya Sabha (Bihar).
- The book chronicles the lives of many revolutionary freedom fighters who have not been remembered much. Tantia Bhil, Surya Sen, Pritilata Waddedar and Permanand Jhansi among such revolutionaries.

5. Who is the author of the book titled 'Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity'?

- 1) Vishal Pandey
- 2) Bhavi Mehta
- 3) Duvvuri Subbarao
- 4) Tarun Chugh
- 5) S.Ramann

Answer- **4) Tarun Chugh**

Explanation:

On 17th August 2024, Union Minister **Amit Shah**, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) released the book titled '**Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity**', written by **Tarun Chugh**, General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The book was inspired by the **Prime Minister** (PM) Narendra Modi's decades-long public life which was always dedicated to India.
- The book provides an in-depth exploration of the innovative initiatives and changes that shaped Modi administration's **Antyodaya mission**.

6. Who recently (in August '24) launched a book on Bihar Chief Minister(CM) Nitish Kumar titled 'Gandhian Statesman of Bihar: Nitish Kumar'?

- 1) Samrat Choudhary
- 2) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- 3) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- 4) Vijay Kumar Sinha
- 5) Ashok Choudary

Answer- **2) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**

Explanation:

Bihar Governor **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** launched a book on Bihar Chief Minister(CM) Nitish Kumar titled '**Gandhian Statesman of Bihar: Nitish Kumar**' on 19th August 2024 in Patna, Bihar. The book is published by Prabhat Prakashan, New Delhi(Delhi).

- This book is co-authored by **Ashok Choudary**, Minister of Rural Works Department, Government of Bihar and his daughter **Shambhavi Choudhary**, Member of Parliament (MP – Lok Sabha), Samastipur, Bihar.
- This book highlights CM Nitish Kumar's contributions to the state's development and aims to enlighten the younger generations about his works.

7. Former World Health Organization (WHO) chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan released the autobiography of _____ titled "The Scientist Entrepreneur: Empowering Millions of Women".

- 1) Kalpana Sankar
- 2) Anuradha Mascarenhas
- 3) Alpana Killawala
- 4) MK Singari
- 5) Falguni Nayar

Answer- **1) Kalpana Sankar**

Explanation:

Soumya Swaminathan, the Chairperson of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation and former World Health Organization (WHO) Chief Scientist, released '**The Scientist Entrepreneur: Empowering Millions of Women**', an autobiography written by activist **Dr. Kalpana Sankar**.

- The book launch was held as a part of the celebration of women's empowerment and social entrepreneurship at Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- The book chronicles Dr. Sankar's journey from a nuclear scientist to a pioneering entrepreneur. This book is published by Rupa Publications India Private Limited, New Delhi(Delhi).

8. In August 2024, Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari launched the first comic book in the series “Heroes of the Indian Air Force” developed by _____.

- 1) National Digital Library of India
- 2) Film and Television Institute of India
- 3) Press Information Bureau
- 4) Sahitya Akademi
- 5) National Film Development Corporation of India

Answer- 5) National Film Development Corporation of India

Explanation:

Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of the Indian Air Force (IAF), has launched the **first comic book** in the series “**Heroes of the Indian Air Force.**” The book published by the IAF aims to depict the heroic narratives of the IAF through comics.

i.The book was **developed** by the National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC), with Anubhav Khanduri as the General Manager.

ii.Rogue Communications Private Limited, an agency empanelled under the same name handled the storyline and creatives.

iii.The **32-page** book narrates **2 stories**, “**Find Your Calling**” about the life of Marshal of the Air Force **Arjan Singh**, Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) (1944), and “**The Boyra Boys**” which narrates the epic air battle during the **1971 Indo-Pak War**.

OBITUARY

1. Name the Indian classical dancer and Padma Awardee who recently passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Venkataiah Sreenivasa Prasad
- 2) Birubala Rabha
- 3) Yamini Krishnamurthy
- 4) Pahalman Subba
- 5) Uma Ramanan

Answer- 3) Yamini Krishnamurthy

Explanation:

Padma Awardee **Mungara Yamini Krishnamurthy**, a renowned Indian **Classical Dancer**, has **passed away** at the age of 83 in New Delhi, Delhi. She was born on December 20, 1940 in Madanapalle in Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- Government of India (GoI) honoured Yamini with **Padma Shri** (1968), **Padma Bhushan** (2001) and **Padma Vibhushan** (2016) for her contributions in the field of **arts**.
- Mungara Yamini Krishnamurthy is a distinguished Indian classical dancer, and a doyen of **Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi** and **Odissi** for over four decades.
- She published an autobiography titled ‘**A Passion for Dance**’ with Renuka Khandekar in 1995.

2. Name the Gandhian activist and Padma awardee who recently passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Rajeev Taranath
- 2) Moosa Raza

- 3) Malti Joshi
- 4) V. Lakshminarayan
- 5) Shobhana Sitaram Ranade

Answer- **5) Shobhana Sitaram Ranade**

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan Awardee **Shobhana Sitaram Ranade**, a renowned Gandhian activist and social worker **passed away** at the age of 99 in Pune, Maharashtra. She was born on 26th October 1924 in Pune.

- In **2011**, The Government of India (GoI) honoured Shobhana with the **Padma Bhushan** award for her contributions in the field of social work.
- Shobhana has received numerous awards for her works which includes the **National Award** (1983) for Child Welfare Services ; Jamnalal Bajaj Award (2011) for Development and Welfare of Women and Children.

3. Name the Chinese-American physicist, who became the 2nd youngest scientist to receive the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1957, passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Avi Wigderson
- 2) Peter Higgs
- 3) Alice Laidlaw Munro
- 4) Chien-Shiung Wu
- 5) Tsung-Dao Lee

Answer- **5) Tsung-Dao Lee**

Explanation:

Nobel Prize-winning Chinese-American physicist **Tsung-Dao Lee** passed away at the age of 97 in San Francisco, California, the United States of America (USA). He was born on 24th November 1926 in Shanghai, China.

- In **1957**, Lee (31) became the **second youngest scientist** to receive the **Nobel Prize for Physics**.
- He shared the prize with **Chen Ning Yang** (C N Yang), Chinese theoretical physicist “for their penetrating investigation of the so-called parity laws which has led to important discoveries regarding the elementary particles”.
- Tsung-Dao Lee is well-known for Lee–Yang theorem, theory of particle physics, the theory of the nucleus, and statistical physics.
- He developed a model, which is a framework for studying various quantum phenomena known as the ‘**Lee model**’.

4. Name the former West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Shaikh Abdussalam Abdurrazzaq
- 2) Surjit Singh Hunjan
- 3) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee
- 4) Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare
- 5) Amrit Lal Meena

Answer- **3) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee**

Explanation:

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, former Chief Minister (CM) of West Bengal (WB) and veteran Communist Party Leader **passed away** at the age of 80 in Ballygunge, Kolkata, WB. He was born on March 1, 1944 in Kolkata.

- He served as the CM of WB from 2000 to 2001; 2001 to 2006 and 2006 to 2011.
- Government of India (GoI) honoured him with **Padma Bhushan** for Public Affairs in 2022. He refused to receive it.

5. Name the renowned scholar and Sahitya Akademi Translation Awardee who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Narayanan Vaghul
- 2) Birubala Rabha
- 3) K.G. Jayan
- 4) Sarah Thomas
- 5) C. G. Rajagopal

Answer- **5) C. G. Rajagopal**

Explanation:

A renowned scholar and translator **C. G. Rajagopal**, who won the Sahitya Akademi Translation Award in **2019** passed away at the age of 93. He was born in 1932 in Kerala.

i. He received the **Sahitya Akademi Translation Award** for **translating** 'Sreeramacharithamanasam (Thulasidasaramayanam)' from Hindi to Malayalam.

6. Name the Cameroonian athlete and former president of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Joseph Patrick Kinnear
- 2) Issa Hayatou
- 3) Frank Anderson Shrontz
- 4) Frank Carter Duckworth
- 5) Justin Cornejo

Answer- **2) Issa Hayatou**

Explanation:

Issa Hayatou, a Cameroonian athlete, and the **Former President** of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), the governing body of African football, passed away at the age of 77 in Paris, France. He was born on 9 August 1946 in Garoua, Cameroon.

- He served as Secretary General (1974-1983), Vice-President (1984-1986), and President (1986-1988) of the Cameroon Football Federation.
- He was the **long-serving president** of the **CAF** for 29 years from **1988 to 2017**.
- He briefly led FIFA as interim president from October 2015 to February 2016.

7. Name the Padma Bhushan Awardee and former Indian External Affairs Minister who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Srinivas Prasad
- 2) Srinivas Hedge
- 3) Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valiathan
- 4) Moosa Raza

5) Kunwar Natwar Singh

Answer- **5) Kunwar Natwar Singh**

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan Awardee **Kunwar Natwar Singh**, a Diplomat and Former External Affairs Minister, passed away at the age of 93 in Gurugram, Haryana. He was born in 1929 in Bharatpur, Rajasthan.

- In **1984**, the Government of India (GoI) honoured him with **Padma Bhushan (Civil Service)**.
- He served as Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**) from 1982 to 1984.
- He has authored several books which includes, 'The Legacy of Nehru: A Memorial Tribute' and 'My China Diary 1956-88' and his autobiography titled '**One Life is Not Enough**' (2014).

8. Renowned DRDO scientist and Padma Bhushan awardee _____, hailed as the Father of Agni Missiles, passed away in August 2024

- 1) Varugeese Koshy
- 2) Surjit Singh Hunjan
- 3) Mohini Giri
- 4) Sushil Kumar Modi
- 5) Ram Narain Agarwal

Answer- **5) Ram Narain Agarwal**

Explanation:

Renowned Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) missile Scientist, **Dr Ram Narain Agarwal**, widely known as the "*Father of Agni Missiles*," passed away at the age of 84 in Hyderabad, Telangana. He was born on 24 July 1941 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

- He was honoured with the **Padma Shri** in **1990** and **Padma Bhushan** in **2000** for his contribution to Science and Engineering.
- In 2004, Dr Ram Narain was awarded the DRDO's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to aerospace and Agni Missile.
- In 1995 he was appointed as the first Programme Director of Agni missiles which commenced in 1983 and was also known as 'Agni Man'.

9. Name the Indian Coast Guard(ICG) Director General(DG) who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Srinivas Hedge
- 2) Rakesh Pal
- 3) Moosa Raza
- 4) Narayanan Vaghul
- 5) Sushil Kumar

Answer- **2) Rakesh Pal**

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard(ICG) Director General(DG) **Rakesh Pal** passed away at the age of 58 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu(TN). He was born in 1965 in Uttar Pradesh(UP).

