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Explanation:

England's Cricketer **Moeen Ali** has **retired** from international cricket. He last played for the England team in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Twenty20 (T20) World Cup 2024, co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America (USA) in June 2024.

- He made his international debut in **2014** against West Indies and he has played 138 One Day Internationals (ODIs), 92 T20 Internationals (T20Is), and 68 Tests.
- He was a part of the England team that won the **2019 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup**, held in England and Wales (the United Kingdom), and the **2022 ICC Men's T20 World Cup**, held in Australia.
- His 204 Test wickets made him the **third-best** England spinner in the format, after Derek Underwood (297) and Graeme Swann (255).

7. India won ____ medals in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games and ranked 18th among the 170 participating nations.

- 1) 19
- 2) 22
- 3) 24
- 4) 28
- 5) 29

Answer- **5) 29**

Explanation:

India concluded the **2024 Summer Paralympics**, also known as the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games – the **17th edition** of the Summer Paralympic Games, with a record **29 medals** (7 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze). India is **ranked 18th** among the 170 participating nations. 2024 Summer Paralympics held from 28th August 2024 to 8th September 2024 in Paris, France.

- This marks India's most successful performance in Paralympic history surpassing the 19-medal haul at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- China topped the Medal tally with 220 medals (94 gold; 76 Silver and 50 Bronze) followed by Great Britain at 2nd place with 124 medals (49 golds, 44 Silver and 31 Bronze) and the United States of America (USA) at the 3rd place with 105 medals (36 Gold; 42 Silver and 27 Bronze).
- Team India achieved its best-ever single-day gain at the Paralympics, winning **eight** medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 bronze) in Paris 2024.
- The duo broke the **World Record** with a combined **score of 1399** to set a new Paralympic Record at the Paris Games.
- Harvinder Singh won the gold medal in the Men's individual recurve open event and secured India's first-ever Paralympic gold medal in Archery.
- **Avani Lekhara** won the **gold** medal in the **Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1** and became the **first Indian woman** to win **two gold medals** in the Games' history.
- Sumit Antil won the **gold** medal in the men's javelin throw F64 class at Paris 2024 and became the first Indian male para-athlete to defend his title in the Paralympics.
- Navdeep Singh won a **gold** in the men's javelin throw F41 class at Paris 2024 with a new Paralympic record of 47.32m to register India's first-ever medal in the category.
- India's **Nitesh Kumar** won **his first Gold medal** in the Paralympics by defeating Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Daniel Bethell of Great Britain in the men's singles badminton SL3 class. [Click here to read more.](#)

8. The Olympic Council of Asia has recently (in September '24) included Yogasana as a demonstration sport in the 2026 Asian Games which is scheduled to be held in _____.

- 1) Japan
- 2) India
- 3) Australia
- 4) Uzbekistan
- 5) China

Answer- 1) Japan

Explanation:

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) confirmed that **Yogasana**, the practice of traditional Indian yoga postures, will be featured as a **Demonstration Sport** at the upcoming **2026 Asian Games** which will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

- The decision was unanimously passed at the 44th OCA General Assembly, held in New Delhi, Delhi and confirmed Yoga's inclusion as a Demonstration Sport
- This decision highlights a significant step towards further promoting Yoga, a 5,000-year-old tradition from India on the international sporting stage.
- The OCA aims to popularise yoga internationally, hoping it becomes a medal event in the 2030 Asian Games, in Doha, Qatar.

9. Who has recently (in September '24) won the Formula 1 (F1) Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix (GP) 2024?

- 1) Max Verstappen
- 2) Oscar Piastri
- 3) Lewis Hamilton
- 4) Lando Norris
- 5) George Russell

Answer- 2) Oscar Piastri

Explanation:

On September 15 2024, **McLaren's Oscar Piastri**, an Australian racing driver won the Formula 1 (F1) Qatar Airways **Azerbaijan Grand Prix (GP) 2024** held from 13 to 15 September 2024 at the Baku City Circuit (BCC) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc**, a Monégasque racing driver finished 2nd followed by **Mercedes' George Russell**, a British racing driver who finished 3rd.
- This victory marks **Piastri's 2nd career F1 GP win** in his second season in F1.
- Piastri secured his first-ever F1 title victory at the Hungarian GP 2024 at Hungaroring in Mogyoród (near Budapest), Hungary in July 2024.
- The results of Azerbaijan GP 2024 placed McLaren above Red Bull in the constructors' standings for the first time since 2014.

10. Which country has won the Asian Champions Trophy 2024 held from 8th to 17th September 2024 at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in China?

- 1) China
- 2) India
- 3) Japan
- 4) Pakistan

5) Malaysia

Answer- **2) India**

Explanation:

The **8th edition** of the **Hero Asian Champions Trophy** was held from 8th to 17th September 2024 at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, China. The **Indian men's hockey team** won the **Asian Champion Trophy 2024** by defeating China with a 1-0 score in the finals held at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, China.

- This marks India's **5th Asian Championship title**. **China** finished as runners-up, while **Pakistan** came third.
- India previously won the title in **2011, 2016, 2018** (joint winners with Pakistan), and **2023**.
- The total prize pot for the competition was set at USD 14.8 million, with the winners in line to net USD 5 million. The runners-up received USD 3 million, and the 2 losing semi-finalists received USD 1 million each.
- Every player of the Indian Hockey team will get a reward of **Rs 3 lakh** while Rs 1.5 lakh will be awarded to every support staff member.
- The Asian Champions Trophy is the annual men's hockey tournament organised by the Asian Hockey Federation since 2011.
- **Participants 2024:** India, Pakistan, South Korea, Japan, China, and Malaysia.
- India emerged as the inaugural winners of the Asian Hockey Champions Trophy defeating Pakistan in 2011. India is the most successful team in the tournament (5) followed by **Pakistan** at **2nd** spot with 3 titles.

11. Which Javelin Thrower has finished second with a throw of 87.86 meters(m) at the 2024 Wanda Diamond League Finals in King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, Belgium?

1) Anderson Peters

2) Julian Weber

3) Neeraj Chopra

4) DP Manu

5) Oliver Helander

Answer- **3) Neeraj Chopra**

Explanation:

Indian Javelin Thrower & Olympic Medalist **Neeraj Chopra** finished **second** with a throw of **87.86** meters (m) at the **2024 Wanda Diamond League Finals** held from 13th to 14th September 2024 in King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, **Belgium**.

- Paris 2024 Olympics bronze medalist **Anderson Peters** of Grenada won his **first** Diamond League title with a throw of 87.87 m and the 2023 European Games champion **Julian Weber** of Germany finished **3rd** with a throw of 85.97 m.
- This was Neeraj Chopra's 5th appearance in the Diamond League final. He has previously won the title in 2022 with an 88.44m throw and became the 1st Indian to win the Diamond League Trophy.
- Neeraj has gained **14** points across two Diamond League meets in 2024 to qualify for the final.

- Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, becoming the 1st Asian javelin throw athlete to do so and he recently won the **silver** in the 2024 Paris Olympics with a throw of 89.45 m.
- Neeraj Chopra had set a national record of **89.94m** at the **Stockholm** event of the Diamond League in 2022 and gave his career's second-best of **89.49 m** at the **Lausanne** meet in August 2024.
- He also won a **gold** at the **Federation Cup** 2024 (Jodhpur, Rajasthan) held in May 2024 with a best throw of 82.27m.
- The Diamond League is an annual series of track and field athletic competitions including **fifteen** of the best invitational athletics meetings.

12. Who has recently (in September 2024) won the Formula 1 (F1) Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix (GP) 2024 held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Singapore?

- 1) Oscar Piastri
- 2) Lando Norris
- 3) Lewis Hamilton
- 4) George Russell
- 5) Max Verstappen

Answer- **2) Lando Norris**

Explanation:

McLaren's **Lando Norris**, a British racing driver, won the title of the Formula 1 (**F1**) Singapore Airlines **Singapore Grand Prix (GP) 2024** held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Singapore. This marks Lando Norris' **3rd career win** after Heineken Dutch GP 2024 and Miami GP 2024.

- **Red Bull's Max Verstappen**, a Dutch-Belgian racing driver (competing under the Dutch flag) **finished 2nd** followed by **McLaren's Oscar Piastri**, an Australian racing driver in the **3rd**.

13. Which country recently (in September '24) won the Gold medal in both the Open and Women's section of the 45th International Chess Federation (FIDE- Fédération Internationale des Échecs) Chess Olympiad in Hungary, Budapest?

- 1) Hungary
- 2) India
- 3) Spain
- 4) Armenia
- 5) China

Answer- **2) India**

Explanation:

Team India won the **Gold medal** in both the **Open and Women's section** of the **45th** International Chess Federation (**FIDE- Fédération Internationale des Échecs**) **Chess Olympiad** held in Hungary, Budapest.

- For the **first time**, India won gold in both the Open and women's section of the Chess Olympiad.
- In the Open section, **Team India** received the **gold medals** and the **Hamilton-Russell Cup**, the original Olympiad trophy created in 1927 named after its donor, British attorney and chess sponsor Frederick Gustavus Hamilton-Russell.

- In the Women's section, **Team India** won the gold medals and the **Vera Menchik Cup**.
- Team India also won the **Gaprindashvili Cup**, the special trophy which is awarded to the team with the best combined result in the Open and Women's section.
- In the open section, Gukesh D (Board 1) and Arjun Erigaisi (Board 3) won the gold medal as the best players on their boards.
- In the Women's section Divya Deshmukh (board 3) and Vantika Agrawal (Board 4) won the gold medal as the best players on their boards.
- The All-India Chess Federation (AICF) announced a prize money of Rs 3.2 crore for Olympiad-winning Indian teams. Each player from the winning teams will receive Rs 25 lakh. [Click here to read more.](#)

14. Where was the 7th edition of the annual men's tennis tournament Laver Cup 2024 held?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Berlin, Germany
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Gstaad, Switzerland
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **2) Berlin, Germany**

Explanation:

Team Europe captained by Swedish tennis player **Björn Borg** won the **Laver Cup 2024** by defeating **Team World** captained by American tennis player **John McEnroe**. This marks the **5th win** of Team Europe which has previously won the title in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021.

- Laver Cup 2024, the **7th edition** of the annual men's tennis tournament between Teams from Europe and the rest of the world, was held at the Uber Arena in Berlin, Germany from 20th to 22nd September 2024.
- The Laver Cup 2024 has a total prize money pool of USD 2.25 million shared between the 12 main players representing the two teams.
- **Team Europe** included Alexander Zverev (Germany), Carlos Alcaraz (Spain), Daniil Medvedev (Russia), Casper Rudd (Norway), Grigor Dimitrov (Bulgaria) and Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece).
- **Team World** included Taylor Fritz (United States of America-USA), Frances Tiafoe (USA), Ben Shelton (USA), Alejandro Tabilo (Chile), Francisco Cerúndolo (Argentina) and Thanasi Kokkinakis (Australia).

15. Which country has recently (in September' 24) won the 4th Intercontinental Cup 2024 football title by defeating India 3-0 at Ganti Mohana Chandra (GMC) Balayogi Athletic Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Syria
- 4) Japan
- 5) China

Answer- **3) Syria**

Explanation:

Syria won their maiden **Intercontinental Cup 2024 football title** by defeating the defending champions **India** 3-0 in the final group match held at Ganti Mohana Chandra (GMC) Balayogi Athletic Stadium (formerly known as Gachibowli Athletic Stadium) in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- This is the **4th** edition of the **Intercontinental Cup**, organised by the All India Football Federation (**AIFF**). It was a tri-nation series between the football teams of **India, Syria, and Mauritius**.
- Syria defeated Mauritius 2-0 and India 3-0, securing 6 points (in 2 matches) in the series. The football teams of India and Mauritius finished the tournament without scoring a goal.
- India won the inaugural tournament in 2018 (beating Kenya 2-0) and 2023 (beating Lebanon 2-0).

