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44. Which payment company has recently (in August' 24) received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)?

- 1) KreditBee
- 2) Acko
- 3) Billdesk
- 4) Slice
- 5) One Card

Answer- **4) Slice**

Explanation:

Consumer payments and lending company **Slice** has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (**NCLT**) for its merger with **North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)**.

- The NCLT Guwahati bench has sanctioned the scheme of arrangement and amalgamation involving Garagepreneurs Internet Pvt Ltd, Quadrillion Finance Pvt Ltd, Intergalactory Foundry Pvt Ltd, RGVN (North East) Microfinance Ltd, and North East Small Finance Bank,

45. Which company along with SBI Foundation has recently (in August' 24) announced the launch of the 'Innovators for Bharat' portfolio, supporting 9 agricultural startups with equity seed funding?

- 1) Ennovent
- 2) UnLtd India
- 3) Deshpande Foundation
- 4) Upaya Social Ventures
- 5) Villgro

Answer- **5) Villgro**

Explanation:

SBI Foundation and **Villgro** have announced the launch of the '**Innovators for Bharat**' portfolio, supporting **9 agricultural startups** with equity seed funding.

- The initiative is part of SBI Foundation's SBIF LEAP program and aims to address critical agricultural challenges in India.
- The initiative plans to impact 10,000 farmers by increasing their livelihoods and incomes, converting 60,000 acres to sustainable cultivation, and reducing CO2 emissions by 15,000 tonnes.

46. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the RBL Bank Limited?

- 1) Nidhu Saxena
- 2) N. Kamakodi
- 3) Shanti Lal Jain
- 4) R Subramaniakumar
- 5) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Answer- 4) **R Subramaniakumar**

Explanation:

About RBL Bank Limited:

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

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline– Apno ka Bank

Establishment– 1943

47. Where is the headquarters of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) situated?

- 1) Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- 3) **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

SIDBI, established on 2nd April 1990 under an Act of Indian Parliament, acts as the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector.

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)– Manoj Mittal

Headquarters– Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

48. In Which year, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) was established?

- 1) 2001
- 2) 2010
- 3) 2008
- 4) 2012
- 5) 2015

Answer- 3) **2008**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

NPCI regulates the retail payment and settlement system in India. It was launched as a joint initiative of RBI and India Banks' Association (IBA).

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

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 2008

49. Which company has recently (in August' 24) announced that it will sell its entertainment ticketing business to Zomato for Rs. 2,048 crore?

- 1) Paytm
- 2) Google Pay
- 3) Razorpay
- 4) PhonePe

5) Amazon Pay

Answer- **1) Paytm**

Explanation:

One 97 Communications Limited, which owns the **Paytm** brand, announced that it will sell its **entertainment ticketing** business to **Zomato** for **Rs.2,048 crore**.

- Entertainment ticketing business, including movies, sports, and events, will be available on the Paytm app during a transition period of up to 12 months.

50. Which Payment Bank has recently (in August '24) launched the AI-powered facial recognition feature 'Face Match'?

1) Paytm Payments Bank

2) Airtel Payments Bank

3) Fino Payments Bank

4) Jio Payments Bank

5) NSDL Payments Bank

Answer- **2) Airtel Payments Bank**

Explanation:

Airtel Payments Bank launched **'Face Match'**, a new security feature that makes use of AI to enhance account security.

- The feature uses advanced machine learning algorithms to assess potential threats and activate facial recognition verification when necessary.
- The Face Match feature works by analysing various factors, including user behaviour, transactions patterns, location data, and device location to verify the user.

51. Which security firm was recently (in August '24) fined Rs 11 lakh by the Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI) for violating stock broker regulations?

1) ICICI Securities

2) HDFC Securities

3) Axis Securities

4) IIFL Securities

5) Kotak Securities

Answer- **4) IIFL Securities**

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India(**SEBI**) has imposed a penalty of **Rs 11 lakh** on **IIFL Securities** for violating stock broker regulations

- The fine follows an inspection conducted from Aug 18 to Aug. 25, 2022, which reviewed IIFL Securities' compliance from April 1 to July 31 of that year itself.
- The penalty comprises Rs 9 lakh under the SEBI Act and Rs 2 lakh under the Securities Cont

52. Which bank has recently (in August '24) partnered with 'MediBuddy' to provide exclusive healthcare benefits to its employees?

1) Punjab & Sind Bank

2) Bank of Baroda

3) Central Bank of India

4) Canara Bank

5) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer-2) **Bank of Baroda**

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda has partnered with **MediBuddy**, a digital healthcare platform, to provide exclusive healthcare benefits to its employees.

- It intends to provide employees with thorough annual health examinations using MediBuddy's large healthcare network.

53. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director and Chief Executive Director (MD & CEO) of IndusInd Bank?

- 1) Sumant Kathpalia
- 2) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 3) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 4) Atul Kumar Goel
- 5) Ashwani Kumar

Answer- **1) Sumant Kathpalia**

Explanation:

About IndusInd Bank Limited:

Managing Director and Chief Executive Director (**MD & CEO**) – Sumant Kathpalia

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established – 1994

Tagline – We Make You Feel Richer

54. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of LIC Housing Finance Limited (LIC HFL)?

- 1) B. Ramesh Babu
- 2) V. Vaidyanathan
- 3) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 4) Baldev Prakash
- 5) T. Adhikari

Answer- **5) T. Adhikari**

Explanation:

About LIC Housing Finance Limited (LIC HFL):

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (**MD & CEO**) – T. Adhikari

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated – 1989

55. In Which year, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) was established?

- 1) 1992
- 2) 1995
- 3) 1998
- 4) 1991
- 5) 1996

Answer- **1) 1992**

Explanation:

About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

Chairman- Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1992

56. Where is the headquarters of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited situated?

- 1) Thrissur, Kerala
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

About AU Small Finance Bank Limited:

MD & CEO – Sanjay Agarwal

Headquarters- Jaipur, Rajasthan

Tagline- Badlaav Humse Hai!