- He has been serving as the DG of the Indian Coast Guard since July 2023.
- Rakesh Pal was awarded the **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)**, **Tatrakshak Medal(TM)** and the **President's Tatrakshak Medal(PTM)**.

10. Name the former Chief of Army Staff(COAS) who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Pahalman Subba
- 2) Tapishwar Narain Raina
- 3) Anshuman Singh
- 4) Sundararajan Padmanabhan
- 5) Moosa Raza

Answer- **4) Sundararajan Padmanabhan**

Explanation:

General Sundararajan Padmanabhan, former Chief of Army Staff(COAS), passed away at the age of 83 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu(TN). He was born on 5th December 1940 in Trivandrum, Kerala.

- He assumed the office of the COAS in 2000 and retired from the post in December 2002.
- He was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery after graduating from the Indian Military Academy (IMA) on December 13, 1959.

11. Name the former Meghalaya Chief Minister who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Kamla Beniwal
- 2) Salseng Chada Marak
- 3) Maguni Charan Kuanr
- 4) Kamala Pujari
- 5) Pahalwan Subba

Answer- **2) Salseng Chada Marak**

Explanation:

Salseng Chada Marak, Former Chief Minister (CM) of Meghalaya (1993 to 1998) passed away at the age of 83 in Tura, Meghalaya. He was born in 1941 in Baghmara, Assam Province, British India.

- He was the **first CM of Meghalaya** to complete a full 5-year term. He also served as CM of Meghalaya in 1998 for 12 days when the Congress-led coalition collapsed.
- He was 1st elected to the 1st Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in 1972 following the creation of the Meghalaya state on January 21, 1972.

12. Name the Indian Filmmaker who received the 1983 National Film Award for Best Feature Film and Best Direction for the Bengali film 'Chokh', passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Sangeeth Sivan
- 2) Ravishanka
- 3) Sikander Bharti
- 4) Utpalendu Chakrabarty
- 5) Venugopan

Answer- **4) Utpalendu Chakrabarty**

Explanation:

Utpalendu Chakrabarty, a renowned Indian Filmmaker has passed away at the age of 76 in Kolkata, West Bengal, (WB). He was born in 1948 at Pabna District, East Pakistan(now Bangladesh).

- He received the **National Film Award** for Best Feature Film and Best Direction for the Bengali film 'Chokh' in **1983**. He also won the Best Non-Feature Film award for 'Music of Satyajit Ray' in **1985**.
- He has received the **Indira Gandhi Award** for Best Debut Film of a Director in 1981.

- He also got National Film Development Corporation Limited (**NFDC**) award and President's Award.

13. Name the Five-time Olympic cyclist who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Chris Mortensen
- 2) Franz Beckenbauer
- 3) Luis Suarez
- 4) Daniela Greluis Larreal Chirinos
- 5) Tori Bowie

Answer- **4) Daniela Greluis Larreal Chirinos**

Explanation:

Daniela Greluis Larreal Chirinos, a **Five-time Olympic cyclist** has passed away at the age of 50 in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States of America (USA). She was born on October 2, 1973 in Venezuela.

- Daniela Greluis has competed in 5 Summer Olympic Games representing Venezuela beginning with **1992** (Barcelona), **1996** (Atlanta), **2000** (Sydney), **2004** (Athens) and **2012** (London). She did not compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.
- Daniela Greluis Larreal Chirinos was one of Venezuela's most important sports persons and a leading Venezuelan cyclist for over two decades.

14. Name the former Lebanese Prime Minister who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Ismail Haniyeh
- 2) Ebrahim Raisi
- 3) Salim Ahmad al-Huss
- 4) Qasem Soleimani
- 5) Hibatullah Akhundzada

Answer- **3) Salim Ahmad al-Huss**

Explanation:

Former Lebanese Prime Minister (PM) **Salim Ahmad al-Huss** has passed away at the age of 94 at Beirut, Lebanon. He was born on 20 December 1929 at Beirut.

- He served as PM for four terms from 1976 to 1990. His final term in office was from 1998 to 2000.

15. Name the film producer and proprietor of Magna Publishing Company Limited who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Rajeev Taranath
- 2) Rajendra Darda
- 3) Malti Joshi
- 4) Nari Hira
- 5) Moosa Raza

Answer- **4) Nari Hira**

Explanation:

Nari Hira, the renowned film producer and owner of Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based Magna Publishing Company Limited(**MPCL**) has passed away in Mumbai(Maharashtra) at the age of 86 . He was born in 1938 in modern-day Karachi, Pakistan.

- He began his career as a journalist in the 1960s but later shifted to publishing, where he earned the nickname '**King of Indian Magazines.**'
- He received the '**Lifetime Achievement Award**' from the Indian Magazine Congress in recognition of her services to Indian publications.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Friendship or World Friendship Day is annually observed across the globe on _____ to honour the friendship.

- 1) July 30
- 2) May 30
- 3) April 30
- 4) May 25
- 5) June 25

Answer- **1) July 30**

Explanation:

The **United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Friendship** or World Friendship Day is annually observed across the globe on **July 30** to honour the friendship.

- The day honours the enduring bonds of friendship with various activities, despite the different dates observed around the world.
- 2024 marks the **13th anniversary** of International Friendship Day.
- The first-ever International Friendship Day was observed in **2011**.
- In India, Friendship Day is celebrated on **First Sunday** in the month of **August**. [Click here to read more](#)

2. When was World Ranger Day (WRD) annually observed across the globe to commemorate Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty?

- 1) March 21
- 2) April 14
- 3) June 18
- 4) July 31
- 5) May 25

Answer- **4) July 31**

Explanation:

World Ranger Day (WRD) is annually observed across the globe on **31 July** to commemorate Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and to celebrate the critical work of Rangers in protecting the world's natural and cultural treasures.

- The **2024 theme** of World Ranger Day is, "**30 by 30.**" The 2024 theme aligns with the global goal of the **2022 United Nations (UN) Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) 15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15)** held in Montreal, Canada.
- The **1st** World Ranger Day was observed on **31 July 2007** on the **15th** anniversary of the founding of the **IRF**. [Click here to read more](#)

3. When was the World Lung Cancer Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 3
- 2) August 1
- 3) June 3
- 4) April 19
- 5) July 30

Answer- **2) August 1**

Explanation:

World Lung Cancer (WLC) Day is annually observed across the globe on **1st August** to raise awareness about lung cancer, the most common and deadliest cancer globally, its risk factors, and the importance of early detection and treatment.

- This Day also aims to support those affected by lung cancer, advocate for increased research funding, and encourage healthier lifestyle choices to reduce cancer risk.
- **Symbol: Pearl or White-coloured ribbons** promote Lung Cancer awareness.
- **Theme:** The **2024 theme** of WLC Day is, '**Stronger Together: United for Lung Cancer Awareness.**'

4. The Muslim Women's Rights Day is annually observed across India on _____ to commemorate the enactment of Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 which prohibits the practice of Triple Talaq in India.

- 1) June 26
- 2) February 13
- 3) March 15
- 4) July 30
- 5) August 1

Answer- **5) August 1**

Explanation:

The **Muslim Women's Rights Day** also known as 'Muslim Mahila Adhikar Divas' is annually observed across India on **August 1** to commemorate the enactment of **Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019** which prohibits the practice of **Triple Talaq** in India.

- The day highlights and advocates for the rights and empowerment of Muslim women.
- The first-ever Muslim Women's Rights Day was observed on **August 1 2020**.

5. World FinTech Day is annually observed across the globe on _____ to raise awareness about the growing importance of FinTech (Financial Technology) in modernizing financial services.

- 1) May 6
- 2) June 1
- 3) August 1
- 4) April 16
- 5) July 25

Answer- **3) August 1**

Explanation:

World FinTech Day is annually observed across the globe on **1 August** to raise awareness about the growing importance of **FinTech (Financial Technology)** in modernising financial services and improving access to financial products.

- The day emphasises the transformative impacts of FinTech on the global financial industry.
- The date **1 August** commemorates the **death anniversary** of **Cosimo de' Medici**, an Italian banker and politician in **1464**.

6. Earth Overshoot Day (EOD) marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year.

Earth Overshoot Day 2024 was observed on _____.

- 1) June 5
- 2) August 1
- 3) May 10
- 4) June 8
- 5) April 15

Answer- **2) August 1**

Explanation:

Earth Overshoot Day (EOD) is an annual observance that marks the **date** when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services (**Ecological Footprint**) in a given year **exceeds** Earth's capacity to regenerate for the year (**Bio-capacity**).

- **Earth Overshoot Day 2024** falls on **1 August**, signifying that humanity uses nature 1.7 times faster than ecosystems can regenerate.
- This day is **hosted** and **calculated** by the **Global Footprint Network**, an international sustainability research organization that pioneered the Ecological Footprint.
- The **1st Earth Overshoot Day** was **calculated** on **25 December 1971**. [Click here to read more](#)

7. When was the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) annually celebrated across the globe?

- 1) Last week of July
- 2) Second week of August
- 3) First week of August
- 4) Third week of July
- 5) Last week of August

Answer- **3) First week of August**

Explanation:

World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is a global campaign annually celebrated across the globe in the **first week of August**, from **1st to 7th**, to generate public awareness about the importance of breastfeeding, support for breastfeeding, and its benefits.

- The **2024 theme** of WBW is, "**Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all**". The 1st WBW was observed in **1992**.
- The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (**WABA**) coordinates the annual WBW campaign. [Click here to read more](#)

8. When was the World Wide Web (WWW) Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 11
- 2) June 21
- 3) April 14
- 4) July 30
- 5) August 1

Answer- **5) August 1**

Explanation:

World Wide Web (WWW) Day is annually observed across the globe on **August 1** to celebrate the creation and **impact of the World Wide Web**, and recognize its role in connecting the world.

- The day highlights the web's transformative role in revolutionising communication, collaboration, and access to knowledge.
- Aim : To recognize and appreciate **Tim Berners-Lee's** groundbreaking work and vision.
- World Wide Web, also known as the **Web** or **W3** is a collection of websites or web pages stored in web servers and connected to local computers through the internet.
- There are 3 components of the web: Uniform Resource Locator (**URL**), HyperText Transfer Protocol (**HTTP**) and Hyper Text Markup Language (**HTML**).

9. When was the Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) annually celebrated to commemorate the first successful heart transplant in India?