16. Which brand is the official sponsor of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) Women's World Cup 2027 in Brazil?

- 1) AMUL
- 2) Lay's
- 3) Puma
- 4) Apple
- 5) Coca-Cola

Answer- **2) Lay's**

Explanation:

Lay's, a global snack brand owned by Frito-Lay, Inc., becomes the **official sponsor** for the International Federation of Association Football (**FIFA**) **World Cup 2026** and **FIFA Women's World Cup 2027**. This marks a global extension of Frito-Lay's successful role as a Regional Supporter for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and Tournament Supporter for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

- **FIFA World Cup 2026** will be the **1st edition** to feature **48 teams** and will be hosted across **3 countries**, Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America (USA).
- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2027 will be held in **Brazil** in 2027.
- Lay's will introduce "*Fan of the Match*" recognition at every match of both tournaments, rewarding fans with unique experiences.
- The partnership includes not just Lay's, but also other Frito-Lay brands like Doritos, Cheetos, Tostitos, Ruffles, Cracker Jack, PopCorners, Quaker, and Gamesa.

17. Name the Indian tennis player who has recently (in September '24) won the men's doubles title along with Vijay Sundar Prashant in the finals of Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) 250 Hangzhou Open 2024.

- 1) Sumit Nagal
- 2) Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan
- 3) Tharun Mannepalli
- 4) Harmeet Desai
- 5) Marin Cilic

Answer- **2) Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan**

Explanation:

Indian Tennis players **Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan** and **Vijay Sundar Prashanth** won the **men's doubles title** by defeating Germany's Constantin Frantzen and Hendrik Jebens in the finals of the Association of Tennis Professionals (**ATP**) **250 Hangzhou Open (2024)**.

- **Marin Cilic** of Croatia won the **Men's singles title** by defeating China's Zhang Zhizhen. This marks his first tour level title since 2021.
- Hangzhou Open 2024 was held from 18th to 24th September 2024 at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Expo Center in **Hangzhou, China**.
- Hangzhou Open 2024 is the **1st edition** of the Hangzhou Open and a part of the ATP Tour 250 series of the 2024 ATP Tour.

18. Which country has recently (in September '24) won the gold medal in the 1st Asia Pacific Padel Cup in Bali, Indonesia?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Japan
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) India
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- **5) Indonesia**

Explanation:

The **Indian team** bagged the **bronze** medal by defeating **Malaysia** in the **first** edition of the **Asia Pacific Padel Cup (APPC)2024** which was held at Amare Padel Club Umalas, Bali, **Indonesia**, from September 19th to 22nd, 2024.

- India has claimed this spot in its **first**-ever tournament appearance and also the **first-ever padel** competition between nations held in the Asia Pacific region.
- **Indonesia** won the **gold** medal followed by the **Philippines** winning the **silver** medal in the tournament.
- Padel is a **racquet** sport with **Mexican** origin that is played in an enclosed court, like squash, that is slightly smaller than a doubles tennis court in size.
- The racquets are of solid material but the balls similar to tennis balls are of a little less pressure.
- Nations participated in the event – Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore.

19. Which city will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games?

- 1) Glasgow, Scotland
- 2) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 3) Birmingham, England
- 4) Munich, Germany
- 5) Mumbai, India

Answer- **1) Glasgow, Scotland**

Explanation:

Glasgow, the capital of **Scotland**, has been announced as the host city of the **2026 Commonwealth Games**, the 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) after the Australian state of Victoria

decided to withdraw from hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games due to projected exceeding expenditures.

- Glasgow is set to host the games for the 2nd time in 12 years. The city previously hosted the event in 2014.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Name the author, who has recently (in September '24) released his book titled "Randhurandhar Shahajiraje Bhosale".

- 1) Piyush Pandey
- 2) Amar Yuvraj Dangat
- 3) Alpana Killawala
- 4) Anuradha Mascarenhas
- 5) Sanjay Kishore

Answer- **2) Amar Yuvraj Dangat**

Explanation:

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) released a book titled "**Randhurandhar Shahajiraje Bhosale**" authored by **Amar Yuvraj Dangat**, a Pune (Maharashtra)-based historian, in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

- The book focuses on **Shahajiraje Bhosale**, a prominent sardar in the Deccan, a Maratha general from the 17th Century. He was the father of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, founder of Maratha rule (Swarajya).
- Shahajiraje Bhosale was the **first leader** who made the Maharashtrians aware of their identity and he inspired his son Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to establish Maratha rule (*Swarajya*) in Maharashtra.

2. Who launched the book titled "Khaki Mein Sthitapragya-Ek IPS Adhikari ki Smiritiyan avam Anubhav" authored by Anil Raturi former Director General of Police (DGP) Uttarakhand?

- 1) Ramesh Bais
- 2) Pushkar Singh Dhama
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) Droupadi Murmu

Answer- **2) Pushkar Singh Dhama**

Explanation:

Pushkar Singh Dhama, Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand, launched a book titled "**Khaki Mein Sthitapragya-Ek IPS Adhikari ki Smiritiyan avam Anubhav**" at the Institute of Research Development & Training (**IRDT**) auditorium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The book, authored by Anil Raturi, former Director General of Police (DGP), Uttarakhand, is published by **Winsar Publishing Co.**

- The title Sthitapragya refers to maintaining equanimity in both success and failure.
- The book aims to guide young officers on facing challenges with patience and resilience.

3. Who has recently (September' 24) released the book titled 'Sri Rama in Tamilagam - An Inseparable Bond' co-authored by Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari?

- 1) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- 2) Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
- 3) R.N. Ravi
- 4) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- 5) C. P. Radhakrishnan

Answer- **3) R.N. Ravi**

Explanation:

R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu (TN) released the book titled '**Sri Rama in Tamilagam - An Inseparable Bond**' authored by the husband-wife duo **Dr. D.K. Hari** and **Dr. D.K. Hema Hari**, in a function organised at Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan, Chennai, TN. The book is published by Rare Publications.

- This book has been written by the authors in **3 languages, English, Hindi, and Tamil** in dedication to the newly built temple for Sri Rama at Sri Ram Janmabhoomi, Ayodhya, in Uttar Pradesh (UP).

OBITUARY

1. Name the renowned Indian lawyer who passed away in August 2024.

- 1) Srinivas Hedge
- 2) Surjit Singh Hunjan
- 3) Maguni Charan Kuanr
- 4) Narayanan Vaghul
- 5) Abdul Ghafoor Majeed Noorani

Answer- **5) Abdul Ghafoor Majeed Noorani**

Explanation:

Abdul Ghafoor Majeed Noorani, (popularly known as A. G. Noorani) a renowned Constitutional expert, a distinguished lawyer, and author passed away at the age of 94 in **Mumbai**, Maharashtra. He was born on 16th September 1930 in Bombay (now Mumbai), British India.

- He began his career in 1953 as an advocate and practiced for over 4 decades in the Bombay High Court (BHC) and the Supreme Court of India (SCI).
- He started writing in the 1960s and authored several books, including "The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS): A Menace to India" (2019); "The Kashmir Dispute 1947-2012" (2014); "Article 370: A Constitutional History of Jammu and Kashmir" (2011), among others.
- He has also authored the biographies of Badruddin Tyabji, the 1st Indian barrister Judge of the BHC, and Dr Zakir Husain Khan, the 3rd President of India (1967-1969).

2. Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII, the king of the Māori tribe of _____ (country), passed away in August 2024.

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Canada
- 3) United States of America

4) Malawi

5) Timor-Leste

Answer- **1) New Zealand**

Explanation:

Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII, the **King of the Maori tribe in New Zealand**, has passed away at the age of 69 after an 18-year reign. He was born in 1955 in Huntly, New Zealand.

i. He was crowned as the King of the Maori on 21st August 2006 succeeding his mother Queen Dame Te Atairangikaahu.

ii. He was the **7th monarch** in the Kīngitanga, the Maori King movement founded in 1858 with the aim of uniting New Zealand's Indigenous Maori under a single sovereign.

3. Renowned translator K. Chellappan passed away in September 2024.

K. Chellappan was honoured with Sahitya Akademi Award for his translation of Rabindranath Tagore's Novel 'Gora' from Bengali to Tamil in _____(Year).

1) 2010

2) 2018

3) 2016

4) 2020

5) 2008

Answer- **4) 2020**

Explanation:

Sahitya Akademi Awardee and renowned English teacher, translator **K. Chellappan passed away** at the age of 88 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN). He was born in 1936.

- In **2020**, he was honoured with **Sahitya Akademi Award** for his translation of Rabindranath Tagore's Novel 'Gora' from Bengali to Tamil.
- His noted works include the World as a Stage: Shakespearean Transformations; R.K. Narayan: The Ironic Mythmaker; Literature within/across the walls: Comparative studies in classical and modern Tamil Literature; and Tagore, Bharathi, and T.S. Eliot: Towards Creative Unity (Tagore lectures).
- He has also translated many Tamil books, including Kuraloviyam, Thenpandi Singam and Meesai Mulaithal Vayathil written by former TN Chief Minister(CM) M Karunanidhi, into English
- In 2017, he also received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for Translation and Best Translator Award by the Government of TN.

4. Name the renowned Indian film scholar nicknamed the 'Mother of Asian Cinema', who had passed away in September 2024.

1) Aruna Vasudev

2) Kamala Pujari

3) Malti Joshi

4) Kamla Beniwal

5) Vani Jairam

Answer- **1) Aruna Vasudev**

Explanation:

Aruna Vasudev, a renowned Indian film scholar, critic, festival curator and painter, has **passed away** at the age of 88 in New Delhi (Delhi). She was born in 1936 in British India.

- She was called by the nickname '**Mother of Asian Cinema**', renowned for raising interest and knowledge on Asian film cultures around the world.
- She had also directed around 20 documentaries, and edited several books, including a translation from French into English of Jean-Claude Carriere's "In Search of the Mahabharata: Notes of Travels in India with Peter Brook".
- She has won numerous awards which includes the France's highest cultural awards Officer of the **Order of Arts and Letters** in 2019 and the first Satyajit Ray Memorial Award by Fédération Internationale de la Presse Cinématographique-International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) India.

5. Name the former President of Peru who had passed away at the age of 86 in September 2024.

- 1) Francisco Morales Bermúdez
- 2) Nguyen Phu Trong
- 3) Saulos Klaus Chilima
- 4) Ebrahim Raisi
- 5) Alberto Kenya Fujimori Inomoto

Answer- **5) Alberto Kenya Fujimori Inomoto**

Explanation:

On 11th September 2024, **Alberto Kenya Fujimori Inomoto**, the former President of Peru (officially the Republic of Peru), **passed away** at the age of 86 in Lima, Peru. He was born in Lima on 28th July 1938.

- Alberto served as the 54th **President of Peru** for the two consecutive five-year terms (1990 to 2000).
- Alberto Fujimori, an engineer, professor and Peruvian politician, first entered politics in 1989 as the head of the new political party Cambio 90 (Change 90).
- He won in the 1990 presidential election and he was re-elected in 1995.

6. Name the Dronacharya award-winning Table Tennis (TT) coach who passed away in September 2024.

- 1) Shobhana Sitaram Ranade
- 2) Ram Narain Agarwal
- 3) Kunwar Natwar Singh
- 4) Jayanta Kumar Pushilal
- 5) Anshuman Gaekwad

Answer- **4) Jayanta Kumar Pushilal**

Explanation:

Jayanta Kumar Pushilal, a Dronacharya award-winning Table Tennis (TT) **coach**, passed away at 63 in Kolkata, West Bengal (WB). He was born in December 1961 in Kolkata.

- Known as '**Botonda**,' he coached for over 40 years, producing over 15 national champions, including Mouma Das, Arup Basak, and Prapti Sen and others.
- He was the former Maldives TT National Team Coach, extending his expertise to the Kerala sports department and TT associations in Kazakhstan.

- He was honoured with the **Dronacharya Award (Lifetime) for 2023**, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in Coaching.