Established- 1996

57. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BharatPe?

- 1) Nalin Negi
- 2) Hitesh Kumar Sethia
- 3) Kashinath Hariharan
- 4) Anand Dubey
- 5) Sameer Nigam

Answer- 1) Nalin Negi

Explanation:

About BharatPe:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Nalin Negi

Headquarters – New Delhi, India

Founded – 2018

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

- 1) Rajneesh Karnatak
- 2) Nidhu Saxena
- 3) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 4) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 5) Shanti Lal Jain

Answer- 3) Amitabh Chaudhry

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

59. Which institute has recently (in August' 24) collaborated with ESAF Small Finance Bank to expand the ESAF Balajyothi Financial Education curriculum?

- 1) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune
- 2) Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode
- 3) All India Institutes of Medical Science, Delhi
- 4) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- 5) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Answer- 2) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode

Explanation:

ESAF Small Finance Bank has collaborated with the Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (**IIMK**) to expand the **ESAF Balajyothi Financial Education curriculum**.

- Targeting children in the critical age group of 10-12 years, this innovative curriculum aims to inculcate financial discipline through participatory theatre and other creative methods, laying a strong foundation for healthy financial behaviours in future generations.

60. Name the Indian Businessman who has been recently (in August '24) barred from the securities market by the Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI).

- 1) Mehul Choksi
- 2) Naresh Goyal
- 3) Anil Ambani
- 4) Subrata Roy
- 5) Venugopal Dhoot

Answer- 3) Anil Ambani

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has banned Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) chairman **Anil Ambani** and 24 other entities, including former key managerial personnel (KMPs) of Reliance Home Finance Ltd (RHFL), from the securities market for five years for diversion of funds from the company.

- SEBI has also imposed a penalty of **Rs 25 crore** on Anil Ambani.

61. Where is the headquarters of the Bandhan Bank Limited situated?

- 1) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Jalandhar, Punjab

Answer- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

About Bandhan Bank Limited:

Managing Director (**MD**) & Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) (Interim) – Ratan Kumar Kesh

Headquarters- Kolkata, West Bengal(WB)

Tagline- Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai

Established- 2015

62. In Which year, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) was established?

- 1) 1947
- 2) 1958
- 3) 1966
- 4) 1984
- 5) 1991

Answer- 3) 1966

Explanation:

About the Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President– Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters– Manila, Philippines

Members – 68

Established – 1966

63. Who is the current (As of August '24) Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (TALIC)?

- 1) R Subramaniakumar
- 2) Govind Singh
- 3) R. Viswesvaran
- 4) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 5) Venkatachalam H

Answer- 5) Venkatachalam H

Explanation:

About Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (TALIC):

Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Venkatachalam H

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established – April 1, 2001

64. Which fintech company has recently (in August '24) received approval from the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to operate as a customer operating unit (COU)?

- 1) Pine Labs
- 2) Zeta
- 3) MoneyTap
- 4) Mswipe
- 5) Cred

Answer- 5) Cred

Explanation:

Fintech firm **Cred** has received approval from the **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** to operate as a **customer operating unit (COU)**.

- COU certification will enable the firm to partner with large billers and banks to come on board BBPS.
- Developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), BBPS is a unified platform that facilitates all forms of bill payments across India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently mandated that all credit card bill payments made through third-party applications like Cred must be routed through BBPS.

65. Which bank has recently (in August '24) partnered with a banking technology firm 'Zeta' to launch a credit line on UPI (CLOU)?

- 1) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- 2) IndusInd Bank
- 3) City Union Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) Federal Bank

Answer- **4) HDFC Bank**

Explanation:

Zeta, a banking technology firm, partners with **HDFC Bank** to power its credit line on UPI (CLOU) offerings.

- A **credit line in UPI** refers to a pre-approved amount of credit that a bank offers to its customers. This credit line allows customers to make transactions or payments even if they don't have sufficient funds in their bank account at that moment.
- It's essentially a short-term loan or credit limit that the bank provides to the customer with applicable fees or interest.

66. Bank of Baroda(BoB) raises Rs. 5,000 Crore through 10-year Infrastructure bonds with _____ Interest Rate.

- 1) 3.7%
- 2) 6.7%
- 3) 6.3%
- 4) 7.3%
- 5) 7.4%

Answer- **4) 7.3%**

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda (BoB) had raised **Rs 5,000 crore** through 10-year infrastructure bonds at a coupon rate of **7.3%**. **CRISIL** Ratings rated BoB's bond offering **AAA**. The basic issue amount was Rs 2,000 crore, with a greenshoe option of Rs 3,000 crore. Investors purchased the whole issuance.

- Infrastructure bonds, exempt from regulatory reserve requirements like the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) and Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR), are highly attractive for banks.
- Future infrastructure bond issues are anticipated to have cut-off rates ranging from 7.3% to 7.35% for **state-owned banks** and from 7.35% to 7.4% for **private banks**.

67. In Which year, the State Bank of India (SBI) was founded?

- 1) 1945
- 2) 1954
- 3) 1955
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1965

Answer- **3) 1955**

Explanation:

About State Bank of India(SBI):

Chairman- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (with effect from 28th August 2024)

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tag line-“The Banker to Every Indian”

Founded in- 1st July 1955

68. State Bank of India (SBI) raised Rs. 7,500 Crore through 1st Basel III compliant Tier 2 bond issuance for the Financial Year 2023-24(FY24) at _____ coupon rate.

- 1) 7.20%
- 2) 7.35%
- 3) 7.42%
- 4) 7.50%
- 5) 7.52%

Answer- **3) 7.42%**

Explanation:

State Bank of India (SBI) had raised Rs 7,500 crore at a coupon rate of **7.42%** through its first Basel III compliant Tier 2 bond issuance for the Financial Year 2023-24(FY24). The bonds are issued for a tenor of 15 years, with call option after 10 years and each anniversary date thereafter.

69. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Yes Bank Limited?

- 1) V. Vaidyanathan
- 2) Sanjiv Chadha
- 3) N.S. Srinath
- 4) Prashant Kumar
- 5) Dinesh Kumar Khara

Answer- **4) Prashant Kumar**

Explanation:

About Yes Bank Limited:

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

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Experience our expertise

Established- 2004

70. When was HDFC Bank Limited established?

- 1) 1964
- 2) 1976
- 3) 1990
- 4) 1994
- 5) 1995

Answer- **4) 1994**

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank Limited:

Managing Director **(MD)** & Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)** - Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline – We Understand Your World

Established – 1994

71. Where is the headquarters of the ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) situated?

- 1) Jalandhar, Punjab
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Thrissur, Kerala
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer- **4) Thrissur, Kerala**

Explanation:

About ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Kadambelil Paul Thomas

Headquarters- Thrissur, Kerala

Tag line- Joy of Banking

Established- 2017

72. Which company has recently (in August '24) entered into the online payment sector to help businesses accept money online from their customers?

- 1) Salesforce
- 2) HubSpot
- 3) Oracle
- 4) Freshsales
- 5) Zoho

Answer- **5) Zoho**

Explanation:

Zoho is entering into the online payment sector with the launch of **Zoho Payments**, a unified payment solution, to help businesses accept money online from their customers.

The solution integrates with Zoho's suite of finance and operations applications, such as Zoho Books, Zoho Billing, and Zoho Invoice.

Zoho has introduced B2B payment powered by the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) of NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) which will allow businesses to manage invoices and payments directly through Zoho Books, making transactions seamless.

73. When was the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) established?

- 1) 1996
- 2) 2000
- 3) 2008
- 4) 2016
- 5) 2021

Answer- **3) 2008**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

It regulates the retail payment and settlement system in India. It was launched as a joint initiative of RBI and India Banks' Association (IBA). It was set up under the provisions of **Payment and Settlement Systems Act (2007)**.

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Dilip Asbe

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 2008

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1. Which organisation has recently (in August' 2024) collaborated with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and France to ensure the Paris Olympics is healthy and safe for both spectators and athletes?

- 1) World Health Organization
- 2) Global Health Council
- 3) Partners in Health
- 4) Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- 5) National Safety Council

Answer- 1) World Health Organization

Explanation:

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** is collaborating with the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** and **France** to ensure the **Paris Olympics** is healthy and safe for both spectators and athletes.

2. In August 2024, the European Union (EU) approved _____ in humanitarian aid to help the most affected population in the recent floods in India, northern Bangladesh and the Philippines.

- 1) Euro 5.1 million
- 2) Euro 4.9 million
- 3) Euro 2.4 million
- 4) Euro 1.9 million
- 5) Euro 3.3 million

Answer- 3) Euro 2.4 million

Explanation:

On July 30th 2024, The **European Union (EU)** approved **Euro 2.4 million** in humanitarian aid to help the most affected population in the recent floods in India, northern Bangladesh and the Philippines.

- The funding will help provide cash assistance, food, access to clean water and sanitation, and other essential services in the hardest-hit areas.

3. In July 2024, Wayanad district experienced landslides as a result of heavy rainfall. According to the “Landslide Atlas of India” report prepared by the Hyderabad-based National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Wayanad was ranked _____ in the most landslide-prone districts in India.

- 1) 5th
- 2) 8th
- 3) 13th
- 4) 10th
- 5) 15th

Answer- 3) 13th

Explanation:

In July 2024, Wayanad district experienced landslides as a result of heavy rainfall. According to the “**Landslide Atlas of India**” report prepared by the Hyderabad-based National Remote Sensing Centre (**NRSC**) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**), Wayanad was ranked **13th** in the most landslide-prone districts in India.

- According to the report, 10 out of the 30 most landslide-prone districts in India are located in Kerala.
- As per the report, Uttarakhand’s Rudraprayag (1st) and Tehri Garhwal (2nd) are the most landslide-prone districts in India.

4. Who has been recently (in July’24) conferred with the V Venkayya Epigraphy Award for 2024?

- 1) V. Vedachalam
- 2) M.H. Krishna
- 3) Hiranand Sastri
- 4) D.R. Bhandarkar
- 5) R. Narasimhacharya

Answer- 1) V. Vedachalam

Explanation:

V. Vedachalam, an eminent Tamil epigrapher and historian, has been conferred the V Venkayya Epigraphy Award for 2024.

- Vedachalam has written and co-written more than 25 books on subjects such as epigraphy, numismatics, temple art, religion, and society.
- Epigraphy is the study of Inscriptions on Rocks, Pillars, Temple walls, Copper plates and other writing materials like Stones, Metals, Potteries, Woods, Palm leaves, Clothes, Conch shells, Mural paintings and Coins.

5. In July 2024, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval represented India at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Security Chiefs meeting in _____.

- 1) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 3) Naypyitaw, Myanmar
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) Bangkok, Thailand.

Answer- **3) Naypyitaw, Myanmar**

Explanation:

On 26th July 2024, **Ajit Doval**, the National Security Advisor (NSA) led the Indian delegation at the **4th Annual Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Security Chiefs** in Naypyitaw, Myanmar.

6. According to the data from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), a total of _____ tigers died in India from 2019 to 2023 due to natural causes and other reasons, including poaching.

- 1) 710
- 2) 401
- 3) 540
- 4) 628
- 5) 370

Answer- **4) 628**

Explanation:

A **total of 628 tigers** died in India during the past five years due to natural causes and other reasons, including poaching.

- Meanwhile 349 people were killed in tiger attacks during this period, with Maharashtra alone recording 200 deaths.
- According to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), 96 tigers died in 2019, 106 in 2020, 127 in 2021, 121 in 2022 and 178 in 2023.