- 1) May 18
- 2) May 7
- 3) April 24
- 4) August 3
- 5) July 29

Answer- **4) August 3**

Explanation:

The **Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD)** is annually celebrated across India on **3rd August** to commemorate the 1st successful deceased donor organ transplant, which was also the **1st Heart transplant** in India.

- **3rd August 2024** marks the observance of the **14th IODD**.
- IODD is annually celebrated by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).
- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed on **13 August** in many parts of the world to raise awareness of Organ Donation.
- In **2024**, the Government of India (GoI) launched a major awareness **campaign** named, "**Angdaan Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan**" (Mass Awareness Campaign on Organ Donation). [Click here to read more](#)

10. When was the National Bone and Joint Day annually observed across India?

- 1) June 19
- 2) July 30
- 3) April 14
- 4) March 24
- 5) August 4

Answer- **5) August 4**

Explanation:

National Bone and Joint Day is annually observed across India on **4 August** to raise awareness about the importance of strong bones and joints in people of all ages and to prevent early detection of **musculoskeletal** disorders and conditions.

- **Aim:** To help in promoting cost-effective prevention and treatment of bone and joint conditions.
- The 1st ever National Bone & Joint Day was observed on **4 August 2012**.
- The annual celebration of this nationwide health campaign is led by the Indian Orthopaedic Association (**IOA**), New Delhi(Delhi).
- **Osteoarthritis** is a degenerative joint disease characterized by the breakdown of cartilage in joints.

11. When was the Hiroshima Day annually observed across the globe to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima in Japan by the United States of America in 1945?

- 1) August 6
- 2) June 6
- 3) May 8
- 4) May 12
- 5) July 8

Answer- **1) August 6**

Explanation:

Hiroshima Day is annually observed across the globe on **6th August** to commemoration of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima in Japan by the United States of America in 1945.

- 6th August **2024** marks the **79th anniversary** of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.
- During the World War II (WWII – 1939-1945), the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) Boeing-29 (B29) Superfortress '**Enola Gay**' dropped the first atomic bomb, nicknamed 'Little Boy', over the Japanese city of Hiroshima on **6th August 1945**.[Click here to read more](#)

12. When was the National Handloom Day annually observed across India?

- 1) April 21
- 2) July 30
- 3) March 4
- 4) August 7
- 5) May 11

Answer- **4) August 7**

Explanation:

National Handloom Day is annually observed across India on **7 August** to honour the handloom weaving community engaged in the handloom sector and highlight the handloom industry's contribution to India's socioeconomic development.

- The Day is also celebrated to commemorate the **Swadeshi Movement**, which was launched on **7 August 1905**.
- In **2015**, the Government of India (GoI) decided to designate the 7th of August every year, as the National Handloom Day.[Click here to read more](#)

13. When was National Javelin Day annually observed across India to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's gold medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

- 1) August 7
- 2) April 11
- 3) May 11
- 4) June 19
- 5) July 28

Answer- **1) August 7**

Explanation:

National Javelin Day is annually observed across India on **August 7** to commemorate the remarkable achievement of **Neeraj Chopra** during the **Tokyo Olympics 2020**, where he secured the gold medal for India in javelin throw event.

- The day aims to promote the sport of javelin throw and to acknowledge its significance in athletics.
- 7th August **2024** marks the observance of **3rd National Javelin Day**.

14. When was Quit India Movement Day annually observed across India to commemorate the launch of the Quit India Movement in 1942?

- 1) April 8
- 2) May 8
- 3) June 8
- 4) August 8
- 5) July 8

Answer- **4) August 8**

Explanation:

The **Quit India Movement Day**, also known as **August Kranti Day**, is annually observed across India on **8th August** to commemorate the launch of the **Quit India Movement** in **1942**, a significant movement in India's struggle for independence from British colonial rule, demanding the immediate withdrawal of British forces.

- The day underscores the power of non-violent resistance and civil disobedience in achieving social and political change, highlighting democracy, freedom, and unity.
- **8 August 2024** marks the **82nd anniversary** of the Quit India Movement Day. [Click here to read more](#)

15. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (IDWIP) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 5
- 2) August 9
- 3) June 20
- 4) July 25
- 5) March 21

Answer- **2) August 9**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** (IDWIP) is annually observed across the globe on **9 August** to promote and protect the rights, cultures, and identities of the world's Indigenous population.

i.Aim: To raise awareness of the needs of these population groups and the unique challenges faced by the world's indigenous peoples.

ii.The 2024 theme of IDWIP is, "**Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact.**"

iii.The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has announced the winners of the [15th Equator Prize](#), recognising **11 Indigenous Peoples** and **local communities** from **8 countries** across Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. [Click here to read more](#)

16. When was Nagasaki Day annually observed across the globe to commemorate the atomic bombing of the Japanese city of Nagasaki by the United States of America (USA) in 1945?

- 1) April 26
- 2) May 11
- 3) June 23
- 4) August 9
- 5) July 28

Answer- **4) August 9**

Explanation:

Nagasaki Day is annually observed across the globe on **9 August** to commemorate the **atomic bombing** of the **Japanese** city of **Nagasaki** by the United States of America (**USA**) in **1945**, during World War II (WWII – 1939-1945).

- **9 August 2024** marks the **79th anniversary** of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.
- On **9 August 1945**, the United States Army Air Forces (**USAAF**) Boeing-29 (**B29**) airplane named "**Bockscar**" dropped the **2nd atomic bomb** nicknamed "**Fat Man**" over Nagasaki.
- The bomb was dropped **3 days** after the **1st atomic bomb** "**Little Boy**" was deployed over **Hiroshima** (Japan).[Click here to read more](#)

17. When was World Biofuel Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 4
- 2) July 30
- 3) May 16
- 4) June 29
- 5) August 10

Answer- **5) August 10**

Explanation:

World Biofuel Day is annually observed across the globe on **10 August** to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels (Green Fuels), as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and the significance of biofuels in providing a cleaner, more sustainable alternative energy source to fossil fuels.

- The Day also honours **Rudolf Christian Karl Diesel**, a French-German engineer, who invented the **diesel engine**, also known as the Compression Ignition (CI) engine in the 19th century.

- Since **2015**, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (**MoP&NG**), Government of India (**GoI**) has been commemorating World Biofuel Day.
- On **10 August 1893**, **Rudolf Diesel** showcased the prime model of his Diesel engine, fueled by **peanut oil** (biofuel), which ran on its power for the first time in Augsburg, Germany.
- Biofuel is a type of fuel derived from **biomass**, which includes gases, liquids, or solids. Biomass sources include plant or algae material and animal waste.[Click here to read more](#)

18. When was the World Lion Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 23
- 2) July 25
- 3) August 10
- 4) June 17
- 5) May 3

Answer-3) **August 10**

Explanation:

World Lion Day is annually observed across the globe on **August 10** to raise awareness about **Lion (Panthera Leo)** and highlight their conservation issues and promote efforts to protect lions.

i.Aim : To educate people about the challenges faced by lions and celebrate their vital role in ecosystems and cultural heritage across the world.

ii.World Lion Day was initiated by **Big Cat Rescue (BCR)**, a wildlife sanctuary in Florida, the United States of America(USA) dedicated to lions and was co-founded by Dereck and Beverly Joubert.

iii.The first World Lion Day was observed in **2013**.[Click here to read more](#)

19. The United Nations (UN)'s World Steelpan Day is annually observed across the globe on _____ to raise awareness of the cultural and historical significance of the Steelpan, the National Musical Instrument of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T).

- 1) April 29
- 2) May 5
- 3) June 21
- 4) August 11
- 5) July 22

Answer-4) **August 11**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**) **World Steelpan Day** is annually observed across the globe on **11 August** to raise awareness of the cultural and historical significance of the **Steelpan**, the **National Musical Instrument** of Trinidad and Tobago (**T&T**), and its link to sustainable development.

- **11 August 2024** marks the observance of the **2nd** World Steelpan Day.
- The steelpan is a musical instrument indigenous to T&T in the early 1930s and is the only acoustic musical instrument to be invented in the 20th century.
- The **2024 Pan Month** is being celebrated under the theme "**Harmony in Heritage: Celebrating Steelpan's Global Ascendancy**." [Click here to read more](#)

20. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Youth Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) July 12
- 2) August 12
- 3) June 14
- 4) May 15
- 5) March 14

Answer- **2) August 12**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Youth Day** is annually observed across the globe on **12 August** to honor young people and their contributions to society. The day also brings the youth issues to the attention of the international community and recognise their potential as global partners.

- The **theme** of International Youth Day 2024 is **“From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development”**.
- The **1st** International Youth Day was observed on **12th August 2000**.[Click here to read more](#)

21. When was World Elephant Day annually observed across the globe to raise awareness about the preservation and protection of Elephants?

- 1) March 3
- 2) July 16
- 3) May 18
- 4) June 17
- 5) August 12

Answer-**5) August 12**

Explanation:

World Elephant Day is an annual international campaign observed across the globe on **12 August** to raise awareness about the preservation and protection of Elephants(Elephantidae), the '*Gentle Giants*' worldwide.

i.The day also highlights the threats faced by the Elephants, including poaching, habitat loss, human-elephant conflict, etc.

ii.The theme for World Elephant Day 2024 is **“Personifying Prehistoric Beauty, Theological Relevance, and Environmental Importance”**.

iii.**Aaranyak**, a biodiversity organisation in Assam has launched a **Mobile** Application (App) named '**HaatiApp**' and a comprehensive **Solar Fence Manual** in **Assamese**, to address the Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) in Assam and Northeast India, at an event held in Guwahati, Assam. [Click here to read more](#)

22. World Organ Donation Day is annually observed across the globe on _____ to create awareness about the importance of organ donation and to eliminate misconceptions about organ donation.

- 1) May 16
- 2) June 16
- 3) July 17
- 4) March 18

5) August 13

Answer- **5) August 13**

Explanation:

World Organ Donation Day is annually observed across the globe on **13 August** to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation, encourage people to become organ donors, and promote organ donation to save lives.

- The **theme/slogan** for World Organ Donation Day **2024** is, “**Be the Reason for Someone’s Smile Today!**”
- The **world’s 1st** successful **living donor kidney transplant** was performed in **1954** by American surgeon **Dr. Joseph E. Murray** in the United States of America (**USA**).
- The [Indian Organ Donation Day \(IODD\)](#) is annually celebrated across India on **3rd August** to commemorate the 1st successful deceased donor organ transplant, the 1st Heart transplant in India.[Click here to read more](#)

23. When was International Left-Handers Day annually observed across the globe to address the inconveniences faced by left-handers in a predominantly right-handed world?