7. Name the General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or CPI(M) who passed away in September 2024?

- 1) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee
- 2) Francis D'Britto
- 3) Sitaram Yechury
- 4) Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare
- 5) Mikhail Gorbachev

Answer- **3) Sitaram Yechury**

Explanation:

Sitaram Yechury, the **General Secretary** (GS) of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or **CPI(M)** passed away at the age of 72 in New Delhi, Delhi. He was born on 12 August 1952 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).

- He has served as the **Member of Parliament(MP), Rajya Sabha** from West Bengal, from 2005 to 2017.
- He played a significant role as a CPI(M) interlocutor in the United Front (UF) and United Progressive Alliance (UPA) governments.
- He was also a Head of the International Department of the Central Committee, and Editor of the CPI(M) Central Weekly, Peoples' Democracy.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Day for People of African Descent annually observed across the globe?

- 1) May 28
- 2) June 29
- 3) July 28
- 4) August 31
- 5) April 18

Answer- **4) August 31**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day for People of African Descent** is annually observed across the globe on **31st August** to celebrate the remarkable contributions of the African diaspora worldwide and eliminate all forms of discrimination against people of African descent.

- **31st August 2024** marks the **4th** observance of International Day for People of African Descent.
- The **first-ever** International Day for People of African Descent was observed on **31 August 2021**.
- The efforts to create the International Day for People of African Descent were under the initiatives of **Costa Rica**, a Central American country. [Click here to read more](#)

2. When was the National Nutrition Week (NNW) annually observed across India?

- 1) 25th to 31st May
- 2) 3rd to 9th June
- 3) 1st to 7th September
- 4) 24th to 30th June
- 5) 24th to 30th August

Answer- **3) 1st to 7th September**

Explanation:

National Nutrition Week (NNW) is annually observed across India from **September 1 to 7**, to educate people about the importance of proper nutrition and balanced diet, and promote healthy eating habits and lifestyle choices.

- This annual event aims to tackle malnutrition and educate the public on the vital role of balanced nutrition in maintaining health and preventing diseases.
- The **first** NNW was observed from **1st to 7th September 1982**.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (**MWCD**) launched the **7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah** (National Nutrition Month) on 31 August 2024 from Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.[Click here to read more](#)

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

- 1) August 25
- 2) September 2
- 3) June 18
- 4) July 29
- 5) June 1

Answer- **2) September 2**

Explanation:

World Coconut Day is annually observed across the globe on **2 September** to highlight the importance of coconuts and their contributions to agriculture, industry, cuisine, etc.

- The 2024 theme of World Coconut Day is, "**Coconut for a Circular Economy: Building Partnership for Maximum Value.**"
- The Day marks the foundation of the International Coconut Community (ICC), (formerly the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), in 1969, with India as a founding member.[Click here to read more](#)

4. Which day is annually observed as National Teachers' Day across India?

- 1) July 1
- 2) June 12
- 3) May 7
- 4) November 14
- 5) September 5

Answer- **5) September 5**

Explanation:

National Teachers' Day is annually observed across India on **5 September** to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of **Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, a great philosopher and scholar, who served as the 1st Vice-President and the 2nd President of Independent India.

- The day honours and recognises the dedication, hard work, and exceptional contributions of teachers to education and our society.
- The **1st National Teachers' Day** was observed on **5 September 1962**, the 77th birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- On the occasion of National Teachers' Day 2024, **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred the [National Teachers' Award 2024](#) (NTA 2024) to **82 recipients**, at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi, Delhi.[Click here to read more](#)

5. Which day is annually observed as the United Nations' International Day of Charity across the globe?

- 1) July 6
- 2) June 5
- 3) May 5
- 4) September 5
- 5) August 9

Answer- **4) September 5**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Charity** is annually observed across the globe on **5th September** to raise awareness about the importance of charity in alleviating humanitarian crises and human suffering and promoting social responsibility.

- The Day also aims to sensitise and mobilise people, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and stakeholders worldwide to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.
- The day also commemorates the **death anniversary** of Nobel Peace Prize winner **Mother Teresa**.[Click here to read more](#)

6. Which state has recently (in September '24) declared 20th August of every year as Sootea Day to honour the region's role in India's Independence movement?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Assam
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **3) Assam**

Explanation:

Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister (CM) of **Assam**, announced that **20th August** of every year will be officially celebrated across as **Sootea Diwas** (Sootea Day) to recognise the importance of the region in the Freedom movement.

- The **first ever official Sootea Diwas** will be celebrated on **20th August 2025**.
- On 20th August 1942, People of Sootea led by late Biman Chandra Bora hoisted the National flag at the Sootea Police Station.
- This was the **first time** in India wherein the **tricolour flag** was hoisted lowering the Union Jack.

7. When is the United Nations (UN's) International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies observed across the world to raise awareness about the importance of clean air for a sustainable future?

- 1) September 7
- 2) July 12
- 3) June 15
- 4) May 3
- 5) August 7

Answer- **1) September 7**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN's) **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies** is annually observed across the world on **7 September** to raise awareness about the importance of clean air for a sustainable future. 7 September 2024 marks the observance of the **5th** annual International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.

- The 2024 theme of International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is, "**Invest in #CleanAirNow.**"
- The first-ever International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies was observed on **7 September 2020**.
- During the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas) 2024, the [Swachh Vayu Survekshan \(SVS\) Awards 2024](#) were presented to the best-performing National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) cities in India, at an event, hosted by the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) in Jaipur, **Rajasthan**. [click here to read more.](#)

8. When was the first-ever United Nations (UN)'s World Duchenne Awareness Day observed across the globe to create awareness about the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a genetic disorder that affects muscles.?

- 1) July 22
- 2) June 28
- 3) September 7
- 4) May 16
- 5) March 14

Answer- **3) September 7**

Explanation:

The **first-ever** United Nations (UN)'s World Duchenne Awareness Day (**WDAD**) or World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day was observed across the globe on **7th September 2024** to raise awareness about Duchenne and Becker Muscular Dystrophy (**DMD/BMD**), a genetic disorder that affects muscles.

- The day promotes education, advocacy, and social inclusion initiatives to improve the quality of life for those who have **dystrophinopathies**.
- The theme of WDAD 2024 is '**Raise your voice for Duchenne**', which creates a society that provides equal opportunities for all.
- On **29th November 2023**, the United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) adopted the resolution (A/RES/78/12) and officially designated 7th September of every year as World Duchenne Awareness Day, starting from **2024**. [click here to read more.](#)

9. The United Nations (UN's) International Day of Police Cooperation was observed across the world on _____ to promote international cooperation between police forces around the world

- 1) July 1
- 2) June 6
- 3) May 7
- 4) September 7
- 5) June 19

Answer- 4) September 7

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Police Cooperation** is annually observed across the globe on **7th September** to recognise and promote international cooperation between police forces around the world.

- The day highlights the importance of collaboration between law enforcement agencies across borders in tackling transnational crime and ensuring global security.
- **7th September 2024** marks the observance of the **2nd** International Day of Police Cooperation.
- The theme of the International Day of Police Cooperation 2024 is "**Police Integrity, Accountability, and Oversight**".
- On 16th December **2022**, the United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) adopted the resolution A/RES/77/241 and proclaimed the **7th September** of every year as the **International Day of Police Cooperation**.
- The **1st** International Day of Police Cooperation was observed on **7th September 2023**. [click here to read more](#).

10. UNESCO's International Literacy Day is annually celebrated across the globe on _____ to raise awareness about the significance of literacy as a fundamental human right and a matter of dignity.

- 1) July 12
- 2) September 8
- 3) June 12
- 4) May 18
- 5) April 15

Answer- 2) September 8

Explanation:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO's**) **International Literacy Day (ILD)** is annually observed across the globe on **8 September** to remind the international community of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies.

- The **2024 theme** of ILD is, "**Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace**".
- During the ILD 2024 events, the **2024 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes (ILP)** were awarded to 6 exceptional literacy programs from Austria, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Panama.
- The **first-ever** International Literacy Day was observed on **8 September 1967**.

- On 7 September 2024, Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) chaired an international conference titled “Spectrum of Literacy” as a prelude to ILD 2024.[Click here to read more](#)

11. When was the International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) June 18
- 2) August 10
- 3) July 29
- 4) March 3
- 5) September 7

Answer- **5) September 7**

Explanation:

The **International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD)** is annually observed across the globe on the **1st Saturday of September**, to raise awareness about Vulture conservation and the important role these birds play in ecosystems. IVAD 2024 falls on **7 September 2024**.

- Worldwide Fund for Nature (**WWF**)-**India**, in collaboration with the Bird Count India (**BCI**), and **eBird** launched **Vulture Count 2024**, a vulture estimating program across India. Running from 7 September to 6 October 2024, this count aligns with the IVAD 2024 (7 September).
- IVAD 2023 was observed on 2 September 2023;
- IVAD 2025 will be observed on **6 September 2025**.[Click here to read more](#)

12. When was the World Physical Therapy Day or World Physiotherapy Day annually observed across the world?

- 1) July 1
- 2) September 8
- 3) June 8
- 4) May 29
- 5) August 10

Answer- **2) September 8**

Explanation:

World Physiotherapy Day (**WPTD**) also known as **World Physical Therapy Day** is annually observed across the globe on **September 8** to raise awareness about the importance of physical therapy in helping people of all ages recover from injuries, manage chronic conditions, and maintain optimal physical function.

- The day honours the work of physiotherapists and promotes the importance of physiotherapy in healthcare.
- The observance is led by **World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT)** – ‘operating as **World Physiotherapy**’. It is an international organisation representing physiotherapists worldwide.
- The theme of World Physical Therapy Day 2024 is “**Low Back Pain and the Role of Physiotherapy in its Management and Prevention**”.

13. Which day is declared as the 'World Rural Development Day' by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

- 1) May 12
- 2) June 7
- 3) July 6
- 4) July 11
- 5) September 12

Answer- **3) July 6**

Explanation:

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at its 78th session, unanimously adopted a draft resolution (A/78/L.84/Rev.2) in September 2024, proclaiming **6th July** of every year as “**World Rural Development Day**” (WRD).

- The **first-ever** United Nations (UN's) World Rural Development Day will be observed on **6 July, 2025**.
- The resolution was initiated by **Bangladesh** and supported by a core group of countries comprising India, Nepal, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, etc.
- The resolution aims to emphasise rural development's role in achieving the SDGs by 2030, particularly in areas like poverty alleviation, food security, and ecosystem restoration.
- **6 July** commemorates the **establishment** of the Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in **1979**. [Click here to read more.](#)

14. When was Himalaya Diwas also known as Himalaya Day annually observed across India?

- 1) May 29
- 2) June 25
- 3) July 20
- 4) August 9
- 5) September 9

Answer- **5) September 9**

Explanation:

Himalaya Diwas, also known as **Himalaya Day**, is annually observed across India, especially in the state of **Uttarakhand** on **9 September** to raise awareness about the importance of the Himalayan Mountain range and its ecosystem.

- **9 September 2024** marks the **15th** edition of Himalaya Diwas.
- Himalaya Diwas was **first** observed in Uttarakhand in **2010** as an initiative of a group of environmentalists including Sunderlal Bahuguna, Anil Prakash Joshi, and Radha Behen.
- In **2014**, **Harish Rawat**, the then Chief Minister (CM) of **Uttarakhand** officially declared **September 9** as '**Himalaya Diwas**', to promote conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems across the state.
- The name "**Himalayas**" is derived from *Sanskrit* in which "*Hima*" means **snow** and "*Alaya*" means "**dwelling abode**", representing that the mountains are covered with snow and glaciers.
- The Himalayas is the **highest mountain range** in the world and has 9 out of 10 of the world's highest peaks, including Mount Everest. [Click here to read more.](#)

15. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day to Protect Education from Attack is annually observed across the globe on _____ to recognise the importance of raising awareness of the terrible need to preserve education and protect it from attack.