7. Which country has recently (in August' 24) displaced the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to become India's second-largest supplier of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in 2023, with shipments reaching 3.09 million tonnes (MT)?

- 1) Russia
- 2) United Kingdom(UK)
- 3) Brazil
- 4) Singapore
- 5) United States of America (USA)

Answer- **5) United States of America (USA)**

Explanation:

The **United States of America (USA)** has displaced the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to become **India's second-largest supplier of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** in 2023, with shipments reaching **3.09 million tonnes (MT)**.

- LNG is emerging as a substitute fuel in the transition towards green energy.
- Analysts attributed the development to weakening LNG prices in international markets as well as India's proximity, via the Cape of Good Hope, to US LNG cargoes compared to North Asia. The US also emerged as the world's largest LNG exporter in 2023.
- According to the world LNG report 2024 by International Gas Union (IG), released earlier this month, the US supplied India 1.8 MT LNG in the pre-pandemic period (2019) and the quantity increased to 3.86 MT in 2021.

8. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- 1) Ravi Agrawal
- 2) Arvind Panagariya
- 3) Srikant Madhav Vaidya
- 4) Manoj Mittal
- 5) Pradip Kumar Das

Answer- 1) Ravi Agrawal

Explanation:

About Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):

Chairman – Ravi Agrawal

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1963

9. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) situated?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) New York, the United States of America (USA)
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- 4) New York, the United States of America (USA)

Explanation:

About United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC):

President– Robert Bob Rae(Canada)

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

Establishment– 1945

10. In Which state, the Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?

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

Answer- 3) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh(AP):

Chief Minister(CM)– N. Chandrababu Naidu

Governor– Syed Abdul Nazeer

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary, and Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary

11. In Which year, the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) was established?

- 1) 2020
- 2) 2021
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2023

5) 2019

Answer- **3) 2022**

Explanation:

About Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF):

IPEF was launched on **23rd May 2022** in Tokyo, Japan.

14 partner countries: Australia, Brunei, Fiji, **India**, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and U.S.A.

12. Which Indian armed force has recently (in July '24) launched 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0' to enhance training protocols and ensure consistency across its platforms?

- 1) Indian Coast Guard
- 2) Indian Army
- 3) Indian Navy
- 4) Indian Air Force
- 5) Border Security Force

Answer- **1) Indian Coast Guard**

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched '**Suvidha Software Version 1.0**' during its maiden 'Annual Operational Sea Training Conference' at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on July 30, 2024.

- This software is a cutting-edge tool designed to enhance training protocols and ensure consistency across all ICG platforms.

13. Which automobile company has recently (in July '24) signed a MoU with Maharashtra government to examine the setting up of a greenfield manufacturing facility at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra?

- 1) Tata Motors
- 2) Mahindra & Mahindra
- 3) Toyota Kirloskar Motor
- 4) Hyundai Motor India
- 5) Maruti Suzuki

Answer- **3) Toyota Kirloskar Motor**

Explanation:

In July 2024, **Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM)** has recently (in July '24) signed a MoU with the **Maharashtra** government to examine the setting up of a greenfield manufacturing facility with an investment of around Rs 20,000 crore at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra.

14. Which ministry has recently (in August' 24) granted approval for Port Blair Seaport in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as an authorised Integrated Check Posts (ICP) for entry of foreign nationals holding e-visa?

- 1) Ministry of Tourism
- 2) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- 3) Ministry of Earth Science
- 4) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

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

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)** has approved **Port Blair Seaport** in **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** as an authorised **Integrated Check Posts (ICP)** for entry of foreign nationals holding **e-visa**.

- This move aims to attract tourists and yacht charters, enhancing the region's tourism potential. Officials and tourism operators welcome the decision, envisioning it as a boost for local and foreign tourism.
- Apart from Port Blair, five other Indian seaports: Mumbai, Cochin, Mormugao, Chennai, and New Mangalore will also accept e-visa entries.

15. Name the city that has recently (in August' 24) introduced India's largest and world's second largest ropeway network that is set to begin in 2025?

- 1) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Aizawl, Mizoram
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Shimla introduces **India's first urban ropeway** network to tackle traffic congestion with 13 boarding and deboarding stations and one turning station.

- The construction of the **world's second-largest** ropeway project, the 13.79-km Shimla Himachal Pradesh (HP) Ropeway Project aimed at decongesting the state capital Shimla, will commence on **March 1, 2025**.

16. Name the personality who has recently (in August' 24) became the first woman to be appointed as the Director General Medical Services (DGMS) of the Indian Army (IA).

- 1) Sakshi Dubey
- 2) Arti Sarin
- 3) Sheila S. Mathai
- 4) Sadhna Saxena Nair
- 5) Madhuri Kanitkar

Answer- **4) Sadhna Saxena Nair**

Explanation:

Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair, becomes the **first woman** to be appointed as the Director General Medical Services (**DGMS**) of the **Indian Army (IA)**.

17. Who is the current (as of July '24) union minister of Minority Affairs?

- 1) Pralhad Joshi
- 2) Kiren Rijiju
- 3) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 4) Mansukh Mandaviya
- 5) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer- **2) Kiren Rijiju**

Explanation:

About the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA):

Union Minister – Kiren Rijiju (Lok Sabha Constituency – Arunachal Pradesh (West))
Minister of State (MoS) – George Kurian

18. The Tech Leaders Forum of India (TELFI) was launched at World Education Conference 2024 in _____ (city).

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 5) Barcelona, Spain

Answer- 4) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Explanation:

The **Tech Leaders Forum of India (TELFI)** was launched at the **World Education Conference 2024**, hosted by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA) at Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.

- TELFI, a new initiative aimed at empowering engineers, was launched as a key highlight of the conference.
- The forum is designed to support engineers through various professional activities, including webinars, workshops, and training sessions.

19. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in July' 24) honoured Google Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sundar Pichai with the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) Award?

- 1) IIT Bombay
- 2) IIT Delhi
- 3) IIT Madras
- 4) IIT Kanpur
- 5) IIT Kharagpur

Answer- 5) IIT Kharagpur

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Kharagpur** honoured **Google** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Sundar Pichai** with the **Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) Award** and his wife **Anjali Pichai** with **Distinguished Alumnus Award** at a programme in San Francisco in the **United States of America (USA)**.

20. Which is the capital of the Republic of Senegal?

- 1) Dakar
- 2) Cairo
- 3) Libreville
- 4) Accra
- 5) Tripoli

Answer- 1) Dakar

Explanation:

About Republic of Senegal:

President – Bassirou Diomaye Faye

Capital – Dakar

Currency – West African CFA franc (XOF)

21. Who is the current (as of July '24) Director-General(DG) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

- 1) Teresa Patricio
- 2) Helena Leurent
- 3) Ursula von der Leyen
- 4) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 5) Audrey Azoulay

Answer- **5) Audrey Azoulay**

Explanation:

About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Director-General– Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters– Paris, France

Establishment– 1945

22. In August 2024, the Government of India (GoI) signed a grant agreement with _____ (country) to implement the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS).

- 1) Japan
- 2) Singapore
- 3) United States of America
- 4) France
- 5) New Zealand

Answer- **1) Japan**

Explanation:

The **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** has signed a **grant agreement** with the **Government of India (GoI)** to implement 'The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)'.

- This initiative is designed to provide full scholarships to 36 Indian government officials over the next four years, allowing them to pursue two-year master's degrees at Japanese universities.
- The first cohort of nine officials will be admitted under an initial grant of approximately Rs 12 crores (Japanese yen - JPY 223 million).

23. Who has been recently (in August' 24) appointed as the Director of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)?

- 1) Manju Rahi
- 2) Rajiv Bahl
- 3) Kalyan Banerjee
- 4) Grinson George

5) Namita Mahapatra

Answer- **4) Grinson George**

Explanation:

Grinson George has been appointed as the **Director** of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**)-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (**CMFRI**).

24. Which National Institute of Technology (NIT) has recently (in July '24) launched a 'Nivahika' portal for data management?

1) NIT Delhi

2) NIT Raipur

3) NIT Rourkela

4) NIT Calicut

5) NIT Bhopal

Answer- **4) NIT Calicut**

Explanation:

The National Institute of Technology-Calicut (**NIT-C**) has launched '**Nivahika**', a **cutting-edge web portal**. This portal is designed to change how the institute handles and reports data.

- It will improve the accuracy and consistency of the institute's data submissions and help with national rankings.
- It is a tool that helps collect, organise, and report data more effectively across different departments and research centres at NIT-C.

25. How much lakh crore rupees was the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collected in July 2024?

1) Rs 1.65 lakh crore

2) Rs 1.82 lakh crore

3) Rs 1.34 lakh crore

4) Rs 1.56 lakh crore

5) Rs 1.95 lakh crore

Answer- **2) Rs 1.82 lakh crore**

Explanation:

The gross goods and services tax (GST) collection in July 2024 reached Rs 1.82 lakh crore, reflecting a 10.3% increase from Rs 1.65 lakh crore in July 2023.

- Gross revenue from domestic transactions was Rs 1.34 lakh crore, up 8.9%. GST revenue on imports rose 14.4% to Rs 48,039 crore.

26. Who is the current (as of August '24) Chairman of the Central Water Commission (CWC)?

1) Pradip Kumar Das

2) Srikant Madhav Vaidya

3) Ravi Agrawal

4) Kushvinder Vohra

5) Dilip Asbe

Answer- **4) Kushvinder Vohra**

Explanation:

About the Central Water Commission (CWC):

CWC (formerly Central Waterways, Irrigation and Navigation Commission, CWINC) is an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), under the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR).

Chairman – Kushvinder Vohra

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1945

27. Where is the headquarters of the Global Footprint Network situated?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Montreal, Canada
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- 2) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About the Global Footprint Network:

Global Footprint Network is an international nonprofit organization founded in 2003.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Steven Tebbe

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

28. Who is the current (as of August '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Garuda Aerospace Private Limited?

- 1) Agnishwar Jayaprakash
- 2) Ajay Singh
- 3) Pawan Kumar Chandana
- 4) Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay
- 5) Srinath Ravichandran

Answer- 1) Agnishwar Jayaprakash

Explanation:

About Garuda Aerospace Private Limited:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Agnishwar Jayaprakash

Headquarters- Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Founded- 2015.

29. Which company has recently (in August' 24) announced the launch of 'District', a new app for its going-out business?

- 1) Zepto
- 2) Flipkart
- 3) Zomato
- 4) Swiggy
- 5) JioMart

Answer- 3) Zomato

Explanation:

Zomato, Gurugram (Haryana) based food and delivery platform announced the launch of '**District**', a new app for its going-out business.

- This app consolidates various out-of-home services like dining, movie tickets, sports events, live shows, shopping, and stays.
- The company has been increasing focus on the vertical which includes dining out, live events and ticketing.

30. Which company has recently (in August' 24) launched a feature called GitHub Models, designed to help developers explore Artificial intelligence (AI) models?

- 1) Oracle
- 2) Amazon
- 3) Apple
- 4) Google
- 5) Microsoft

Answer- **5) Microsoft**

Explanation:

GitHub, a **Microsoft's developer platform** has announced **GitHub Models**, an interactive sandbox environment for developers and engineers to explore different AI models for free.

- The leading models like Meta AI's Llama 3.1, OpenAI's GPT-4o and GPT-4o mini, Mistral AI's Mistral Large 2 and Cohere's Command will be among the options available.
- The playground's beta version has been made available to a limited group of people.
- The developers can use GitHub Models to deploy AI models via the built-in playground, test different prompts and model parameters and then launch them into environments like GitHub Codespaces and Visual Studio Code.