1) August 13

2) June 15

3) July 15

4) May 18

5) March 25

Answer-**1) August 13**

Explanation:

International Left-Handers Day is annually observed across the globe on **13 August** to celebrate left-handers and the uniqueness, advantages, and disadvantages of being left-handed.

- **13 August 2024** marks the observance of the **33rd International Left-Handers Day**.
- The **1st International Lefthanders Day** was celebrated in **1976**, initiated by Dean Robert Campbell, former American Army Captain, and the founder of Lefthanders International, Inc.
- **Sinistrophobia** is the fear of left-handedness or things on the left side of the body.[Click here to read more](#)

24. When was Partition Horrors Remembrance Day annually observed across India to remember the struggles and sacrifices faced by Indians during the Partition of India in 1947?

1) April 13

2) June 25

3) August 14

4) July 1

5) May 18

Answer- **3) August 14**

Explanation:

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day(in Hindi -Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas is annually observed across India on **August 14** to remember the struggles and sacrifices faced by Indians during the **Partition of India** by the British Empire in **1947**.

- 14th August 2024 marks the **4th observance** of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.

- In 2021, the Prime Minister (**PM**) of India **Narendra Modi** officially designated 14th August of every year will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day to honour the victims and acknowledge the profound impact of partition on millions of lives.[Click here to read more](#)

25. When was World Humanitarian Day annually observed across the globe to pay tribute to humanitarian workers worldwide?

- 1) May 16
- 2) June 15
- 3) April 18
- 4) July 12
- 5) August 19

Answer- **5) August 19**

Explanation:

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is annually observed across the globe on **19 August** to pay tribute to humanitarian workers worldwide, who have been killed or injured while helping the most vulnerable.

- **Aim:** To recognise aid workers and mobilise people worldwide to advocate for the broader humanitarian cause.
- WHD 2024 marks the **21st anniversary** of the **tragic attack** on the United Nation(UN) headquarters in **Baghdad**.
- The slogan for the 2024 WHD commemoration is “**#ActForHumanity**” which calls for protecting civilians and humanitarian workers, addressing impunity, and striving for peace.[Click here to read more](#)

26. When was World Photography Day annually observed across the globe to celebrate the art, craft, and science of photography?

- 1) August 19
- 2) July 20
- 3) June 19
- 4) May 20
- 5) March 18

Answer- **1) August 19**

Explanation:

World Photography Day also known as **World Photo Day** is annually observed across the globe on **August 19** to celebrate the art, craft, and science of photography.

- The day serves as a global platform for photographers and enthusiasts to connect, share their passions, showcase their work, and encourage photography appreciation around the world.
- The **2024 theme** of World Photography Day is ‘**An Entire Day**’.
- World Photography Week 2024 is a two-week-long worldwide celebration of photography from **12th to 26th August 2024**.[Click here to read more](#)

27. When was the Sadbhavana Divas (Harmony Day) annually observed across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the former Indian Prime Minister (PM) Rajiv Gandhi?

- 1) August 20
- 2) July 20
- 3) June 20
- 4) May 20
- 5) April 20

Answer- **1) August 20**

Explanation:

Sadbhavana Diwas, also known as **Harmony Day**, is annually observed across India on **August 20** to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of the former Indian Prime Minister (PM) **Rajiv Gandhi**.

- The day aims to promote peace, national integration, and communal harmony throughout India. It also serves as a reminder of his vision for a peaceful, prosperous, and united India.
- Sadbhavana Diwas 2024 marks the **80th birth anniversary** of Rajiv Gandhi. He was born on August 20, 1944.
- The first Sadbhavana Diwas was observed on **August 20, 1992**, a year after Rajiv Gandhi's assassination on 21st May 1991.
- The word 'Sadbhavana' means 'Goodwill and Bonafide' in English. [Click here to read more](#)

28. When was World Mosquito Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 16
- 2) June 19
- 3) April 7
- 4) August 20
- 5) July 25

Answer- **4) August 20**

Explanation:

World Mosquito Day (WMD) is annually observed across the globe on **20th August** to commemorate the discovery made by British doctor **Sir Ronald Ross** in **1897** that female Anopheles **mosquitoes** transmit **malaria** between humans.

- **Aim:** To raise awareness about the dangers of mosquito-borne diseases, educate people on mosquito control and prevention methods, and highlight ongoing research and efforts to combat mosquito-related illnesses.
- On 20 August 1897, Sir Ronald Ross discovered the **malaria parasite** at a certain stage of life in the stomach of a certain species of female Anopheles mosquito.
- In **1902** he was awarded the **Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine** "for his work on malaria. [Click here to read more](#)

29. When was World Sanskrit Day 2024 observed across the globe to promote Sanskrit, one of India's most ancient languages?

- 1) August 19
- 2) June 6
- 3) July 7
- 4) May 21
- 5) April 15

Answer- **1) August 19**

Explanation:

World Sanskrit Day, also known as International Sanskrit Day/Sanskrit Diwas/ Vishwa Samskrita Dinam, is annually observed on the full moon day of the Hindu calendar month of Shravan or Sawan month. The day aims to promote Sanskrit, one of India's most ancient languages.

- **World Sanskrit Day 2024** was observed on **August 19 2024**.
- The **first World Sanskrit Day** was celebrated in **1969**.
- World Sanskrit Day **2023** was observed on **31st August 2023** and World Sanskrit Day **2025** will be observed on **9th August 2025**.[Click here to read more](#)

30. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is annually observed across the globe on _____ to honor the victims and survivors of terrorism.

- 1) May 21
- 2) April 11
- 3) June 5
- 4) July 11
- 5) August 21

Answer- **5) August 21**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** is annually observed across the globe on **21st August** to honour the victims, support the survivors of terrorism. The day also promote human rights and fundamental freedom.

- **21st August 2024** marks the **7th commemoration** of the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.
- **Theme** of International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2024 is, "**Voices for Peace: Victims of Terrorism as Peace Advocates and Educators**".
- The **1st** International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism was observed on **21 August 2018**.[Click here to read more](#)

31. When was World Senior Citizens Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 18
- 2) June 1
- 3) July 25
- 4) August 21
- 5) April 28

Answer- **4) August 21**

Explanation:

World Senior Citizen's Day is annually observed across the globe on **21st August** to honour and recognise the contributions of senior citizens to society and highlight the challenges they face, such as healthcare, elder abuse, social isolation, etc.

- The day reminds families and communities to appreciate and support their older members, ensuring they are treated with dignity and respect.
- Senior citizens are individuals who are **60 years** or older or individuals who have retired from their jobs.

- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), by **2030, 1 in 6 people globally will be aged 60 years or over.**
- According to the **Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections (July 2020)**, India's elderly population is projected to reach **193.4 million by 2031**, a sharp rise from 103.8 million in 2011.[Click here to read more](#)

32. When was the “United Nations (UN) International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief” annually observed across the globe?

- 1) August 22
- 2) May 22
- 3) July 22
- 4) June 21
- 5) April 21

Answer- **1) August 22**

Explanation:

The United Nation (UN)'s **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief** is annually observed across the globe on **August 22** to condemn the violence and act of terrorism against the individuals of religious minorities on the basis of or in the name of belief or religion.

- 22nd August 2024 marks the observance of **6th** International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief.
- The first ever International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief was observed on **August 22, 2019**.[Click here to read more](#)

33. When was the first-ever National Space Day observed across India to commemorate the Chandrayaan 3 landing on the Moon?

- 1) February 28
- 2) July 20
- 3) August 23
- 4) June 18
- 5) April 12

Answer- **3) August 23**

Explanation:

The **first-ever National Space Day (NSpD)** is observed across India on **23 August 2024** to commemorate the achievement of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

i.The 2024 theme of NSpD is, “**Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India’s Space Saga.**”

ii.On 22 August 2024, **President Droupadi Murmu** presented the [Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar \(RVP\) -2024](#), at an award ceremony held at Gantantra Mandap, Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi(Delhi).

iii.The **ISRO–Chandrayaan 3 Team** was awarded the **Vigyan Team (VT) Award** for their contributions to space science and technology.[Click here to read more](#)

34. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 23
- 2) June 23
- 3) July 23
- 4) April 23
- 5) August 23

Answer- **5) August 23**

Explanation:

The United Nation's (UN) **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition** is annually observed across the globe on **23 August** to mark the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade during the era of colonial governance, in the memory of all peoples.

- The annual observance of the day is **led** by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (**UNESCO**).
- The Day was **1st observed** in **Haiti** on 23 August **1998**, and Gorée Island in **Senegal** on 23 August **1999**.
- 23 August was the day that self-liberated enslaved people on the island of **Saint Domingue** (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) rose against French colonial rule in **1791**, and played a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.[Click here to read more](#)

35. When was the World Water Week annually observed across the globe?

- 1) 24th to 30th April 2024
- 2) 25th to 29th August 2024
- 3) 23rd to 29th June 2024
- 4) 25th to 31st May 2024
- 5) 24th to 30th July 2024

Answer- **2) 25th to 29th August 2024**

Explanation:

World Water Week (WWW), the **leading conference on global water issues**, is annually observed across the globe during the **last week of August** to address critical water-related challenges, including access to clean water, sanitation, water management, and sustainability.

- **World Water Week 2024** takes place from **25 to 29 August 2024**.
- World Water Week **2023** was observed from **20 to 24 August 2023**.
- This annual event is organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (**SIWI**) in Stockholm, Sweden.
- The **theme** of the 2024 WWW conference is, "**Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future**".
- **Japan's Taikan Oki**, a professor at the University of Tokyo in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Graduate School of Engineering (GSE) in Japan, won the Stockholm Water Prize 2024.
- Inspired by the Stockholm Water Symposium, the Stockholm Water Prize was established in **1991**, and is considered the "**Nobel Prize of water**."[Click here to read more](#)

36. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is annually observed across the globe on _____ to pay respect to those who have undergone enforced disappearances.

- 1) August 30
- 2) May 28
- 3) June 26
- 4) July 30
- 5) April 18

Answer- 1) August 30

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is annually observed across the globe on **30 August** to raise awareness about enforced or involuntary disappearances worldwide.