- 1) May 21
- 2) June 15
- 3) September 9
- 4) July 10
- 5) August 19

Answer- 3) September 9

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day to Protect Education from Attack** is annually observed across the globe on **9th September** to recognise the importance of raising awareness of the terrible need to preserve education and protect it from attack. The **5th** observance of the **International Day to Protect Education from Attack** was held on 9th September 2024, in Doha, Qatar.

- The Day raises public awareness about the issue of attacks on schools, students, other education personnel, education communities, and teachers worldwide.
- On 28th May **2020**, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/74/275, proclaiming the **9th of September** of every year as the **International Day to Protect Education from Attack**.
- The **first-ever** International Day to Protect Education from Attack was observed on **9 September 2020**.
- The 2023 UN Secretary-General's [Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict](#) reveals 32,990 grave violations, affecting 22,557 children. [Click here to read more.](#)

16. When is the World Suicide Prevention Day celebrated to spread awareness about suicide prevention, reduce stigma and help people?

- 1) May 17
- 2) June 15
- 3) July 11
- 4) September 10
- 5) August 14

Answer- 4) September 10

Explanation:

World Suicide Prevention Day (**WSPD**) is annually observed across the globe on **September 10** to spread awareness about suicide prevention, reduce stigma and help people.

- The day also highlights the importance of mental health awareness, intervention, and support for people who have suicidal thoughts.
- The triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day for the term **2024-2026** is '**Changing the Narrative on Suicide**' with the call to action '**Start the Conversation**'.
- WSPD was established by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (**IASP**) in conjunction with the World Health Organization (**WHO**) in 2003.
- The **first-ever** World Suicide Prevention Day was launched on **September 10 2003** in Stockholm, Sweden. [Click here to read more.](#)

17. When is National Forest Martyrs Day celebrated across India?

- 1) July 26
- 2) June 17
- 3) May 4
- 4) September 11
- 5) August 10

Answer- **4) September 11**

Explanation:

National Forest Martyrs Day is annually observed across India on **11 September** to commemorate brave Forest Guards, Foresters, Range Forest Officers (RFOs), and other frontline personnel officers and officials who laid down their lives while protecting India's forests and wildlife wealth.

- The day raises awareness about the importance of forests and the risks forest officials face in protecting them.
- In **2013**, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India (GoI) officially declared 11 September as National Forest Martyrs Day.
- It was established to remember the **Khejarli Massacre in 1730**, which took place in Khejarli, Rajasthan.
- '**Khejri**' (*Prosopis cineraria*) is the most dominant tree in western Rajasthan.
- It was declared a state tree in the year 1982-83. This tree is termed as "*Kalpavriksha of Thar Desert* ", or "*The King of Desert.*" [Click here to read more.](#)

18. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day for South-South Cooperation is annually celebrated on _____ to highlight the importance of cooperation among developing countries in the Global South.

- 1) June 18
- 2) September 12
- 3) July 18
- 4) May 25
- 5) August 12

Answer- **2) September 12**

Explanation:

United Nations (**UN**)'s **International Day for South-South Cooperation** is annually observed across the globe on **12 September** to highlight the importance of collaboration among people and economic, social, cultural, environmental, technical, and political cooperation among developing countries in the Global South.

- The **2024 theme** of International Day for South-South Cooperation is, "**A Better Tomorrow through South-South Cooperation.**"
- On 23rd December **2003**, the United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) adopted the resolution A/RES/58/220, proclaiming **19th December** of every year as the **United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation.**
- The **first-ever** UN Day for SSC was observed on **19 December 2004.**
- In **2011**, the **UNGA** decided to change the observance of the International Day for SSC from **19 December** to **12 September**, to mark the day in **1978**, when the **UN Conference of the Global South on TCDC** adopted the **BAPA** for Promoting and Implementing TCDC, one of the main pillars for SSC.

- South-South Cooperation (**SSC**) refers to the exchange of resources, technology, and knowledge between developing countries in the Global South to meet their development goals through cooperative efforts.
- The UN Office for South-South Cooperation (**UNOSSC**) promotes and facilitates South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) for the development on a global and UN system-wide basis. [Click here to read more.](#)

19. When was the World First Aid Day observed globally?

- 1) July 15
- 2) May 7
- 3) June 19
- 4) September 14
- 5) August 5

Answer- **4) September 14**

Explanation:

World First Aid Day is annually observed across the globe on the **2nd Saturday of September** to promote the importance of first aid knowledge and skills and to raise awareness about how first aid can prevent injuries and save lives in daily crises. World First Aid Day 2024 was observed on **14 September 2024**.

- The day encourages everyone to learn basic first aid techniques and equip themselves with the skills to act rapidly and effectively in emergencies.
- The theme of World First Aid Day 2024 is, "**First Aid and Sports**". The theme highlights the significance of first aid knowledge in sports settings, where swift action can prevent serious injuries.
- In **2000**, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) declared the 2nd Saturday of September as World First Aid Day.
- The first-ever World First Aid Day was observed on **9 September 2000**. [Click here to read more.](#)

20. When was Hindi Diwas annually observed across India to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as one of the 22 official languages of India?

- 1) May 16
- 2) September 14
- 3) June 19
- 4) July 26
- 5) August 16

Answer- **2) September 14**

Explanation:

Hindi Diwas, also known as National Hindi Day, is annually observed on **September 14** to commemorate the adoption of **Hindi** written in Devanagari script as one of the 22 official languages of India by the Constituent Assembly on September 14, 1949.

- The day aims to raise awareness and promote the use of Hindi language.
- The year 2024 marks the **75th anniversary** of Hindi becoming the official language.
- World Hindi Day is annually observed across the globe on **January 10**.

- In 1950, the Constitution of India declared Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language as per the **Article 343 (1)**.
- The Department of Official language under MHA has introduced an award scheme named '**Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar**' scheme to encourage writing books originally in Hindi and to promote the official language.
- It also introduced '**Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar**' to encourage the implementation of the official language.
- Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of Cooperation has addressed the Official Language **Diamond Jubilee** (75 years) Celebrations and the **4th Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Delhi.
- Amit Shah released the Diamond Jubilee Special Issue of the '**RajbhashaBharati**' magazine, commemorating the Official Language Diamond Jubilee.
- He released a commemorative **postage stamp** and commemorative **Rs.75 coin** to mark the Diamond Jubilee. [Click here to read more.](#)

21. The United Nations (UN's) International Day of Democracy (IDD) is annually observed across the globe on _____ to promote and uphold the principles of democracy.

- 1) September 15
- 2) May 18
- 3) June 23
- 4) July 25
- 5) August 26

Answer- **1) September 15**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN's) **International Day of Democracy (IDD)** is annually observed across the globe on **15 September** to promote and uphold the principles of democracy worldwide and raise awareness among the people about democratic values and rights.

- The **2024 theme** of IDD is "**Ensuring Effective Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at all Levels**". It focused on the importance of AI as a tool for good governance.
- IDD aims to review the state of democracy around the world and encourage governments to strengthen and consolidate democracy.
- On 8 November **2007**, the UN General Assembly (**UNGA**) adopted the resolution A/RES/62/7, proclaiming the **15 September** of each year as the **International Day of Democracy**.
- The **1st International Day of Democracy** was observed on **15 September 2008**.
- On 10 September 2024, the UNDEF organised a Special Event, "**Navigating AI for Governance and Citizen Engagement**," ahead of the IDD. [Click here to read more.](#)

22. When was the National Engineer's Day observed across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvarayaan?

- 1) September 15
- 2) August 10
- 3) July 2
- 4) June 9
- 5) August 14

Answer- **1) September 15**

Explanation:

National Engineer's Day is annually observed across India on **September 15** to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of Bharat Ratna **Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvarayan**, who is known as the first engineer of India for his vital contribution to the field of engineering and education.

- This day recognises the achievements and invaluable contributions of engineers across India.
- The Government of India (GoI) declared the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya as National Engineers' Day in **1968**.
- The **first-ever** National Engineers' Day was celebrated on **15th September 1968**.
- In 1955, the GoI honoured Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya with **Bharat Ratna** for his significant contributions in the field of engineering and for his service to India. [Click here to read more.](#)

23. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is annually observed across the globe on _____ to spread awareness about the importance of the ozone layer.

- 1) August 12
- 2) September 16
- 3) July 11
- 4) June 4
- 5) May 24

Answer- **2) September 16**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** or **World Ozone Day (WOD)** is annually observed across the globe on **16 September** to spread awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and its depletion that leads to global warming and climate change worldwide.

- The Day also aims to promote actions to protect the ozone layer. This Day is also known as Global Ozone Day.
- 16th September 2024 marks the observance of the **30th** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- The theme of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2024 is "**Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Actions**".
- On 19 December **1994**, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/49/114, proclaiming the 16 September of every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- The 1st International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on **16th September 1995**.
- Ozone (O₃) is a highly reactive colourless, and odourless gas and is a special form of oxygen, unlike the Oxygen (O₂) we breathe.
- On 16th September 2009, the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol became the first set of treaties in the history of the UN to achieve universal ratification.
- According to the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) annual [WMO Ozone and UV Bulletin 2024](#), The ozone layer is expected to recover to 1980 values (before the appearance

of the ozone hole) by 2066 over Antarctica; by 2045 over the Arctic and by 2040 for the rest of the world. [Click here to read more.](#)

24. When was the first-ever United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South observed?

- 1) 1st August 2024
- 2) 28th July 2024
- 3) 16th September 2024
- 4) 1st June 2024
- 5) 14th May 2024

Answer- **3) 16th September 2024**

Explanation:

The **first-ever** United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South** was observed on **16th September 2024** to emphasise the important role of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) in supporting economic growth and sustainable development, particularly in the Global South.

- This day highlights the necessity of STI in achieving the SDGs and creating a fairer, more participatory, and inclusive world.
- On 9 January **2024**, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/78/259, proclaiming the **16 September** of every year as the **International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South**.
- The Summit was held in Havana, Cuba, on 15 and 16 September 2023.
- India achieved the fastest 5th Generation (5G) rollout with 2.70 lakh sites deployed by Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel within nine months.
- India moved from 7th (2010) to 3rd (2023) in global scientific publications rankings, behind China and the United States of America (USA). [Click here to read more.](#)

25. When was the United Nations (UN)'s International Day for Interventional Cardiology annually observed across the globe?

- 1) June 16
- 2) August 13
- 3) May 13
- 4) July 16
- 5) September 16

Answer- **5) September 16**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day for Interventional Cardiology** is annually observed across the globe on **16th September** to raise public awareness about Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs), and interventional cardiology procedures.

- **16th September 2024** marks the **2nd** International Day for Interventional Cardiology.
- The **first-ever** International Day for Interventional Cardiology was observed on **16th September 2023**.
- **16 September** commemorates the **first coronary angioplasty** performed by **Dr. Andreas Roland Grüntzig**, a German physician-scientist, in **1977**, at the University Hospital Zürich (USZ) in Zürich, Switzerland. [Click here to read more](#)

26. When was the World Health Organisation's (WHO) World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) April 7
- 2) September 17
- 3) August 4
- 4) June 8
- 5) May 18

Answer- **2) September 17**

Explanation:

World Health Organisation's (WHO) World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) is observed annually across the globe on **September 17** to raise awareness about patient's safety and promote actions to enhance safety in healthcare.

- The theme of WPSD 2024 is "**Improving diagnosis for patient safety**" with the slogan "**Get it right, make it safe!**" which emphasises the vital role of accurate and timely diagnosis in safeguarding patients and improving healthcare outcomes.
- The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI) hosted the NABH Patient Safety Conference (NPSC 2024) in New Delhi(Delhi) on World Patient Safety Day, September 17, 2024.
- The first-ever WPSD was observed on **September 17 2019**.[Click here to read more](#)

27. When was the United Nations (UN's) International Equal Pay Day observed across the globe to raise awareness about the gender pay gap?