31. In August 2024, the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) released guidelines for the implementation of _____ bagless days for classes 6 to 8.

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

Answer- **4) 10**

Explanation:

The National Council for Educational Research and Training (**NCERT**) released guidelines for the implementation of '**10 bagless days**' for **classes 6 to 8** in an effort to make learning in schools more experiential and **stress-free**.

- These guidelines come after the new National Education Policy (**NEP**), **2020** recommended that all students in classes 6 to 8 participate in a ten-day bagless period.
- It was released on the anniversary of NEP 2020 (29th July 2020) with the objective to make the ten bagless days period an integral part of the teaching-learning process rather than an add-on to the existing scheme of studies of education.

32. According to the United Nations (UN) report titled “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2024, India’s prevalence of hunger has declined from 16.6% in 2022 to ___ in 2023.

- 1) 13.7%
- 2) 12.8%
- 3) 10.5%
- 4) 11.9%
- 5) 9.4%

Answer- 1) 13.7%

Explanation:

According to the latest United Nation(UN)report titled “**State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2024: Financing to end hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms**”, India’ prevalence of hunger has declined from 16.6% in 2022 to **13.7%** in 2023.

33. The Government of India(GoI) has permitted _____ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) via automatic route for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO).

- 1) 50%
- 2) 25%
- 3) 100%
- 4) 75%
- 5) 80%

Answer- 3) 100%

Explanation:

The Government of India(GoI) has permitted **100%** Foreign Direct Investment (**FDI**) via automatic route for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (**MRO**).

- It also announced that a uniform rate of 5 per cent IGST will apply to imports of parts components, testing equipment, tools and tool-kits of aircraft, irrespective of their HSN classification subject to specified conditions.
- The period for export of goods imported for repairs has been extended from six months to one year.
- The time limit for re-import of goods for repairs under warranty has been extended from three to five years.

34. In which state ‘Ghughwa National Fossils Park’ is located?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister– Mohan Yadav

Governor– Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park– Kuno National Park; **Ghughwa National Fossils Park**

Wildlife Sanctuary– Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary; Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary

35. Chinese _____ is the currency of China.

- 1) Yen
- 2) Rial
- 3) Won
- 4) Yuan
- 5) Peso

Answer- **4) Yuan**

Explanation:

About China:

Prime Minister (PM)- Li Qiang

President- Xi Jinping

Capital- Beijing

Currency- Chinese Yuan

36. Who is the current (As of August '24) president of Germany?

- 1) Dick Schoof
- 2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- 3) Gabriel Attal
- 4) Olaf Scholz
- 5) Keir Starmer

Answer- **2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier**

Explanation:

About Federal Republic of Germany (FRG):

Chancellor- Olaf Scholz

President- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Capital- Berlin

Currency- Euro (EUR)

37. In Which year the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) was established?

- 1) 1984
- 2) 1991
- 3) 1997
- 4) 2001
- 5) 2005

Answer- **1) 1984**

Explanation:

About the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT):

Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) – Rajkumar Upadhyay

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1984

38. Who is the current (as of August '24) chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)?

- 1) Gurdeep Singh
- 2) Rajesh Gera
- 3) Tripti Gurha
- 4) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- 5) Atul Karwal

Answer- 4) Anil Kumar Lahoti

Explanation: About Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI):

Chairman-Anil Kumar Lahoti

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 20th February, 1997

39. In August 2024, Scientists have discovered a comet A117uUD, being ejected from the solar system after a close encounter with_____ (planet).

- 1) Earth
- 2) Mars
- 3) Jupiter
- 4) Saturn
- 5) Venus

Answer- 4) Saturn

Explanation:

Scientists have discovered a comet being ejected from the solar system after a close encounter with Saturn.

- The object, named Comet A117uUD, was discovered on June 14, 2024, by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS).
- Researchers utilised 142 observations to trace the comet's orbit around the sun and found that A117uUD had a significant encounter with Saturn in 2022.
- The researcher used models to predict the path of A117uUD and discovered that the comet would exit the solar system while flying at a speed of around 6,710 miles per hour (10,800 km/h).

40. How many billion cubic meters (BCM) of gas were produced by India in the fiscal year 2023-24?

- 1) 28.7
- 2) 36.43
- 3) 32.14
- 4) 38.54
- 5) 40.2

Answer- 2) 36.43

Explanation:

In the fiscal year 2023-24, India achieved gas production of **36.43** billion cubic meters (BCM), up from 28.7 BCM in FY21.

- According to Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, India is projected to reach 45.3 BCM gas production by FY26.

41. Which state has recently (in August' 24) become the first state in India, to purchase all 23 crops at the Minimum Support Price (MSP)?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **2) Haryana**

Explanation:

Haryana **Chief Minister** (CM) **Nayab Singh Saini** announced that **Haryana** has become the **first state** in India, to purchase **all 23 crops** at the minimum support price (**MSP**).

- Previously, Haryana procured 14 crops at MSP.