- The day also aims to pay respect to those who have undergone enforced disappearances and provide effective access to justice for victims of enforced disappearances.
- The first-ever International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances was observed on 30 August 2011. [Click here to read more](#)

37. When was the National Small Industry Day annually observed across India?

- 1) April 28
- 2) May 1
- 3) June 14
- 4) July 19
- 5) August 30

Answer- 5) August 30

Explanation:

National Small Industry Day is annually observed across India on **30 August** to celebrate and recognise the contributions of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) to India's economic growth and development.

- The Day also highlights various government programs and policies aimed at supporting and promoting small industries.
- NSID was first observed on August 30, 2001.
- In the 2024-25 Budget, the Ministry of MSME received a budget allocation of Rs 22,137.95 crore (Budget Estimate (BE)).
- The **UN's MSMEs Day** is annually observed across the globe on **27 June** to raise public awareness of the contributions of MSMEs to sustainable development. [Click here to read more](#)

38. When was the International Day Against Nuclear Tests (IDANT) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) April 2
- 2) May 5
- 3) June 14
- 4) July 11
- 5) August 29

Answer- 5) August 29

Explanation:

The United Nation(UN)'s **International Day Against Nuclear Tests** (IDANT) is annually observed across the globe on **29 August** to raise awareness about the devastating effects of nuclear weapon tests and the urgent need to cease them to work toward a nuclear-weapon-free world.

The day engages the UN, Member States, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), academic institutions, and the media in promoting the ban on nuclear tests, a crucial step for global safety.

39. National Sports Day is celebrated annually on _____ to emphasise the importance of sports and physical activities and to honour Major Dhyan Chand's legacy in Indian hockey.

- 1) May 24
- 2) August 29
- 3) June 26
- 4) July 24
- 5) April 29

Answer- **2) August 29**

Explanation:

National Sports Day (NSD), also known as **Rashtriya Khel Divas**, is annually observed in India on **29th August** to honour the **birth anniversary** of **Major Dhyan Chand Singh**, one of the greatest field hockey players in the history of Indian sports.

He was born on **29th August 1905**, in Allahabad, British India (now Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh).

29 August 2024 marks the celebration of the **13th NSD**.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) requested all the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to organise sporting and fitness activities any 1 day between 26 and 31 August 2024, to celebrate NSD 2024.

The **1st NSD** was observed on **29 August 2012**.[Click here to read more](#)

ENVIRONMENT

1. Which of the following is 'not' one of the six new species of bent-toed gecko recently(in July 2024) discovered in northeastern India?

- 1) Namdapha
- 2) Siang-valley
- 3) Kiphire
- 4) Barail Hill
- 5) Zeiladzang

Answer- **5) Zeiladzang**

Explanation:

Researchers have discovered **6 new species of bent-toed gecko**, a type of small lizard, in Northeastern India. Out of this 6 new species, 2 each from Arunachal Pradesh (**AR**) and **Nagaland** and one each from **Manipur** and **Mizoram**.

- The 6 new species are: **Namdapha** bent-toed gecko; **Siang-valley** bent-toed gecko; **Kiphire** bent-toed gecko; **Barail Hill** bent-toed gecko; **Ngengpui** bent-toed gecko; and **Manipur** bent-toed gecko.
- The findings about these species were published in **Vertebrate Zoology**, the scientific journal published by the Museum of Zoology Dresden, Germany.
- The new species were discovered by the researchers from Wildlife Institute of India (**WII**) in Dehradun, Uttarakhand; Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment

(**ATREE**) in Bengaluru, Karnataka and Natural History Museum London (**NHM**) in The United Kingdom(UK).

2. Name the new flowering plant species of Kandil Pushpa that was recently (in August '24) discovered near Vishalgarh Fort in Maharashtra.

- 1) Peucezia chhaparajirvin
- 2) Emblica chakrabartyi
- 3) Oedocladium sahyadricum
- 4) Ceropogia Shivarayina
- 5) Ligdus Garvale

Answer- **4) Ceropogia Shivarayina**

Explanation:

A team of researchers have discovered new flowering plant species of Kandil Pushpa named '**Ceropogia Shivarayina**' at Vishalgarh fort in Kolhapur district, **Maharashtra**. The research findings were published in **Phytotaxa**, an international journal published from New Zealand.

- The species is named after **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, an Indian king and founder of the Maratha Empire. It is the **first time** a plant species has been named after Shivaji Maharaj.
- Ceropogia Shivarayina belongs to the **Kandil flower class**, genus **Ceropogia** and family **Apocynaceae**.
- Kandil Pushpa is a **vine-like plant** belonging to the Ceropogia group.

3. Entomologists recently (in August '24) discovered three new edible insect species named Coridius adii, Coridius insperatus, and Coridius esculentus from _____(state).

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Assam

Answer- **2) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

A team of entomologists discovered **3 new species of edible stink bugs**, in Arunachal Pradesh. These bugs belong to the genus **Coridius** of the family **Dinidoridae** (Hemiptera) and have been named **Coridius adii, Coridius insperatus, and Coridius esculentus**.

- The findings of the new species were published in the peer-reviewed open-access journal [PLOS One](#).
- Coridius adii is named after the Adi tribe, one of the populous groups of Arunachal Pradesh, inhabiting mainly the Siang valley, who consume it as food.
- Entomophagy, or the practice of eating insects, is an age-old tradition that is widely practiced in Northeast India.

4. In August 2024, Researchers discovered a new plant species 'Cleistanthus Deekshabhoomiana' during a taxonomic field exploration in the Ambagad forest in _____.

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Kerala

- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Three botany professors from Nagpur (Maharashtra) have discovered a new species of the *Cleistanthus Collinus* plant, named '**Cleistanthus Deekshabhoomiana**', during a taxonomic field exploration in Ambagad forest, Bhandara district, **Maharashtra**.

- It will be the **9th species** of *Cleistanthus Collinus* discovered in **India** and the **135th** in the world. Of the 9 species in India, 6 are endemic.
- The research findings were published in the '**Indian Forester**', a journal that has been dedicated to forestry research since 1875.
- *Cleistanthus Deekshabhoomiana* was locally called 'Garadi'. *Cleistanthus* belongs to the family **Phyllanthaceae**.
- This plant species has been named after Deekshabhoomi, an important heritage site in Nagpur.
- It acts as a **natural biopesticide**, as the birds and animals avoid its fruits.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Name the portal that was recently (in July '24) launched by the Union Ministry of Education for managing the apprenticeship lifecycle activities.

- 1) SayujNet
- 2) KarmaLife
- 3) JanSamarth
- 4) NATS 2.0
- 5) Swayam

Answer- **4) NATS 2.0**

Explanation:

On July 30 2024, the Union Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Ministry of Education (**MoE**) launched the **National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 Portal** in New Delhi, Delhi.

- As part of the initiative, stipends of **Rs 100 crore** has been disbursed to young graduates and diploma holders through the Direct Benefit Transfer (**DBT**) mode.
- These apprentices are receiving on-the-**job training** across various sectors such as Information technology/Information Technology Enabled Services (IT/ITes), manufacturing, and automobile industries.
- NATS 2.0 Portal has been developed in-house by the MoE with the support of All India Council for Technical Education (**AICTE**) and Board of Apprenticeship Training / Practical Training (**BOAT/BOPT**).

2. Which ministry has recently (in August '24) launched the Version 4.0 Price Monitoring System (PMS) Mobile Application?

- 1) Ministry of Cooperation
- 2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- 3) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- 4) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- 5) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Answer- **4) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi**, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) launched the **Version 4.0 Price Monitoring System (PMS) Mobile Application (App)** in New Delhi, Delhi. From August 1, 2024, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), MoCAF&PD, has expanded its PMS to include **16** additional commodities.

- The newly added 16 items include Bajra, Jowar, Ragi, Suji (wheat), Maida (wheat), Besan, Ghee, Butter, Brinjal, Egg, Black Pepper, Coriander, Cumin, Red Chillies, Turmeric Powder, and Banana.
- The monitoring now covers a total of **38 commodities**, up from the previous 22 commodities.
- The 38 commodities represent approximately 31% of the CPI weights, an increase from the previous 26.5%.
- The government has allocated **Rs 10,000 crore** under the price stabilisation fund (**PSF**) in the Union Budget 2024-25 to maintain stable prices and ensure affordability of pulses.

3. Which of the following is 'not' one of the four applications recently (in August '24) launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the 3 new criminal laws in Chandigarh?

- 1) e-Sakshya
- 2) Nyaya Setu
- 3) Nyaya Shruti
- 4) e-Summon
- 5) e-Samman

Answer- **5) e-Samman**

Explanation:

On 4th August 2024, Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (**MoHA**) and Ministry of Cooperation (**MoC**) has launched 4 Applications(Apps) namely, **e-Sakshya**, **Nyaya Setu**, **Nyaya Shruti** and **e-Summon** for the 3 new criminal laws in Chandigarh. These apps were developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC), New Delhi(Delhi).

i.The 3 new criminal laws – Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (**BNS**), Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita (**BNSS**) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (**BSA**) which came into effect on 1st July, 2024, has repealed the British-era laws, the Indian Penal Code (**IPC**), 1860; the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPc), 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act (IEA), 1872 respectively.

ii.e-Sakshya app is a mobile based application which will enable the police to save all videography, photography and testimonies in a criminal case on a cloud-based e-evidence server, which will also be available in the courts immediately.

iii.Nyaya Shruti app will facilitate judicial hearings through electronic medium like: video conferencing and onboarding of documents, has also been shared with all states or Union Territories (UTs) and e-committee of the Supreme Court(SC) for implementation by the courts.

iv.Nyaya Setu will provide a unified legal interface for legal information, legal advice and legal assistance and thus enable a more inclusive and just society.

4. In August 2024, Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud launched _____, a new platform dedicated to reportable judgements from the Delhi High Court.

- 1) Sankalan
- 2) Saksham
- 3) e-DHCR
- 4) eCourt
- 5) e-Summon

Answer- 3) e-DHCR

Explanation:

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dr. Dhananjaya Yeshwant (DY) Chandrachud launched the [e-DHCR portal](#), a new platform dedicated to reportable judgments from the Delhi High Court.

- The CJI also inaugurated the **Shaurya Foundation Trust Café** and **Sagar Express** in the High Court, managed by individuals with neurodiversity.
- The portal aims to democratise access to legal knowledge by making landmark judgments and precedents available online for free to anyone.
- Translations of the judicial records are available in Hindi and English using the Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software (SUVAS).