- 1) August 13
- 2) July 22
- 3) May 25
- 4) June 12
- 5) September 18

Answer- **5) September 18**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN's) **International Equal Pay Day** is annually observed across the globe on **18 September** to raise awareness about the gender pay gap and promote efforts to achieve equal pay for work of equal value.

- **18 September 2024** marks the observance of the **5th** International Equal Pay Day.
- The first-ever International Equal Pay Day was observed on **18 September 2020**.
- According to the ILO, women globally earn **20% less** than men for the same work.
- In **2024, India**, with a population of over 1.4 billion, has closed **64.1%** of its gender gap, ranking **129th** globally.
- The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) Secretariat comprises the ILO, the UN Women (the UN entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- On 18 September 2024, the EPIC Secretariat organised a high-level event "**Pay of the Future: Solutions to Close the gender pay gap**", to celebrate International Equal Pay Day 2024, at the UN Women's Headquarters in New York, the United States of America (USA).[Click here to read more](#)

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

- 1) August 10
- 2) July 26
- 3) June 21
- 4) May 11
- 5) September 18

Answer- **5) September 18**

Explanation:

World Bamboo Day is annually observed across the globe on **18 September** to raise awareness about the incredible benefits of bamboo and emphasise bamboo's role as a sustainable resource with significant environmental, economic, and social impact.

- The annual observance of the Day is led by the World Bamboo Organisation (**WBO**), an international coordinating body for bamboo practitioners.
- 18 September 2024 marks the observance of the **16th World Bamboo Day**.
- In **2009**, during the 8th World Bamboo Congress (WBC) in Bangkok, Thailand, the WBO, with support from the Royal Forest Department (RFD) of Thailand formally recognized 18 September as World Bamboo Day.
- The observance was initiated by **Kamesh Salam** from Assam, who served as the President of the WBO from 2007-2009.
- The 1st World Bamboo Day was celebrated on **18 September 2009** in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The Bamboos (*Bambusoidaea*) is a type of grass, not a tree, despite its woody appearance, and is one of the fastest-growing plants in the world.
- In India, Bamboo covers about 13.96 million hectares' area with 136 species. Though a grass taxonomically, bamboo was defined as a tree under the Indian Forest Act, of 1927.
- During the event, 'Bamboo Entrepreneur Award 2024' was awarded to **Aosanen** from Dimapur for his Bamboo craft and outstanding product innovation. [Click here to read more.](#)

29. When was World Water Monitoring Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) June 18
- 2) July 22
- 3) August 19
- 4) September 18
- 5) May 15

Answer- **4) September 18**

Explanation:

World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) is annually observed across the globe on **18 September**, to raise awareness about the importance of monitoring water quality issues and promote public involvement in protecting water resources.

- WWMD is an international education and outreach program encouraging people to regularly monitor their local water bodies.
- The **2024 theme** for World Water Monitoring is, "**Water For Peace**".
- World Water Monitoring Day (**WWMD**) was established in **2003** by the American Clean Water Foundation (**ACWF**) as a global educational program.

- WWMD is officially celebrated on September 18, but **initially**, the date was **18 October**, honouring the United States of America (**US Clean Water Act**), which was enacted in **1972** by the US Congress to restore and protect the water resources of America.
- The EarthEcho Water Challenge (**EEWC**) is an international program of **EarthEcho International** that runs annually from **March 22** (the United Nations (**UN**) **World Water Day**) through **December**.
- More than 3 billion people worldwide depend on water that flows across national borders.[Click here to read more.](#)

30. When was the First UN's World Cleanup Day observed across the globe?

- 1) September 20
- 2) July 12
- 3) June 14
- 4) May 5
- 5) August 9

Answer- **1) September 20**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**)'s **World Cleanup Day 2024** is annually observed across the globe on **September 20** to raise awareness of the importance of clean-up initiatives in sustainable development.

- **20th September 2024** marks the **first ever** observance of the World Cleanup Day.
- The inaugural event of the observance was held in the city of **Tromsø, Norway** under the **theme "Arctic Cities and Marine Litter"**.
- The event aims to inspire global communities to adopt sustainable practices that protect the arctic regions.
- On 8th December 2024, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/78/122 and proclaimed the 20th September of every year as the World Cleanup Day.
- The **National Solid Waste Management Policy** was introduced by the Maldives in June 2024 with support from the WB-funded Maldives Clean Environment Project.
- **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:** It is also known as the Clean India Mission, which was launched in 2014 to make India cleaner and free of open defecation and litter. [Click here to read more.](#)

31. When was the United Nations (UN's) International Day of Peace (IDP) annually observed across the globe to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and people?

- 1) June 21
- 2) September 21
- 3) July 20
- 4) August 9
- 5) May 15

Answer- **2) September 21**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN's) **International Day of Peace** (IDP) or Peace Day is annually observed across the globe on **21 September** to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

- The 2024 theme of IDP is “**Cultivating a Culture of Peace.**”
- 2024 marks the **25th anniversary** of the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace.
- The World Peace and the IDP are represented with a **dove** and a noble **olive branch** symbol.
- The first IDP was observed on **21 September 1982** (3rd Tuesday of September 1982).
- Every year, the UN holds a **Peace Bell Ceremony** in New York, the United States of America (USA) on September 21st to observe the IDP.
- On **13 September 2024**, the **annual Peace Bell Ceremony** was held in the Japanese Garden at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA. A moment of silence was observed before ringing the Peace Bell.
- IDP 2024 coincides with the **UN Summit of the Future**, focusing on the theme “Cultivating a Culture of Peace,” underscoring the urgent need for unity in the face of escalating conflict.
[Click here to read more.](#)

32. When was World Alzheimer's Day (WAD) annually observed across the globe to raise awareness and challenge the stigma around Alzheimer's disease?

- 1) September 21
- 2) June 25
- 3) July 25
- 4) August 13
- 5) May 22

Answer- **1) September 21**

Explanation:

World Alzheimer's Day (WAD) is annually observed across the globe on **21 September** to raise awareness and challenge the stigma around **Alzheimer's disease**, the most common type of dementia, and other forms of dementia and unite efforts globally to combat the disease and improve care.

- WAD aims to educate people about Alzheimer's disease symptoms, the significance of timely diagnosis and treatments, and promote support for those affected and their caregivers.
- The 2024 World Alzheimer's Month campaign centers around the taglines “**Time to act on dementia, Time to act on Alzheimer's.**”
- World Alzheimer's Day was launched at the opening of ADI's annual conference in Edinburgh, Scotland on **21 September 1994** to celebrate the **10th anniversary of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI).**
- **Alzheimer's disease** is the **most common** cause of **Dementia**, a term used for brain syndromes that impact memory, thinking, behaviour, and emotions, significantly affecting daily functioning and quality of life.
- Alzheimer's disease is **named after Dr. Alois Alzheimer**, a German pathologist who identified an ‘unusual disease of the cerebral cortex’.

- The ADI launched the “[World Alzheimer Report 2024: Global Changes in Attitudes to Dementia](#)” on the eve of World Alzheimer’s Day on 20 September 2024, highlighting the complex and persistent nature of stigma and dementia worldwide. [Click here to read more.](#)

33. International Red Panda Day (IRPD) is annually observed across the globe on _____ to raise awareness about the significance of the Red Panda.

- 1) 1st Sunday of August
- 2) 3rd Saturday of September
- 3) 1st Saturday of July
- 4) 3rd Saturday of August
- 5) 2nd Thursday of June

Answer- 2) 3rd Saturday of September

Explanation:

International Red Panda Day (IRPD) is annually observed across the globe on the **3rd Saturday of September** to raise awareness about the significance of the Red Panda, the 1st Panda, and the only endangered Panda. **IRPD 2024** was observed on **21 September 2024**.

- The day aims to educate people about the conservation of red pandas, and the threats they face in the wild, and encourage people to save them.
- The International Red Panda Day (IRPD) was launched in 2010 by the Red Panda Network (RPN), a non-profit organization, and the world leader in efforts to save red pandas and their habitat. The **1st** IRPD was observed on **18th September 2010**.
- Red Panda, also known as the “*first panda*” or “*original panda*,” is a unique small mammal native to the eastern Himalayas in Nepal, India, Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), and southwestern China.
- The Red Pandas are listed as “**Endangered**” in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.
- In India, it is the state animal of Sikkim, and listed under Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the red panda has the highest legal protection. [Click here to read more.](#)

34. When was the International Coastal Clean-up Day 2024 observed across the globe to raise public awareness about coastal cleanliness?

- 1) 21st September 2024
- 2) 21st August 2024
- 3) 22nd July 2024
- 4) 21st June 2024
- 5) 21st May 2024

Answer- 1) 21st September 2024

Explanation:

International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Day is annually observed across the world on the **3rd Saturday of September** to raise public awareness about coastal cleanliness and the adverse impact of pollution on marine life. **ICC Day 2024** was observed on **21st September 2024**.

- The theme of International Coastal Cleanup Day 2024 is **#SeaTheChange**.

- The **first-ever** International Coastal Cleanup event hosted by Linda Maraniss and Kathy O'Hara, the members of Ocean Conservancy, was observed in **1986** on the west coast of Washington state, the United States of America (USA).
- The Indian Coast Guard (**ICG**) organised the ICC Day 2024 across all coastal states and Union Territories (UT) as part of the government's ongoing 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) conducts **Swachh Sagar Surkashit Sagar**, a mega citizen-led beach clean-up drive in coastal states and UTs of India to mark ICC Day. [Click here to read more.](#)

35. When was World Rivers Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 24th July 2024
- 2) 11th August 2024
- 3) 22nd September 2024
- 4) 19th June 2024
- 5) 14th March 2024

Answer- **3) 22nd September 2024**

Explanation:

World Rivers Day (WRD) is annually observed across the globe on the **4th Sunday of September** to raise awareness about the importance of rivers, encourage the improved protection of all rivers worldwide, and promote their conservation and sustainable management. **WRD 2024** was observed on **22nd September 2024**.

- WRD is a celebration of the world's waterways (streams, creeks, and rivers), highlighting rivers' vital role in providing freshwater, supporting ecosystems, and sustaining human communities.
- The **first WRD** was observed in **2005** across multiple countries.

In India, river cleanups were organised by **Save Jalangi** at Krishnagar Biswarjan Ghat on the banks of the Jalangi River, Krishnanagar, in the Nadia district of West Bengal (WB), and seminar & community awareness programs were also organised in Ranaghat, WB. [Click here to read more.](#)

36. When was World Rhino Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) August 10
- 2) July 29
- 3) June 17
- 4) May 5
- 5) September 22

Answer- **5) September 22**

Explanation:

World Rhino Day is observed annually across the globe on **22 September** to raise awareness about the **Rhinoceros** or Rhino (Rhinocerotidae), one of the oldest groups of mammals, and the urgent need for their conservation.

- The day is observed to spread awareness for all **5 species of rhinos** namely, the Black rhino, and White rhinos in Africa, and the greater one-horned, Sumatran, and Javan rhinos in Asia.
- World Rhino Day was **first** initiated by the Worldwide Fund for Nature (**WWF**) – **South Africa** in **2010**.

- In India, rhinos are primarily found in protected areas in Assam, West Bengal (WB), and Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- According to the [2024 State of the Rhino Report](#) published by the International Rhino Foundation (IRF), currently, fewer than 28,000 rhinos remain worldwide across all 5 species. [Click here to read more.](#)

37. When was World Rose Day also known as the Day for the Welfare of Cancer Patients annually observed across the globe to raise awareness about cancer?

- 1) June 8
- 2) July 28
- 3) September 22
- 4) August 1
- 5) May 26

Answer- **3) September 22**

Explanation:

World Rose Day, also known as the **Day for the Welfare of Cancer Patients**, is annually observed across the globe on **22nd September** to raise awareness about cancer and to demonstrate solidarity with cancer patients and their loved ones.