42. In which state/UT, Nokrek Ridge National Park is located?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

Nokrek National Park is a prominent national park located in the state of **Meghalaya** in northeastern India. It is one of the most significant biodiversity hotspots in the region and has been designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

i. The Nokrek National Park is home to diverse ecosystems, including tropical and subtropical forests, grasslands, and high-altitude plateaus

43. In Which state, the Fakim WildLife Sanctuary is situated?

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Assam
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- **1) Nagaland**

Explanation:

About Nagaland:

Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio

Governor- La Ganesan

National Park (NP)- Ntangi NP

Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS)- Fakim WLS, Puliebadze WLS

44. Vietnamese ___ is the currency of Viet Nam.

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Real
- 3) Yuan

4) Dong

5) Yen

Answer- **4) Dong**

Explanation:

About Viet Nam:

Prime Minister(**PM**) – Pham Minh Chinh

President – To Lam

Capital – Hanoi

Currency –Vietnamese dong

45. In Which state/Union Territory(UT), the Oussudu Lake Bird Sanctuary is situated?

1) Ladakh

2) Jammu & Kashmir

3) Puducherry

4) Lakshadweep

5) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

Answer- **3) Puducherry**

Explanation:

About Puducherry:

Chief Minister– Natesan Krishnasamy Rangasamy

Lieutenant Governor– C.P. Radhakrishnan

Bird Sanctuary– Oussudu Lake Bird Sanctuary

46. What is the ‘motto’ of the Border Security Force (BSF)?

1) Service and Loyalty

2) Duty Unto Death

3) Protection and Security

4) Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha

5) Service, Security and Brotherhood

Answer- **2) Duty Unto Death**

Explanation:

About Border Security Force (BSF):

BSF is India’s border guarding organisation which is known as the 1st line of defence and also one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of India.

Director General (DG) – Daljit Singh Chawdhary

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Motto – ‘Duty Unto Death’

47. In which state Udanti Sitanadi tiger reserve is located?

1) Odisha

2) Maharashtra

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) West Bengal

5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **5) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

The Udanti Sitanadi tiger reserve is located in **Chhattisgarh**.

i. It was declared a tiger reserve in the year 2008-09. The Udanti and Sitanadi Rivers flow through the Reserve. There are few perennial springs including the famous Deodhara and Godene falls. Asiatic Wild Buffalo is the key endangered species found in the Core Area.

48. In which state/UT Nanda Lake is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Goa
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- **2) Goa**

Explanation:

i. Nanda Lake located in **Goa** is habitat for notable faunal species including Threskiornis melanocephalus (Black-headed ibis), Alcedo atthis (Common kingfisher), Hirundo smithii (Wire-tailed swallow)

ii. Nanda Lakewetland from Goa, India was added to the **Ramsar Sites** in **2022**.

49. Name the airline company that has recently (in August' 24) became the first Indian airline to launch a Virtual Interline platform, offering flyers a wider range of booking options.

- 1) IndiGo
- 2) SpiceJet
- 3) Vistara
- 4) Air India Express
- 5) Go First

Answer- **4) Air India Express**

Explanation:

Air India Express has launched its **Virtual Interline platform**, becoming the first Indian airline to offer this innovative service.

- The platform, '**AIX Connect**', was developed in collaboration with travel solutions technology company Dohop and aims to provide travellers with a broader range of booking options by allowing them to book connecting flights from different airlines seamlessly.

50. Which Indian ship that recently (in August'24) won the Naval Gunfire Support Competition at the Rim of the Pacific Exercise- 2024 (RIMPAC-2024)?

- 1) INS Arihant
- 2) INS Sindhughosh
- 3) INS Vikrant
- 4) INS Shivalik
- 5) INS Vikramaditya

Answer- **4) INS Shivalik**

Explanation:

INS Shivalik of the Indian Navy has emerged victorious in the Naval Gunfire Support Competition at the Rim of the Pacific Exercise- 2024 (RIMPAC-2024), held in Hawaii, and won the coveted RODEO trophy.

- **RIMPAC 2024** was held from 27th June to 1st August 2024 in the United States of America (USA).
- Led by the US Navy, the RIMPAC multinational exercise involves approximately 29 nations, with 40 surface ships, 3 submarines, 14 national land forces, over 150 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel.

51. Which Greek goddess is featured in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics medal?

- 1) Artemis
- 2) Athena Nike
- 3) Asteria
- 4) Minerva
- 5) Calypso

Answer- **2) Athena Nike**

Explanation:

In the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics medals, the goddess of victory, **Athena Nike**, is depicted in the foreground, emerging from the Panathenaic Stadium, which was pivotal in the revival of the Olympic Games in 1896.

The other side of the medals will feature a unique design that incorporates a piece of the Eiffel Tower.

- The iron pieces, weighing 18 grams each, were obtained from girders and other parts that were replaced during renovations of the Eiffel Tower.
- The hexagonal shape of the iron pieces represents France, often referred to as "L'Hexagone" due to its geographical shape.
- The Paris Mint is producing 5,084 medals in total, with the gold medals weighing 529 grams and containing 6 grams of gold plating over silver.
- The silver medals weigh 525 grams, while the bronze medals weigh 455 grams and are made of copper, tin, and zinc alloy.
- Each medal measures 85 millimeters across and 9.2 millimeters thick.

52. Which is the capital of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKN)?

- 1) Addis Ababa
- 2) Brazzaville
- 3) Basseterre
- 4) Gaborone
- 5) Moroni

Answer- **3) Basseterre**

Explanation:**About the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKN):**

SKN(also known as the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis) is a **dual-island country** situated between the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. It consists of the two islands of Saint Kitts and Nevis, both located in the West Indies, in the Leeward Islands chain of the Lesser Antilles.

Prime Minister (**PM**) – Terrance Micheal Drew

Capital – Basseterre

Currency – East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)

53. In Which state, the Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?

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

Answer- **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Chief Minister (**CM**)- Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor- Arif Mohammed Khan

Capital- Thiruvananthapuram

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, and Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary

Airports- Calicut International Airport (also known as Karipur Airport), and Kannur International Airport

54. Where is the headquarters of the Assam Rifles situated?

- 1) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Shillong, Meghalaya
- 3) Dispur, Assam
- 4) Kohima, Nagaland
- 5) Agartala, Tripura

Answer- **2) Shillong, Meghalaya**

Explanation:

About the Assam Rifles:

Assam Rifles was established in 1835 as the “Cachar Levy.” It is fondly called ‘**Friends of the North East People**’.