5. Which state has recently (in August '24) launched the 'Upasthiti (attendance) Portal' for its para-medical staff and other employees under the health department?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 4) Jharkhand

Explanation:

On 5th August 2024, **Hemant Soren**, the Chief Minister (CM) of **Jharkhand**, launched '**Upasthiti (attendance) Portal**', to ensure daily attendance of doctors, para-medical staff and other employees under the health department.

- The cross-verification of biometric attendance by health department staff will be done through this portal.

6. Name the portal that was recently (in August '24) launched under 'Mission Karmayogi' during the Civil Service Training Institutions (CSTI) Convention at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

- 1) Bhusanket
- 2) NIRMAN
- 3) Sankhyiki
- 4) Bhooskhalan
- 5) Amrit Gyan Kosh

Answer- 5) Amrit Gyan Kosh

Explanation:

On August 12, 2024, **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Minister of State (MOS – Independent Charge, IC), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), launched the '**Amrit Gyan Kosh**' and '**Faculty Development**'

portals under '[Mission Karmayogi](#)' during the Civil Service Training Institutions (CSTI) Convention at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The 'Amrit Gyan Kosh' portal is a **comprehensive knowledge repository** that offers access to **India-centric case studies**, reducing the dependence on Western sources.
- The Faculty Development portal aims to **improve the teaching skills** of practitioners and faculty members, ensuring effective training for civil servants.

7. Which ministry has recently (in August '24) launched the 'Jiyo Parsi Scheme Portal' for Parsis to get financial aid online through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode?

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Finance
- 4) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Minority Affairs**

Explanation:

On August 13, 2024, Union Minister **Kiren Rijju**, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) along with the Minister of State (MoS) **George Kurian**, MoMA launched the '**Jiyo Parsi Scheme Portal**' and '**Haj Applications(app) - 2025**' at Manthan Hall in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This portal would enable Parsis to apply, check the status of their application, and get financial aid online through Direct Benefit Transfer (**DBT**) mode.
- It is the **first time** that the applications have been invited on the Haj Suvidha App in addition to the website of the Haj Committee of India (**HCI**).

8. Which ministry has recently (in August 2024) launched a digital geo-spatial platform named Krishi Decision Support System (DSS)?

- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 5) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer- **3) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare**

Explanation:

On 16th August 2024, Minister of State(MoS) **Bhagirath Choudhary**, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW), launched the **Krishi-Decision Support System (DSS)**, a digital geo-spatial platform, during a conference organized by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (**DA&FW**) at Bharat Mandapam in **New Delhi**, Delhi on '**Space-Driven Solutions for Agricultural Transformation in India**'.

- The event was part of the Department of Space's nationwide celebrations in August 2024, commemorating the success of the **Chandrayaan-3 mission** and the establishment of National Space Day on **August 23**.
- It is a pioneering **geospatial platform** tailored for Indian agriculture, providing access to satellite images, weather data, reservoir storage, groundwater levels, and soil health information.

9. In August 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) launched the _____-based National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS).

- 1) Blockchain
- 2) Artificial Intelligence
- 3) Internet of Things
- 4) Augmented Reality
- 5) Virtual Reality

Answer- 2) Artificial Intelligence

Explanation:

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (**MoA&FW**) launched the Artificial Intelligence (**AI**)-based **National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS)**, a digital initiative to connect farmers with agriculture scientists and experts for pest management, at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, Delhi.

- The NPSS aims to reduce farmers' dependence on pesticide retailers and promote a scientific approach to pest management.
- Using AI tools, the NPSS will analyse the latest data on pests, helping farmers and experts in pest control and management.
- The NPSS comprises a user-friendly mobile application (app) and a web portal, ensuring accessibility for all farmers.

10. Which organisation developed the 'FloodWatch India' Mobile Application that was recently (in August 2024) launched by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti?

- 1) Central Water Commission
- 2) National Mission for Clean Ganga
- 3) National Hydrology Project
- 4) National Water Development Agency
- 5) Central Ground Water Board

Answer- 1) Central Water Commission

Explanation:

Union Minister **C.R. Paatil**, Ministry of Jal Shakti (**MoJS**) has launched the **Version 2.0** of the '**FloodWatch India**' Mobile Application (**App**), developed by the Central Water Commission (**CWC**) in New Delhi (Delhi), aiming to improve real-time flood monitoring and forecasting across India.

i.The upgraded version includes data from **592 monitoring stations**, increased from the 200 stations in the first version.

ii.It gives real-time data on the storage positions of 150 major reservoirs, providing insights into potential flood scenarios in downstream areas.

iii.It also presents all the information in 2 languages: **English and Hindi**, which is available in readable and audio broadcast format.

11. Which of the following portals has been recently (in August '24) launched by the Ministry of Power to enhance power sector efficiency?

- A) Portal for Online Monitoring of Projects – Thermal (PROMPT)**
- B) Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for Power Sector (DRIPS)**
- C) Online Portal for Monitoring Survey and Investigation Activities of Hydro Electric Projects and Pumped Storage Projects (JAL VIDYUT DPR)**

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

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

Explanation:

On 20th August 2024, Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Ministry of Power, launched **three online platforms** : Portal for Online Monitoring of Projects – Thermal (**PROMPT**), Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for Power Sector (**DRIPS**) and Online Portal for Monitoring Survey and Investigation Activities of Hydro Electric Projects and Pumped Storage Projects (**JAL VIDYUT DPR**), to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of power sector.

- He also launched a comprehensive **Compendium of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Regulations** notified by the CEA under the Electricity Act, 2003.
- PROMPT is a centralized platform for **real-time tracking and analysis** of thermal power projects.
- The DRIPS portal enables swift identification and deployment of resources to address power sector disruptions during disasters like cyclones, earthquakes, and floods. It is developed by CEA.
- The JAL VIDYUT DPR is a key initiative by **CEA** to support the growth of hydropower and pumped storage projects (PSPs) in India. [Click here to read more](#)

12. Which ministry has recently (in August '24) launched a 'Building and Other Construction Workers (BoCW) Management Information System (MIS) Portal'?

- 1) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 2) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 5) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer- **2) Ministry of Labour & Employment**

Explanation:

On August 21, 2024, the Ministry of Labour & Employment (**MoL&E**) launched a 'Building and Other Construction Workers (**BoCW**) Management Information System (**MIS**) Portal' to help states and Union Territory (UT) finalise draft rules under the **four Labour Codes** and improve welfare schemes for BoCW.

- The portal was launched during the **15th** meeting of the **BoCW Monitoring Committee** held with all states/Union Territory (UT), chaired by Sumita Dawra, Secretary of MoL&E.
- The BoCW MIS portal will function as a **centralised data management system** for compiling and analysing data obtained from the BoCW Welfare Boards of States.
- The states and UTs are required to register on the portal and update their details, including fund utilisation and worker registration data under various central and state schemes, relating to social security benefits, insurance, health benefits, housing schemes, etc.
- Around 5.7 crore workers were registered with BoCW Welfare Boards of various States and UTs across India as of June 30, 2024.

13. In August 2024, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) launched the _____ (portal) of the National Medical Commission (NMC), developed by the National Health Authority (NHA).

- 1) Centralised Admission Portal
- 2) NIRMAN Portal
- 3) National Medical Register Portal
- 4) National Health Claim Exchange Portal
- 5) NHM Health Statistics Information Portal

Answer- 3) National Medical Register Portal

Explanation:

Union Minister **Jagat Prakash Nadda**, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MoH&FW**) launched the [**National Medical Register \(NMR\) Portal**](#) of the National Medical Commission (**NMC**), developed by the National Health Authority (NHA), an attached office of the MoH&FW.

- The NMR portal is a centralised database, designed to register all eligible allopathic (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)) doctors in India.
- The NMR is mandated under Section 31(1) of the NMC Act, 2019, stating that the Ethics & Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of the NMC shall maintain a National Register in electronic form.

14. Name the portal launched by the Ministry of Coal to assess the safety status of coal mines.

- 1) Coal Miners Helpline
- 2) Coal Mine Safety Tracker
- 3) Indian Coal Safety Portal
- 4) Mine Safety Assessment System
- 5) Indian Coal Mines Safety Report Portal

Answer- 5) Indian Coal Mines Safety Report Portal

Explanation:

On 24th August 2024, **Amrit Lal Meena**, Secretary of the **Ministry of Coal**, reviewed the ongoing development of the [**Indian Coal Mines Safety Report Portal**](#) to assess the safety status of coal companies.

- **PM Prasad**, Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of Coal India Limited (**CIL**) presented the portal during the review meeting.
- This is in line with the commitment of the Ministry of Coal towards achieving “**Zero Accident, Fail-Proof Safety**”.
- The portal demonstration showcased two key modules – the Accident Module and the Safety Audit Module.
- Accident Module will enable near-time reporting with 24 hours and efficient management of accidents, ensuring prompt response and thorough analysis.
- Safety Audit Module will enhance the auditing process, reinforcing safety practices and protocols across the coal mining sector.

15. Which Ministry has recently launched (in August 2024) the ‘SHe-Box portal’ for registering and monitoring complaints of sexual harassment of women in the workplace?

- 1) Ministry of Communications(MoC)
- 2) Ministry of Education(MoE)

- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW)
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development(MoWCD)
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA)

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

Explanation:

Union Minister **Annapurna Devi**, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (**MoWCD**) has launched the '**She-Box portal**', a centralized platform for registering and monitoring **complaints of sexual harassment** of women at the **workplace**.

- Annapurna Devi has also launched a **new website** of the MoWCD at **New Delhi**, Delhi.
- The She-Box Portal acts as a **centralised repository** for information about Internal Committees (ICs) and Local Committees (LCs) formed across India, covering both the public and private sectors.
- It also includes a designated **Nodal Officer** to enable real-time monitoring of complaints, resulting in a faster and assured redressal process.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. In July 2024, the State Bank of India (SBI) raised _____ through a Senior Unsecured Syndicated Term Loan Facility for deployment of funds in lending operations.

- 1) USD 500 million
- 2) USD 250 million
- 3) USD 100 million
- 4) USD 750 million
- 5) USD 200 million

Answer- **4) USD 750 million**

Explanation:

State Bank of India (**SBI**) has raised **USD 750 million** through a Senior Unsecured Syndicated Term Loan Facility for deployment of funds in lending operations.

- United Arab Emirates(UAE) based **Mashreq Bank**, the sole global coordinator for the offering, announced that the facility was initially launched for USD 350 million in May 2024.
- The Saudi National Bank and Punjab National Bank joined as mandated lead arrangers, and institutions like DZ Bank, National Bank of Umm Al Qaiwain, Sampath Bank, and The National Bank acted as arrangers for the facility.