- The day aims to honour the strength and courage of those battling cancer, bringing happiness, support, and hope to cancer patients and their caregivers.
- The origin of World Rose Day was credited to **Melinda Rose Hathaway**, a 12-year-old Canadian girl diagnosed with **Askin's Tumor**, a rare form of blood cancer in 1994.
- According to the World Health Organisation (**WHO**), Cancer causes 1 in 6 deaths globally, with 20 million new cases and 9.7 million deaths in 2022. By 2050, the cancer burden is expected to rise by 77%.
- According to the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Cancer Registry Programme (**ICMR-NCRP**), the estimated cancer cases in India reached 1,496,972 in 2023, up from 1,461,427 in 2022. [Click here to read more.](#)

38. When was International Day of Sign Languages observed across the globe to support and protect the linguistic identity?

- 1) August 13
- 2) July 7
- 3) June 6
- 4) May 15
- 5) September 23

Answer- **5) September 23**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN's**) **International Day of Sign Languages** (IDSL) is annually observed across the globe on **23 September** to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users worldwide.

- IDSL 2024 is celebrated as part of the **International Week of Deaf People (IWDP) 2024** from 23 to 29 September 2024.
- The 2024 theme of IDSL is, "**Sign up for Sign Language Rights**"

- IDSL recognises the importance of sign languages in the realisation of human rights for deaf people across the globe.
- The date **23 September** commemorates the **establishment** of **WFD** in 1951.
- The first formal sign language was developed in France by **Abbé Charles-Michel de L'Épée**, a French Catholic priest who established the first public school for the deaf in 1755 in Paris, France.
- The colour blue has been used by the WFD since its founding in 1951, and the **Blue Ribbon** has been used as a symbol of deaf communities' work over the centuries for equality in society and recognition of their national sign languages. [Click here to read more.](#)

39. When was World Car-Free Day annually observed across the globe to encourage motorists to take a break from driving and explore alternatives like walking and cycling?

- 1) September 22
- 2) August 10
- 3) July 10
- 4) June 18
- 5) May 23

Answer- **1) September 22**

Explanation:

World Car-Free Day is annually observed in cities across the globe on **22nd September** to encourage motorists to give up their cars for a day. The day also highlights the benefits of going car-free such as reduced air pollution and promotes walking and cycling in a safer environment.

- The **first national car-free campaign** was inaugurated in **Britain** by the Environmental Transport Association (**ETA**) in **1997**.
- An **international Car-Free Day** was organised in **Europe** in **1999**, which was the pilot project for the European Union's (EU) "In Town Without My Car" campaign.
- In **2000**, **Car Busters** (the precursor to World Car-free Network (WCN)) called for a "**World Car-Free Day**," to coincide with Europe's Car-free Day on September 22.
- The main goals of observing WCD are to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions; promote alternative transportation methods; encourage physical activity; and foster community engagement. [Click here to read more.](#)

40. When is National Service Scheme (NSS) Day observed every year in India to commemorate the establishment of NSS in 1969?

- 1) August 29
- 2) July 27
- 3) August 4
- 4) September 24
- 5) June 20

Answer- **4) September 24**

Explanation:

The National Service Scheme (**NSS**) **Day** is annually observed across India on **24 September** to commemorate the establishment of **NSS**, a permanent youth Program under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS).

- 24 September marks the **foundation day** of **NSS** in **1969**. NSS was established to develop the personality and character of young students through voluntary community service.
- NSS Day pays tribute to its founding and to recognise the significant role it has played in shaping the youth of India.
- NSS was formally launched by the then Union Minister Dr. Vijayendra Kasturi Ranga Varadaraja Rao, Ministry of Education (MoE) on **24 September 1969**, in 37 Universities covering all the states.
- The year 1969 commemorated the **birth Centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi**, the Father of the Nation, who was born in 1869. Therefore, 24 September is celebrated every year as NSS Day.
- The idea of the NSS was proposed by Major General **Jagannath Rao Bhonsle**.
- The **Motto** of NSS is “**Not Me But You**”, reflecting the essence of democratic living and upholding the need for selfless service.
- The **NSS symbol** is inspired by the ‘**Rath**’ wheel of the Konark Sun Temple (The Black Pagoda) in Odisha.

41. When is World Pharmacists Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) June 25
- 2) July 26
- 3) August 3
- 4) September 25
- 5) May 26

Answer- **4) September 25**

Explanation:

World Pharmacists Day (**WPD**) is annually observed across the globe on **25 September** to recognise and celebrate pharmacists’ crucial role as drug information specialists and accessible healthcare providers, in building healthier communities worldwide.

- WPD also marks the **anniversary** of the **inception** of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (**FIP**), the global body for pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, and pharmaceutical education, and the World Health Organisation (WHO) partner.
- The theme of WPD 2024 is “**Pharmacists: Meeting global health needs**”.
- **World Pharmacists Day** was proposed in **2009** by the Turkish Pharmacists Association (**TPA**) during the Council meeting at the FIP Congress in Istanbul, Türkiye.
- The **first-ever** WPD was observed on **25th September 2010**.
- On 24 September 2024, on the eve of **WPD 2024**, a high-level symposium on the role of pharmacists in healthcare delivery was jointly organised by the **WHO Regional Office for Europe** and the **FIP** in Copenhagen, Denmark. [Click here to read more.](#)

42. When is Antyodaya Diwas Day annually observed across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya?

- 1) May 19
- 2) June 25
- 3) September 25
- 4) August 20
- 5) July 22

Answer- **3) September 25**

Explanation:

Antyodaya Diwas Day is annually observed across India on **25 September** to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**, a prominent Indian political leader, philosopher, and the former President of the political party Bharatiya Jan Sangh (BJS), the predecessor party of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

- 25 September 2024 marks the **108th** birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- The day emphasises Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's concept of "**Antyodaya**", meaning the rise and development of the last person in society.
- Antyodaya Diwas Day was declared a national observance to commemorate and recognise the efforts and contributions of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- The **1st** Antyodaya Diwas Day was observed on **25 September 2014**.
- During the **1st Antyodaya Diwas Day**, the Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**), re-established **Aajeevika Skills**, a skill development initiative as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya – Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (**DDU-GKY**), part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (**NRLM**). [Click here to read more.](#)

43. When is World Maritime Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) June 5
- 2) September 20
- 3) September 26
- 4) August 30
- 5) June 8

Answer- **3) September 26**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **World Maritime Day** (WMD) is annually observed across the globe on the **last Thursday of September** to celebrate the importance of maritime activities and to recognise the contribution of the maritime industry towards global development.

World Maritime Day 2024 was observed on **26th September 2024**.

- The annual observance of WMD is led by the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)**, a UN-specialised agency which ensures the safety, security, and environmental performance of international shipping.
- The theme of World Maritime Day 2024 is "**Navigating the future: safety first!**".
- The World Maritime Day was **first** celebrated on **17th March 1978**, to mark the date of the IMO Convention's entry into force in **1958**.
- The **2nd World Meteorological Organization (WMO)-IMO Symposium on Extreme Maritime Weather** was organised as a part of the observance of WMD 2024. This aims to find possible solutions to reduce the risks created by extreme maritime weather events. [Click here to read more.](#)

ENVIRONMENT

1. Which of the following cannibal spiders was recently (in August '24) discovered by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) researchers in the Western Ghats?

A) *Mimetus Spinatus*

B) *Mimetus Parvulus*

C) *Mimetus Habrocestum*

1) Only A & B

2) Only B & C

3) Only A & C

4) Only A

5) All A, B & C

Answer- 1) Only A & B

Explanation:

A team of researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered '*Mimetus Spinatus*' and '*Mimetus Parvulus*', two new species of cannibal spiders in the **Western Ghats**, a biodiversity hotspot.

- These species were found in Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary, **Karnataka** and Ernakulam district of **Kerala**.
- The research findings have been published in the **Zootaxa** journal which is published by Magnolia Press, New Zealand.
- ***Mimetus spinatus*** is distinguished by its medium size, dull grey-white abdomen with scattered light green mottling and pale yellow head.
- ***Mimetus Parvulus*** is characterised by its pale creamy-rose head with extensive grey-black mottling and a triangular-shaped, dull grey-white abdomen covered in many tubercles.
- Both Species belong to the spider family '*Mimetidae*', commonly known as pirate or **cannibal spiders** due to their unique predatory behaviour.
- There are now **three species** of *Mimetus* spiders in India; all three were discovered in the southern region of India. The first *Mimetus* spider was found 118 years ago (i.e. *Mimetus indicus*).

2. Name the New species of jumping spider that was recently (in September 2024) identified from the lower Palani hills of Tamil Nadu.

1) *Ligdus Garvale*

2) *Dendrophthoe longensis*

3) *Carrhotus piperus*

4) *Habrocestum swaminathan*

5) *Carrhotus viduus*

Answer- 3) ***Carrhotus piperus***

Explanation:

A new species of jumping spider named '***Carrhotus piperus***' has been discovered in the lower **Palani Hills** in Dindigul District, **Tamil Nadu** (TN). This discovery raises the total number of known *Carrhotus* species in India to **10**, with **37** globally.

- The detailed research findings have been published in the Journal of Insect Biodiversity and Systematics (**JIBS**), an international peer-reviewed journal of Tarbiat Modares University (**TMU**) Press (Tehran, Iran).
- The specific epithet, 'piperus', is derived from the plant's generic name, signifying the spider's distinctive habitat.
- The spider is distinguished from its closely related species by its distinctive prolateral protrusion and beak-shaped embolus.

3. Which species is 'not' one of the six new ginger species that was recently (in September '24) found in West Bengal, Meghalaya, and Mizoram?

- 1) *Globba corniculata*
- 2) *Globba polymorpha*
- 3) *Globba ungmensis*
- 4) *Globba janakiae*
- 5) *Globba paschimbengalensis*

Answer- **3) *Globba ungmensis***

Explanation:

Two scientists Vinita Gowda and Ritu Yadav, from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (**IISER**) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP) have discovered **six new ginger species** in West Bengal (WB), Meghalaya and Mizoram.

- The species are *Globba corniculata*, *Globba paschimbengalensis*, *Globba polymorpha*, *Globba tyrnaensis*, *Globba janakiae*, and *Globba yadaviana*.
- These species are often referred to as dancing girls, dancing lady ginger', weeping goldsmith, snowball, Singapore gold, white dragon, and ruby queen.
- These species belong to the genus '**Globba**', which is known for its ornamental beauty.
- *Globba* is the **fourth-largest** in the ginger family, with approximately 136 species.
- Researchers have discovered a new species of *Curcuma* named '**Curcuma ungmensis**' in Nagaland.

These research details were found in the latest edition of **PhytoKeys** and **Phytotaxa**. [Click here to read more.](#)

4. Name the New Snake Species that was recently (in September '24) discovered in Bihar and Meghalaya.

- 1) *Ahaetulla farnsworthi*
- 2) *Ahaetulla isabellina*
- 3) *Ahaetulla longirostri*
- 4) *Ahaetulla malabarica*
- 5) *Ahaetulla travancorica*

Answer- **3) *Ahaetulla longirostri***

Explanation:

A new snake species with a long-snout named '**Ahaetulla longirostri**' (**long snouted vine snake**) has been discovered in Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR), Bihar and Meghalaya.

- In 2021, the research team discovered a dead 4 feet(ft)- long snake in Bihar. After the Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test and detailed analysis, it was confirmed as a new species.
- The detailed research findings were published in the Journal of **Asia-Pacific Biodiversity**.