2. In August 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on _____ (company) after finding that an order passed in 2023 exonerating the AMC was erroneous and prejudicial to the interest of the securities market.

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited
- 2) Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Limited
- 3) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- 4) HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited
- 5) Axis Asset Management Company Limited

Answer- **4) HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited**

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**), market regulator has imposed a fine of **Rs 5 lakh** on **HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited** after finding that an order passed in 2023 exonerating the AMC was erroneous and prejudicial to the interest of the securities market.

- The penalty concerns actions by L&T AMC, which was acquired by HSBC Group in May 2023 and merged with HSBC AMC in October 2023.
- The review also examined the reasons for selling three specific stocks Hindustan Zinc, Sadbhav Engineering, and Vodafone Idea which led to losses of Rs 1.61 crore, Rs 14.97 crore, and Rs 25.43 crore, respectively. In total, these losses amounted to over Rs 42 crore.

3. In Which year, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) was established?

- 1) 2000
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1995
- 4) 1985
- 5) 2005

Answer- **2) 1990**

Explanation:**About the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):**

- SIDBI was set up under an Act of the Indian Parliament on 2nd April **1990** and is the Principal Financial Institution for the promotion, financing, and development of the MSME sector.
- **Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)**- Manoj Mittal
- **Headquarters**- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP)

4. Who has recently assumed charge as Managing Director(MD) at the National Housing Bank(NHB) ?

- 1) Sanjay Shukla
- 2) Sarada Kumar Hota
- 3) Manoj Mittal
- 4) Sivasubramanian Ramann
- 5) Anirudhha Bose

Answer- **1) Sanjay Shukla**

Explanation:

Sanjay Shukla assumed charge as the Managing Director(MD) of the National Housing Bank (NHB) on 30 July 2024.

- He will succeed Sarada Kumar Hota, who has been serving as MD of NHB since 2019.

5. Name the Adani Group's mobile application, which initiated pilot projects with digital lending firms and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to provide loans.

- 1) Adani Pay
- 2) Adani Pe
- 3) Adani One
- 4) Adani Loans
- 5) Adani Fin

Answer- **3) Adani One**

Explanation:

As per the report, **Adani One** developed by Adani Group, initiated pilot projects with digital lending firms and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to provide loans through the platform.

- Adani One is operated under Adani Enterprise Limited's digital branch Adani Digital Labs Ltd.
- It has formed a partnership with **KrazyBee** Services, the NBFC subsidiary of KreditBee, to offer personal loans.

6. Name the airline from which Bank of Baroda (BoB) has recently (in July '24) recovered Rs 301 crore under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

- 1) Star Air
- 2) GoAir
- 3) FlyBy
- 4) Go First
- 5) SpiceJet

Answer- **4) Go First**

Explanation:

In July 2024, the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (**NCGTC**) has released Rs 301 crore **to Bank of Baroda (BoB)** as part of its claim from loans given to the defunct Go First Airlines under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

- The scheme was introduced in May 2020, as a part of the Atmanirbhar package of the central government in response to COVID-19 global pandemic.
- The scheme provides incentives to the lenders to provide an additional funding facility to the borrowers with a 100% guarantee for any losses suffered by the lenders.

7. Name the fintech company that was recently (in July '24) affected by a ransomware attack, affecting financial services at numerous cooperative banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) across India.

- 1) Infibeam Avenues Limited
- 2) Kaleidofin Private Limited
- 3) C-Edge Technologies Limited
- 4) Lendingkart Technologies Private Limited
- 5) Onionlife Private Limited

Answer- **3) C-Edge Technologies Limited**

Explanation:

In July 2024, Retail payments of several cooperative banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were interrupted due to a **ransomware attack** on technology service provider **C-Edge Technologies Limited**.

- C-Edge is a joint venture between Tata Consultancy Services (**TCS**) and the State Bank of India (**SBI**).

8. Which organisation/company has recently (in August' 24) announced the launch of the 'Unified Payments Interface (UPI) One World' wallet for inbound travelers visiting India?

- 1) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- 2) Bharatpe
- 3) National Payments Corporation of India

4) Paytm

5) Phonepe

Answer- 3) **National Payments Corporation of India**

Explanation:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced the launch of '**Unified Payments Interface (UPI) One World**' wallet for **inbound travellers**, across all nations of the world, visiting India.

- It is designed to provide international visitors with a seamless, real-time digital payment experience.
- UPI One World wallet, first introduced during the G20 summit hosted by India last year, will now be available to people visiting from many more countries. Foreign visitors can use the wallet to experience the convenience and security of the 'Made in India' technology.

9. In August 2024, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a penalty totaling Rs 2 crore on _____ (company) for violating various IRDAI regulations

1) HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited

2) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited

3) SBI Life Insurance Company Limited

4) Life Insurance Corporation of India

5) Max Life Insurance Company Limited

Answer- 1) **HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited**

Explanation:

The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has imposed a penalty totaling **Rs 2 crore** on **HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited** for violating various IRDAI regulations.

- The penalty of Rs 1 crore was levied for issues related to the protection of policyholders' interests. Additionally, a penalty of Rs 1 crore was imposed for irregularities concerning the outsourcing of services by the company.

10. Who is the current (as of August '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Bank Limited?

1) Matam Venkata Rao

2) Shanti Lal Jain

3) Amitabh Chaudhary

4) Nidhu Saxena

5) Rajneesh Karnatak

Answer- 3) **Amitabh Chaudhary**

Explanation:

About Axis Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) and CEO- Amitabh Chaudhary

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- "Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi"

Established- 1994

11. In Which year, the Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited was established?

- 1) 1985
- 2) 1974
- 3) 1991
- 4) 1968
- 5) 2002

Answer- **1) 1985**

Explanation:

About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):

Managing Director **(MD)** and CEO- Ashok Vaswani

Tagline- Let's Make Money Simple

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1985

12. Where is the headquarters of the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) situated?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Brussels, Belgium
- 3) Bonn, Germany
- 4) Rome, Italy
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **2) Brussels, Belgium**

Explanation:

About Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Javier Pérez-Tasso

Headquarters- La Hupe near Brussels, Belgium

13. Who is the current (as of July'24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the RBL Bank?

- 1) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 2) Shanti Lal Jain
- 3) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 4) R. Subramaniakumar
- 5) Ashwani Kumar

Answer- **4) R. Subramaniakumar**

Explanation:

About RBL Bank:

Managing Director **(MD)** and Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)-** R. Subramaniakumar

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Apno ka Bank

Established- 1943

14. In which year was the World Bank (WB) established?

- 1) 1944
- 2) 1974

3) 1951

4) 1954

5) 1948

Answer- **1) 1944**

Explanation:

About World Bank(WB):

President- Ajay Banga

Headquarters- Washington, DC, United States of America (USA)

Member nations- 189 (including India)

Established- 1944

15. Who is the current (as of August '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Limited?

1) Rakesh Sharma

2) Baldev Prakash

3) Sumant Kathpalia

4) Nikhil Mohan

5) Prashant Kumar

Answer- **1) Rakesh Sharma**

Explanation:

About IDBI Limited:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Rakesh Sharma

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Banking for All

Established- 1964

16. Where is the headquarters of the Unity Small Finance Bank Limited situated?

1) Kolkata, West Bengal

2) Mumbai, Maharashtra

3) Thrissur, Kerala

4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

5) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Answer- **2) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Unity Small Finance Bank Limited:

Unity Bank is a Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB) promoted by Centrum Financial Services Limited with Resilient Innovations Private Limited as a co-investor.

MD & CEO - Inderjit Camotra

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated - 2021

17. Who is the current (as of August '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Securities Limited?

1) Vinod Easwaran

2) Arun Kumar Bansal

- 3) Rishi Gupta
- 4) Anubrata Biswas
- 5) Dhiraj Relli

Answer- **5) Dhiraj Relli**

Explanation:

About HDFC Securities Limited:

Managing Director (**MD**) & Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)- Dhiraj Relli

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded - 2000

18. Which Indian state residents were exempted from paying the income tax?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Goa
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- **1) Sikkim**

Explanation:

i. Sikkim is the only state in India that is exempted from paying taxes.

ii. 'Section 10(26AAA) in The Income Tax Act, 1961' grants tax exemptions to Sikkimese residents on all forms of income, including earnings from interest, dividends, and other sources and also defines a "Sikkimese".

iii. In 1975, Sikkim became the 22nd state of India through a referendum, with unique terms including its Sikkim No Income Tax System, supported by **Article 371F** of the Indian Constitution

19. Name the company that has recently (in August' 24) announced the launch of the 'Smart Saver Plus' add-on for motor insurance policies.

- 1) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 2) Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited
- 3) New India Assurance Company Limited
- 4) Max Life Insurance Company Limited
- 5) Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited

Answer- **1) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited**

Explanation:

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited, a leading private general insurance company in India, announced the launch of its industry-**first innovative 'Smart Saver Plus'** add-on for motor insurance policies.

- This feature aims to address the concerns of policyholders regarding prolonged turnaround times (TAT) and the need for reliable repair quality, by providing swift servicing, quality assurance, and customer convenience, reinforcing ICICI Lombard's commitment to delivering superior customer experiences.

20. Which bank has recently (in August '24) launched 'Badische Anilin und Soda Fabrik' (BASF)'s first sustainability-linked payables finance program in Asia?

- 1) Goldman Sachs
- 2) JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- 3) Wells Fargo
- 4) Deutsche Bank AG
- 5) American Express

Answer- 4) Deutsche Bank AG

Explanation:

Deutsche Bank AG has launched Badische Anilin und Soda Fabrik (**BASF**)'s first sustainability-linked payables finance program in Asia, with a focus on its operations in China.

- The program is set to support BASF's operations in China by transforming its existing payables finance program into sustainability-linked financing for some of its subsidiaries. This allows BASF to encourage its suppliers to adopt sustainable practices.
- Badische Anilin und Soda Fabrik (BASF) is a global chemical company headquartered in Germany.

21. Who is the current (as of August '24) Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited?

- 1) Naveen Chandra Jha
- 2) Rajeev Yadav
- 3) Govind Singh
- 4) Ajay Kanwal
- 5) Sanjeev Nautiyal

Answer- 1) Naveen Chandra Jha

Explanation:

About SBI General Insurance Company Limited:

Managing Director(**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) -Naveen Chandra Jha

Headquarters-Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Suraksha Aur Bharosa Dono

Established- 2009

22. In Which year, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) was established?

- 1) 1956
- 2) 1962
- 3) 1971
- 4) 1985
- 5) 1978

Answer- 1) 1956

Explanation:

About Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):

Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)– Siddhartha Mohanty

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment– 1956

23. In August 2024, the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with _____ (university) to set up a Centre of Excellence in Corporate Forensics.