- The name is derived from Latin words **longus** and **rostrum** which mean long and snout respectively.
- Long-snouted vine snakes are medium sized which reach up to 4 feet (ft) in length. It has triangular heads tapering into very long snouts taking up roughly 18% of their head length.
- They are bright green or orange brown in colour and typically have **orange bellies**. They inhabit both forested areas and human-dominated environments, such as towns and cities.
- **Southern Birdwing butterfly** (*Troides minos*), India's second largest butterfly species, has been found on the satellite campus of The American College in Madurai district of **Tamil Nadu** (TN). It is listed as **Least Concern** on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**) **Red List**.
- A group of researchers from Dodamarg have discovered a new **Myristica swamp forest** in Kumbral, **Maharashtra**. The findings have been published in the **Journal of Threatened Taxa**. [Click here to read more.](#)

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Which ministry has recently (in September 2024) launched the new Notary Portal which facilitates an online interface between the notaries and the Government for different services?

- 1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 2) Ministry of Law and Justice
- 3) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 4) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 5) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer- 2) Ministry of Law and Justice

Explanation:

On 3rd September 2024, Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge-IC) **Arjun Ram Meghwal**, Ministry of Law and Justice (**MoL&J**), launched the new **Notary Portal**

(<https://notary.gov.in/>) in function organised by Department of Law and Justice (**DoL&J**) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The Notary Portal facilitates an **online interface** between the notaries and the Government for different services like submission of applications for appointment as notaries, issuance and renewal of Certificates of Practice (CoP), change of practice area, submission of annual returns, among others.
- The portal removes the requirement of submitting applications/requests in physical mode by the Central Notaries.
- They can submit their applications online; track its progress; and download digitally signed CoP from their digilocker accounts.
- It was launched in association with the National Informatics Centre (**NIC**). It is designed and developed with different modules which will be rolled out in phases.

2. Name the e-platform that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) to enhance international trade opportunities for Indian exporters.

- 1) TRACE
- 2) Trade Connect
- 3) NERACE
- 4) eSwasthya Dham
- 5) eSankhyiki

Answer- 2) Trade Connect

Explanation:

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) launched [Trade Connect e-Platform](#) to enhance international trade opportunities for Indian exporters, particularly Medium, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- It is developed by a collaboration of key partners including the Ministry of MSME, Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank), Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance (MoF), and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- The platform aims to boost India's global market share and offer Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) benefits to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

3. Name the mobile app that was recently (in September '24) launched at Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) for the needs of the ornamental fisheries sector.

- 1) Saaṛthi (SAARTHI) 2.0
- 2) NERACE
- 3) Lokpath
- 4) Rangeen Machhli
- 5) Bhooskhalan

Answer- 4) Rangeen Machhli

Explanation:

On 12th September 2024, Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD), launched the **Rangeen Machhli mobile app** at Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

- It is developed by ICAR-CIFA with support from the [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana \(PMMSY\)](#).
- The app will support the ornamental fisheries sector by providing vital knowledge resources to hobbyists, aquarium shop owners, and fish farmers.
- It provides multilingual information on popular ornamental fish in **8 Indian languages** featuring educational modules for beginners and professionals in the ornamental fish industry.
- The app also includes a **Find Aquarium Shops** tool with a dynamic directory updated by shop owners.

4. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched a web portal for monitoring the progress of Special Campaign 4.0 for Swachhata and reducing pendency?

- 1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 5) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer- **5) Ministry of Science and Technology**

Explanation:

Union Minister of State (**MoS**) (Independent Charge, **IC**) **Jitendra Singh**, Ministry of Science and Technology (**MoS&T**) has virtually launched a [web-portal](#) for monitoring progress of **Special Campaign 4.0** for Swachhata and reducing pendency.

- The launch event was attended by all Nodal Officers for Special Campaign 4.0, Nodal Officers of Public Grievances and Appellate Authorities in all 84 Ministries/Departments of the Government of India (GoI).
- The Special campaign 4.0 is scheduled to be held from 2nd to 31st October, 2024 and will be preceded by preliminary phase from 16th to 30th September, 2024.
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (**DARPG**), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions(MoPP&P) will coordinate the campaign and the best practices will be presented during the Good Governance Week 2024 from 19th to 24th December, 2024.

5. Name the portal that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I) to boost India's startup ecosystem.

- 1) SIDH
- 2) BHASKAR
- 3) U-WIN
- 4) PRAVAAH
- 5) NERACE

Answer- **2) BHASKAR**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoC&I**) has launched the 'Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (**BHASKAR** – Rising Sun) Portal' in New Delhi, Delhi to boost India's startup ecosystem.

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), MoC&I through its flagship program '**Startup India**', hosted the launch event of BHASKAR portal.
- BHASKAR Portal is a **one-stop digital platform** for data dissemination, exchange, and interaction for the startup ecosystem, using simple, easy-to-use connectivity and technology to navigate the growth and success of the startup ecosystem across India and beyond.
- The objective of BHASKAR is to build the **world's largest digital registry** for stakeholders within the startup ecosystem.

6. In September 2024, the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) launched a website with technical terms in _____ languages.

- 1) Twenty
- 2) Eight
- 3) Twelve
- 4) Twenty-Two
- 5) Fifteen

Answer- 4) Twenty-Two

Explanation:

The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) under the Department of Higher Education (DoHE), Ministry of Education (MoE), has launched a unique website '<https://shabd.education.gov.in/>', which serves as a central repository for technical terms in all **22 official Indian languages**.

- The portal is a data server that features all the glossaries of CSTT in digital searchable mode. Currently, it hosts 322 glossaries with around 2,200,000 words. The goal is to eventually make 450 glossaries available.
- Through this platform, users can search for equivalent terms of scientific and technical terminology in Indian languages and provide feedback on existing translations.

7. Name the online platform that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to facilitate a direct and transparent channel to address trade and industry-related issues.

- 1) e-Sakshya
- 2) Upasthiti
- 3) Jan Sunwai
- 4) Saksham
- 5) JanSamarth

Answer- 3) Jan Sunwai

Explanation:

On 13th September 2024, Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), chaired the **3rd** meeting of the reconstituted Board of Trade (**BoT**) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- During the BoT meeting, he launched two new digital initiatives: **Jan Sunwai** portal and **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)**, new online service portal of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC).
- Jan Sunwai Portal is an online platform of DoC, which will be run by the DGFT. It is designed specifically to streamline communication between stakeholders and authorities.
- ERP Portal will streamline all online services offered under ECGC such as filling forms, claims, reimbursements, grievance redressal, policy information, credit support, among others.
- ERP Portal will enable the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sectors to avail 90% insurance cover credit limit up to Rs 80 crore.
- Other than ERP portal, a revamped in-house **SMILE-ERP** system was also launched. [Click here to read more](#)

8. Which online travel platform has recently (in September '24) introduced India's First Travel Services Marketplace on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) Network?

- 1) Airbnb
- 2) MakeMyTrip
- 3) TripAdvisor
- 4) CheckMyTrip
- 5) EaseMyTrip

Answer- **5) EaseMyTrip**

Explanation:

New Delhi (Delhi) based **EaseMyTrip**, online travel platform in India, has introduced **ScanMyTrip.com, India's First** Travel Services Marketplace on Open Network for Digital Commerce **(ONDC) Network.**

- EaseMyTrip has become the **first** Online Travel Agency (**OTA**) to sell and purchase travel services through the ONDC platform.
- ScanMyTrip.com aims to empower OTAs, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), travel agents, and homestays by allowing them to list their services on the ONDC network, connecting them to a wide digital marketplace.
- In May 2024, EaseMyTrip signed a Letter of Intent (**LoI**) with ONDC at the '**ONDC Startup Mahotsav**,' demonstrating their commitment to the digital changes that ONDC is bringing to e-commerce.

9. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched the official website for 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 4) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer- **4) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

Explanation:

The Union Minister **Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia**, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (**MoDoNER**) has launched the [official website](#) for '**Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav**' at Sanchar Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The website will serve as a one-stop platform, where users will get all the updates about event, schedules and participation details.
- Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav is scheduled to be held from 6th to 8th December 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, Delhi.
- The festival is a perfect blend of fashions, culture, and business, which has drawn inspiration from 8 North-East (NE) – Arunachal Pradesh (AR), Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.
- All these 8 states are collectively known as the "Ashtalakshmi", representing 8 forms of prosperity.

10. Which ministry recently (in September '24) launched 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' mobile application which allows users to plant a tree in honour of their mothers, at the National Media Centre (NMC) in New Delhi, Delhi?

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

Answer- 1) Ministry of Communications

Explanation:

On 23rd September 2024, **Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, Ministry of Communications (MoC), and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) launched the '[Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam](#)' mobile application (app) at the National Media Centre (NMC) in New Delhi(Delhi).

- This user-friendly app is a unique platform that allows users to plant a tree in honour of their mothers, contributing to environmental sustainability and a greener planet.
- The Government of India (**GoI**) launched **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**, a nationwide **tree-plantation campaign** on 5 June 2024 to commemorate **World Environment Day (WED)**.
- The campaign was launched to tackle global warming by promoting large-scale tree planting, to protect the environment and nature.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. Who is the current (As of August '24) President of Moody's Ratings?

- 1) Fernando Arias
- 2) Michael West
- 3) Grethel Aguilar
- 4) Mathias Jonas
- 5) Alvaro Lario

Answer- 2) Michael West

Explanation:

About Moody's Ratings:

President- Michael West

Headquarters- New York, the United States of America (USA)

Founded – 1909

2. In Which year, the Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) was established?

- 1) 1975
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2004
- 4) 1987
- 5) 1999

Answer-5) 1999

Explanation:

About the Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL):

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) – Nehal Vora

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established – 1999

3. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has celebrated its ____ Foundation Day on 2nd September 2024.

- 1) 5th
- 2) 6th
- 3) 7th
- 4) 8th
- 5) 9th

Answer- **3) 7th**

Explanation:

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has celebrated its **7th** Foundation Day on 2nd September 2024.

About India Post Payments Bank-

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) – R. Viswesvaran

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment – 2018

Tagline – Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar

4. Which bank has recently (in September '24) signed a MoU with the Department of Posts, Tamil Nadu postal circle to provide registered post services?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) Yes Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) Karur Vysya Bank

Answer- **4) HDFC Bank**

Explanation:

The **Department of Posts**, Tamil Nadu postal circle, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **HDFC Bank** to provide registered post services specifically designed for bulk customers.

- It aims to enhance the efficiency of handling high-volume Registered post mails thereby providing superior service to major organisations across the country.

5. Which company has recently (in August '24) had a partnership with agritech platform 'Gramophone' to enable agricultural inputs and credit access for 2 million farmers in India?

- 1) Discover
- 2) Capital One
- 3) Mastercard
- 4) Visa
- 5) American Express

Answer- **3) Mastercard**

Explanation:

Mastercard has partnered with **Gramophone**, an agritech platform, to provide **2 million** smallholder farmers with access to agricultural inputs on the Mastercard Community Pass platform in India.

- It aims to facilitate offline payments for farmers in rural and remote areas through the Community Pass financial inclusion card.
- Gramophone also plans to enable its existing 5,00,000 farmers with offline payment options and credit facilities.
- This initiative is designed to support rural transactions, increase income, and expand digital resources in agriculture.

6. In September 2024, Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app partnered with _____ (fintech company) to offer prepaid mobile phone recharge services on the platform.

- 1) Fiserv
- 2) REPAY
- 3) Infibeam Avenue
- 4) Comviva
- 5) Zeta

Answer- 3) Infibeam Avenue

Explanation:

On 4th September 2024, Fintech company **Infibeam Avenues Limited** partnered with India's Bharat Interface for Money (**BHIM) app** to let users recharge their prepaid mobile phones directly through the platform. This new feature adds to BHIM's existing service of post-paid mobile bill payments, making it more convenient for millions of users.

- The partnership is powered by BillAvenue, Infibeam's utility payment platform, and also involves integrating BHIM as a payment option within Infibeam's CCAvenue Payment Gateway.
- BHIM will now be a featured payment method for the many merchants using CCAvenue, simplifying payments for both BHIM users and merchants.

7. Which healthtech company has recently (in September '24) had partnership with the Development Bank of Singapore Limited (DBS) Bank India to strengthen cybersecurity for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)?

- 1) Visit
- 2) Onsurety
- 3) SecureNow
- 4) Paz Care
- 5) Riskcovry

Answer- 2) Onsurety

Explanation:

On 4th September 2024, Bengaluru-based employee healthtech company, **Onsurety**, partnered with Development Bank of Singapore Limited (**DBS) Bank India** to offer CyberSure, a comprehensive **cyber protection plan** tailored for owners of **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** across India.

- Onsurety is focused on bringing healthcare benefits to India's SMEs, start-ups, and large enterprises. Onsurety's Cyber Insurance is designed to provide SME businesses with robust protection against online threats.

- SMEs often lack the resources and expertise to implement robust digital protection measures. CyberSure offers a suite of value-added benefits, with a sum insured of Rs 10,000 per customer. DBS Bank India will cover the cost of the first month for 10,000 eligible SME owners.

8. In Which year, Yes Bank was established?

- 1) 2000
- 2) 2002
- 3) 2004
- 4) 2010
- 5) 2012

Answer- **3) 2004**

Explanation:

About Yes Bank Limited:

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

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established – 2004

9. When was Axis Bank Limited established?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1992
- 3) 1993
- 4) 1996
- 5) 1998

Answer- **3) 1993**

Explanation:

About Axis Bank Limited:

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

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline– Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

Establishment– 1993

10. Who is the current (as of September '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank Of India (BOI)?

- 1) Matam Venkata Rao
- 2) Rajneesh Karnatak
- 3) Nidhu Saxena
- 4) Shanti Lal Jain
- 5) Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer- **2) Rajneesh Karnatak**

Explanation:

About the Bank Of India (BOI):

Managing Director (**MD**) & Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)- Rajneesh Karnatak

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established– 1906

Tagline– Relationship Beyond Banking

11. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

- 1) Rajnish Kumar
- 2) Sanjay Agarwal
- 3) Ramesh Babu
- 4) Rajesh Bansal
- 5) Ashwani Kumar

Answer- **4) Rajesh Bansal**

Explanation:

About the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH):

RBIH was established in 2021 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), focused on promoting innovation in the financial sector.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Rajesh Bansal

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

12. Which small finance bank has recently (in September '24) partnered with the fintech platform 'Tarakki' to develop and offer digital fixed deposits?

- 1) AU Small Finance Bank
- 2) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- 3) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 4) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- 5) ESAF Small Finance Bank

Answer- **2) Suryoday Small Finance Bank**

Explanation:

Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has partnered with **Tarrakki**, a fintech platform, to develop and offer digital fixed deposits.

- Through this relationship, Tarrakki will assist in developing tech products that surpass older systems, allowing SSFB to swiftly onboard new customers and offer digital fixed deposit products.

This collaboration will take the shape of software development kits (SDKs) and white-label services.

13. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of New Development Bank (NDB)?

- 1) Ajay Banga
- 2) Nadia Calviño
- 3) Vikash Sharma
- 4) Dilma Rousseff
- 5) Piyush Gupta

Answer- **4) Dilma Rousseff**

Explanation:

About the New Development Bank (NDB):

President– Dilma Rousseff

Headquarters– Shanghai, China

Established– 2015

14. Which bank has recently (in August '24) launched a new design for its FASTag which aims to reduce the travel time for commuters?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) HDFC Bank

Answer- 3) State Bank of India

Explanation:

On 30th August 2024, State Bank of India (SBI) launched a new design for **SBI FASTag** in the **Vehicle Class (VC-04)** category. The advanced FASTag design enhances vehicle identification and toll collection efficiency to reduce travel time for millions of commuters in India.

- New FASTag design is launched for Vehicle Class-4(Car, Jeep, Van) which will help toll plaza operators to identify wrong issuance comfortably.
- The tag can be acquired from tag issuers, and if tied to a prepaid account, it must be recharged or topped up as needed.

15. Who is the current (as of September '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Union Bank of India(UBI)?

- 1) A. Manimekhalai
- 2) Rajneesh Karnatak
- 3) Shanti Lal Jain
- 4) N. Kamakodi
- 5) Harsha Bangari

Answer- 1) A. Manimekhalai

Explanation:

About Union Bank of India(UBI):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- A. Manimekhalai

Establishment- 1919

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Good people to bank with

16. Who is the current (as of September '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited (ITGI)?

- 1) Debasish Panda
- 2) Siddhartha Mohanty
- 3) Subrata Mondal
- 4) Michael Debabrata Patra
- 5) Rakesh Kapur

Answer- 3) Subrata Mondal

Explanation:

About IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited (ITGI):

IFFCO-Tokio General Insurance Company Limited is a 51:49 Joint Venture (JV) between the Indian Farmers Fertilisers Co-operative (IFFCO) and Japan's Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.

MD & CEO- Subrata Mondal

Chairman – Rakesh Kapur

Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana

Incorporated – 2000

17. Which company has recently (in September '24) entered into the life insurance sector with the launch of its Flexi Term Life Insurance Plan?

- 1) Northern Arc Capital Limited
- 2) Kaleidofin Private Limited
- 3) Lendingkart Technologies Private Limited
- 4) DMI Finance Private Limited
- 5) ACKO Technology and Services Private Limited

Answer- 5) ACKO Technology and Services Private Limited

Explanation:

On 9th September 2024, **ACKO** Technology and Services Private Limited, the parent company of ACKO General Insurance, announced its expansion into the life insurance sector with the launch of ACKO Life Insurance. The company's debut offering is **ACKO Flexi Term Life Insurance Plan**.

- The company aims to become a one-stop destination for all protection needs. The plan provides comprehensive coverage, offering customers financial protection throughout their lives, it said in a statement.
- As per the company, the plan provides the option to modify the policy duration to fit life goals, whether for short-term or long-term protection.

18. The Union Ministry of Finance has recently (in September '24) approved the proposals of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) to cumulatively raise Rs _____ through Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) in 2024-25.

- 1) 10,000 crores
- 2) 20,000 crores
- 3) 30,000 crores
- 4) 40,000 crores
- 5) 50,000 crores

Answer- 1) 10,000 crores

Explanation:

The Union Ministry of Finance (MoF) has approved the proposals of Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) and Bank of Maharashtra (**BOM**) to cumulatively raise **Rs 10,000 crore** through qualified institutional placement (QIP) in 2024-25.

- MoF gave the approval for PNB and BOM to raise Rs 5,000 crore each through QIP in FY25.
- The annual general meetings (AGMS) of PNB and BOM had earlier approved raising Rs 7,500 crore each by selling shares via QIP or follow-on public offer (FPO) in FY25.

19. Max Ventures Investment Holdings divested a _____ stake in Max Financial Services Limited for Rs 1,218 crore through an open market transaction.

- 1) 2.14%
- 2) 2.48%
- 3) 3.18%
- 4) 3.68%

5) 4.16%

Answer- **3) 3.18%**

Explanation:

On 5th September 2024, **Max Ventures Investment Holdings**, a promoter entity of Max Financial Services Limited (MFSL), divested a **3.18%** stake in MFSL for Rs 1,218 crore through an open market transaction. MFSL, a part of the Max Group, is the holding company for Max Life Insurance.

- The shares were disposed of at an average price of Rs 1,107.37 apiece, taking the transaction value to Rs 1,218.11 crore.
- After the latest transaction, the combined shareholding of promoters in MFSL has declined to 3.34 per cent from 6.52 per cent.

20. According to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs's new rules, approval from the _____ will be needed in advance upon the merger of a foreign company incorporated outside India with a wholly-owned subsidiary (WOS).

- 1) National Company Law Tribunal
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Competition Commission of India
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) International Financial Services Centres Authority

Answer- **4) Reserve Bank of India**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** (MCA) has amended certain rules governing mergers under the company's law and amalgamations involving a foreign holding company and its wholly-owned Indian subsidiary will now require prior **Reserve Bank of India(RBI)** approval.

- The amendments have been made to the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements, and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016, specifying that both the foreign transferor company and the Indian transferee company must comply with these new requirements.
- In addition to obtaining RBI approval, the transferee Indian company must also adhere to the provisions of Section 233 of the Companies Act, 2013, which outlines the process for mergers and amalgamations.
- The updated regulations emphasise that the application for mergers must be submitted under Section 233 of the Companies Act, reinforcing the need for legal and regulatory oversight in cases involving cross-border mergers.

21. Which housing finance company has recently (in September '24) offered an IPO (Initial Public Offer)?

- 1) Muthoot Housing Finance Company Limited
- 2) Nivara Home Finance Limited
- 3) Shriram Housing Finance Limited
- 4) Manappuram Home Finance Limited
- 5) Bajaj Housing Finance Limited

Answer- **5) Bajaj Housing Finance Limited**

Explanation:

In September 2024, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited listed its shares through an **IPO (Initial Public Offer)**.

- Its shares opened at Rs 150 on both the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the National Stock Exchange (NSE), significantly higher than the issue price of Rs 70/per share.
- The initial public offering (IPO) of Bajaj Housing Finance, which raised Rs 6,560 crore, has become the largest IPO in 2024.

22. Who is the current (as of September '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RBL Bank Limited?

- 1) Nidhu Saxena
- 2) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 3) Shyam Srinivasan
- 4) V. Vaidyanathan
- 5) R Subramaniakumar

Answer- **5) R Subramaniakumar**

Explanation:

About the RBL Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- R Subramaniakumar

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1943

Tagline- apno ka bank

23. Who has resigned from Standard Chartered Bank as the Managing Director in July 2024?

- 1) Shyam Srinivasan
- 2) Sanjeev Mehta
- 3) Prashant Binani
- 4) Pralay Mondal
- 5) Zarin Daruwala

Answer- **2) Sanjeev Mehta**

Explanation:

Sanjeev Mehta resigned from Standard Chartered Bank as the Managing Director and Head of Transaction Banking Sales for Corporate, Commercial, and Institutional Banking in South Asia in July 2024.

- He is planning to launch a greenfield venture.

24. Which company partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited has recently (in September '24) launched the 'SUPER STAR' a personalised long-term health insurance plan?

- 1) Insurancedekho
- 2) Acko
- 3) Cars24
- 4) Insurancemarket
- 5) Policybazaar

Answer- **5) Policybazaar**

Explanation:

On 13th September 2024, **Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited** (Star Health Insurance) and **Policybazaar** launched the '**SUPER STAR**', a personalised long-term health insurance plan

- It is customer-centric in nature with an objective of delivering greater customer value. The long-term 5-year policy term for individuals and families alike.
- The Super Star Insurance plan marks a paradigm shift in the health insurance landscape by offering modular coverage that adapts to customers' needs through different life stages.
- SUPER STAR is a digital-only product available through the Policybazaar website and Star Health's online portal.

25. In September 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed securities funded through cash collateral to be considered as _____ for the Margin Trading Facility (MTF).

- 1) Maintenance Margin
- 2) Initial Margin
- 3) Variation Margin
- 4) Margin Call
- 5) Final Margin

Answer- **1) Maintenance Margin**

Explanation:

In September 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) allowed securities funded through cash collateral to be considered as **Maintenance Margin** for the **Margin Trading Facility (MTF)**.

- According to the updated guidelines, if a broker receives cash collateral from a client and uses it to settle obligations with the Clearing Corporation (CC), the securities received from the CC can be treated as maintenance margin. The only condition is that these securities must be pledged in favor of the broker.
- This update is expected to reduce the need for additional collateral, making things simpler for both brokers and clients.
- For stocks used as maintenance margin based on cash collateral, SEBI has specified that they must come from Group 1 securities. The margin for these stocks will be calculated based on the Value at Risk (VaR), plus five times the Extreme Loss Margin, regardless of whether these stocks are available in the futures and options segment.
- Additionally, the regulator has asked trading members to report their exposure under MTF by 6:00 PM on T+1 day (the day after the trade date).

26. Which Information Technology (IT) firm has been recently (in September '24) selected by the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to develop its next-generation digital platform?

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

Answer- **5) Infosys**