- 1) Kalinga Forensic University
- 2) National Forensic Sciences University
- 3) Banaras Hindu University
- 4) Saurashtra University
- 5) Chandigarh University

Answer- 2) National Forensic Sciences University

Explanation:

The Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (**GIFT City**), Gujarat and the National Forensic Sciences University (**NFSU**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to set up a **Centre of Excellence in Corporate Forensics**.

- The agreement was signed to collaborate on enhancing expertise in international arbitration, fraud investigation, data security, cyber security, and anti-money laundering.

24. According to the recent(in August '24) research report by State Bank of India(SBI), the Consumer Price Inflation in India is expected to remain around _____ in the financial year 2024-25 .

- 1) 4.8 %
- 2) 4.5 %
- 3) 5 %
- 4) 5.2 %
- 5) 4.7 %

Answer- 3) 5%

Explanation:

According to a research report by State Bank of India(SBI), the Consumer Price Inflation in India is expected to remain around 5 per cent in the financial year 2024-25 except for September and October.

- The report also suggested, the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loan decreased by 11 bps from the beginning of the year (i.e. from 9.43 in January'24 to 9.32 in June'24).

25. Which Indian payment app recently (in August '24) launched its payment services at selected locations in Paris, France?

- 1) JioFinance
- 2) TimePay
- 3) BharatPe
- 4) PhonePe
- 5) PayZapp

Answer- 1) JioFinance

Explanation:

Jio Financial Services Ltd announced the launch of its payment services at selected locations in Paris, France.

- The **JioFinance app** facilitates the purchase of tickets for the Eiffel Tower through its official website, La Tour Eiffel.

- The app will also facilitate payments for in-store purchases at Galeries Lafayette Paris Hausmann.
- JioFinance's partnership with Visa, the official payments partner of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, ensures its presence at India House.

26. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?

- 1) Gop Kumar Bhaskaran
- 2) Shamsheer Singh
- 3) N.S.Venkatesh
- 4) Sundeep Sikka
- 5) Deepak Parekh

Answer- **3) N.S.Venkatesh**

Explanation:

About Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI):

Chief Executive Officer(CEO) -N.S. Venkatesh

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded – 1995

27. In August 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a total penalty of Rs 3 lakh on _____ and its trustee for irregularities in the Total Expense Ratio (TER).

- 1) SBI Life Insurance Company Limited
- 2) Kotak Mutual Fund
- 3) Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited
- 4) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- 5) BNP Paribas Asset Management India Private Limited

Answer- **3) Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited**

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a total penalty of **Rs 3 lakh** on **Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited** and its trustee for irregularities in the Total Expense Ratio (TER).

- The market regulator observed that the fund house had charged scheme expenses to the books of the asset management company (AMC).
- It is found that Nippon Life had charged less than 1% expense to the schemes in five exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and charged certain scheme expenses to the AMC books.

28. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL)?

- 1) Praveen Kumar
- 2) Surojit Shome
- 3) Hitendra Dave
- 4) Zarin Daruwala
- 5) Ashu Khullar

Answer-**2) Surojit Shome**

Explanation:

About DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- **Surojit Shome**

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded - 1994

29. Who is the current (As of August '24) chairman of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI)?

- 1) Subramanian Sundar
- 2) Baldev Prakash
- 3) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- 4) Lakshmi Narayanan
- 5) Pralay Mondal

Answer-4) Lakshmi Narayanan

Explanation:

About the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI):

The SWFI incorporated in 2008 is a platform offering comprehensive research and analysis of global capital, investor intelligence, money flows, and transparency.

Chairman- Lakshmi Narayanan

Corporate Offices- Las Vegas, Nevada, the United States of America (USA).

30. Which firm has recently (in August '24) acquired non-performing assets (NPAs) worth Rs. 6,151.16 crore from the Stressed Asset Stabilisation Fund (SASF) of the IDBI Bank Limited?

- 1) Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
- 2) India SME Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
- 3) JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
- 4) Phoenix ARC Private Limited
- 5) Omkara Assets Reconstruction Private Limited

Answer- 5) Omkara Assets Reconstruction Private Limited

Explanation:

In August 2024, Omkara Assets Reconstruction Private Limited (Omkara ARC) has acquired non-performing assets (NPAs) worth Rs. 6,151.16 crore from the Stressed Asset Stabilisation Fund (SASF) of the **IDBI Bank Limited**.

- SASF is a government-formed special purpose vehicle for acquiring and managing the assets of the IDBI Bank.

31. Which bank has recently (in August '24) approved raising Rs 30,000 crore in funds through debt securities and share sales?

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- 1) IndusInd Bank

Explanation:

IndusInd Bank's Board approved raising **Rs 30,000 crore** in funds through debt securities and share sales.

- It will raise Rs 20,000 crore through debt securities on a private placement basis in permitted foreign currencies.
- It will also raise Rs 10,000 crore through the placement of securities, including American Depository Receipts, Global Depository Receipts, and qualified institutional placements, in permitted foreign currencies.

32. The Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS) celebrated its Foundation Day on _____ with the theme 'ICoAS @ Viksit Bharat'.

- 1) 9th August 2024
- 2) 1st August 2024
- 3) 4th August 2024
- 4) 11th August 2024
- 5) 10th August 2024

Answer- 1) 9th August 2024

Explanation:

The Indian Cost Accounts Service (**ICoAS**) celebrated its Foundation Day on **9th August 2024** in New Delhi (Delhi) with the theme '**ICoAS @ Viksit Bharat**'. The event highlighted the crucial role of ICoAS officers in shaping the economic future of India by **2047**.

33. In Which year, the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) was established?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1974
- 3) 1986
- 4) 2001
- 5) 1998

Answer- 3) 1986

Explanation:

About Power Finance Corporation (PFC):

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**)– Parminder Chopra

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1986

34. Who is the current (As of August '24) chairman of the Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX)?

- 1) Ashishkumar Chauhan
- 2) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- 3) Sundararaman Ramamurthy
- 4) Roopa Deepak Rawat
- 5) Sivasubramanian Ramann

Answer- 2) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

Explanation:

About Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX):

It is a state-of-the-art, commodity derivatives exchange that offers online trading of commodity derivatives transactions.

It started operations in November **2003**, under the regulatory framework of SEBI.

Chairman- Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

35. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director (MD) of the Export-Import Bank of India (India-Exim Bank)?

- 1) Ravi Agrawal
- 2) Harsha Bangari
- 3) Arvind Panagariya
- 4) Pramod Kumar Tiwari
- 5) Dilip Asbe

Answer- **2) Harsha Bangari**

Explanation:

About Export-Import Bank of India (India-Exim Bank):

Managing Director (MD) – Harsha Bangari

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1982

36. In Which year, the Axis Bank Limited was established?

- 1) 1985
- 2) 1978
- 3) 1993
- 4) 2005
- 5) 1969

Answer-**3) 1993**

Explanation:

About Axis Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Amitabh Chaudhry

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline – Badhti ka Naam Zindagi

Established – 1993

37. Who has been recently (in August 24) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL)?

- 1) Atul Saxena
- 2) Ashishkumar Chauhan
- 3) Sundararaman Ramamurthy
- 4) Emandi Sankara Rao
- 5) Sandip Shah

Answer- **1) Atul Saxena**

Explanation:

Atul Saxena was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the **Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL)**

- SHCIL is a subsidiary of the Government of India's financial institution IFCI Limited (formerly Industrial Finance Corporation of India).
- SHCIL, specialising in custodial and depository services, was established in 1986. It is also responsible for e-stamping system around India.

38. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- 1) Dilip Asbe
- 2) Pradip Kumar Das
- 3) Noopur Chaturvedi
- 4) Gurdeep Singh
- 5) Rajesh Kumar Mediratta

Answer- **1) Dilip Asbe**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Dilip Asbe

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 2008

39. Which company has recently (in August '24) in partnership with digital payments platform 'Ongo' launched an instant National Common Mobility Card, 'Ongo Ride'?

- 1) Kochi Metro Rail Limited
- 2) Konkan Railway Corporation
- 3) Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
- 4) Chennai Metro Rail Limited
- 5) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited

Answer- **4) Chennai Metro Rail Limited**

Explanation:

Ongo, the digital payments platform of AGS Transact Technologies has launched an instant National Common Mobility Card '**Ongo Ride**' in association with the **Chennai Metro** Rail Limited.

40. Which bank has recently (in August '24) launched 'credit line on UPI' through a partnership with fintech firm 'Navi'?

- 1) UCO Bank
- 2) Karnataka Bank
- 3) Central Bank of India
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) Union Bank of India

Answer- **2) Karnataka Bank**

Explanation:

In August 2024, **Karnataka Bank** has announced the launch of 'Credit Line on UPI' through a partnership with fintech firm 'Navi'.

This is currently offered to a closed group of select users who are pre-qualified for the product, and it will be launched to more users.

41. Which bank has recently (in August '24) launched the "India-Singapore Connect" in collaboration with the CNBC-TV18 initiative to strengthen the relationship between India and Singapore?

- 1) Citibank
- 2) Standard Chartered Bank
- 3) Barclays Bank
- 4) DBS Bank India
- 5) BNP Paribas

Answer- 4) DBS Bank India

Explanation:

The "**India-Singapore Connect**" launched by **DBS Bank India** in collaboration with **CNBC-TV18** aims to strengthen the economic and strategic ties between the two nations.

- It marks DBS Bank's 30th anniversary in India since it begins its operations in 1994.

42. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Punjab National Bank (PNB)?

- 1) Nidhu Saxena
- 2) Matam Venkata Rao
- 3) Atul Kumar Goel
- 4) Shanti Lal Jain
- 5) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer- 3) Atul Kumar Goel

Explanation:

About the Punjab National Bank (PNB):

PNB was founded on May 19 1894 and it opened for business on 12 April 1895.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (**MD & CEO**) – Atul Kumar Goel

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Tagline – The Name You Can Bank Upon

43. Which institute has recently (in August '24) launched "SATHEE IBPS" to help candidates prepare for banking exams conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)?

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

Answer- 1) IIT Kanpur

Explanation:

The **Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)** has launched "**SATHEE IBPS**," an innovative program aimed at helping candidates prepare for banking exams conducted by the **Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)**.