Director-General (DG)- Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera

Headquarters- Shillong, Meghalaya

55. In which year was Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) established?

- 1) 1968
- 2) 1975
- 3) 1987
- 4) 1991
- 5) 1970

Answer- **5) 1970**

Explanation:

About Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL):

Chairman & Managing Director (**CMD**)- Commodore A Madhavrao (Retired)

Headquarter- Hyderabad, Telangana

Established- 1970

56. Who is the current (as of August '24) governor of Jharkhand?

- 1) Om Prakash Mathur
- 2) Kuniyil Kailashnathan
- 3) C.P. Radhakrishnan
- 4) Santosh Gangwar
- 5) Gulab Chand Kataria

Answer- **4) Santosh Gangwar**

Explanation:

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister (CM) – Hemant Soren

Governor – Santosh Gangwar

Capital – Ranchi

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary, Topchanchi Wildlife Sanctuary

57. Who is the current (as of August '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Japan?

- 1) Shinzo Abe
- 2) Fumio Kishida
- 3) Yoshihide Suga
- 4) Lai Ching-te
- 5) Yoon Suk Yeol

Answer- **2) Fumio Kishida**

Explanation:

About Japan:

Prime Minister (PM)- Fumio Kishida

Capital- Tokyo

Currency- Japanese Yen

58. Who has recently (in August' 24) stepped down as chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW)?

- 1) Vinod Easwaran
- 2) Abhijit Kamalapurkar
- 3) Rekha Sharma
- 4) Girija Vyas
- 5) Lalitha Kumaramangalam

Answer- **3) Rekha Sharma**

Explanation:

Rekha Sharma's tenure as **chairperson** of the **National Commission for Women (NCW)** **concluded** on August 6, 2024, marking the end of her **nine-year tenure** which began on August 7, 2018.

- Rekha Sharma has been a prominent member of the National Commission for Women (NCW) since August 2015. She took on the role of chairperson on August 7, 2018, after initially serving as an additional chairperson from September 29, 2017.

59. In which state, the 'Nameri Tiger Reserve' is located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Uttarakhand

- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- **1) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor- Lakshman Prasad Acharya

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

Tiger Reserves- Manas Tiger Reserve, Nameri Tiger Reserve

60. Name the Indian Naval Ship (INS) that has recently (in August' 24) conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with the Russian Navy Ship Soobrazitelny.

- 1) INS Tabar
- 2) INS Vikrant
- 3) INS Jalashwa
- 4) INS Gharial
- 5) INS Kesari

Answer- **1) INS Tabar**

Explanation:

On 30 July 2024, The Indian Naval Ship **(INS) Tabar**, commanded by Captain MR Harish with a crew of 280 officers and sailors, conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise **(MPX)** with the **Russian Navy Ship Soobrazitelny**.

- The INS Tabar participated in the 328th Russian Navy Day Parade celebrations.
- It was the second time that INS Tabar was participating in the Russian Navy Day Parade. It participated in the 325th Russian Navy Day Parade held in 2021.

61. Who has recently (in August' 24) taken over the additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)?

- 1) Jasbir Singh
- 2) Sanjeev Singhal
- 3) Biju George
- 4) Vasudev Puranik
- 5) Pradeep Chauhan

Answer- **2) Sanjeev Singhal**

Explanation:

Sanjeev Singhal takes charge of the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) for a period of one month, with effect from August 1, 2024.

- He is currently serving as the Director (Finance) of (MDL).

62. Who has been recently (in August' 24) appointed as the New General Counsel of Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) with effect from September 1, 2024?

- 1) Anubrata Biswas
- 2) Kadambelil Paul Thomas

- 3) Sarvjit Singh Samra
- 4) Sumant Kathpalia
- 5) Ritesh Khosla

Answer- **5) Ritesh Khosla**

Explanation:

Ritesh Khosla has been appointed as the **New General Counsel of Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI)** with effect from September 1, 2024.

- He succeeds Ashok Nambissan, who is retiring after a distinguished tenure with the company.

63. In August 2024, the Union government granted _____ to the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) to clear its dues with the J&K Bank.

- 1) Rs 4,100 crore
- 2) Rs 7,900 crore
- 3) Rs 8,500 crore
- 4) Rs 5,940 crore
- 5) Rs 6,070 crore

Answer- **2) Rs 7,900 crore**

Explanation:

The Union government has granted **Rs 7,900 crore** to the Union Territory (UT) of **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** to clear its dues with the **J&K Bank**.

- The special funds have been allocated in the J&K budget to clear the outstanding dues of the J&K government with the J&K Bank.
- The Centre has allocated Rs 42,277.74 crore for J&K in the Union Budget for 2024-25, marking a 1.2 per cent increase from the previous financial year's allocation.

64. Which organisation has recently (in August '24) released the updated "Integrated Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines: Principles and Strategic Actions"?

- 1) International Union of Forest Research Organization
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 3) World Wildlife Fund
- 4) United Nations Forum on Forests
- 5) Center for International Forestry Research

Answer- **2) Food and Agriculture Organization**

Explanation:

Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) released the updated "**Integrated Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines: Principles and Strategic Actions**."

- Extreme wildfires are projected to become about 50 percent more frequent by the end of the century.
- Currently, around 340 million to 370 million hectares of the Earth's surface are burned by wildfire annually.

65. Who is the current(as of August '24) Union Minister of the Ministry of Textiles (MoT)?

- 1) Giriraj Singh
- 2) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3) Pralhad Joshi

4) Jitan Ram Manjhi

5) Manohar Lal Khattar

Answer- **1) Giriraj Singh**

Explanation:

About the Ministry of Textiles (MoT):

Union Minister– Giriraj Singh (Constituency: Begusarai, Bihar)

Minister of State (MoS)- Pabitra Margherita (Rajya Sabha, Assam)

66. Who is the current (As of August '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Mauritius?

1) Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

2) Mohamed Muizzu

3) Tharman Shanmugaratnam

4) Ranil Wickremesinghe

5) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Answer- **1) Pravind Kumar Jugnauth**

Explanation:

About Mauritius:

Prime Minister (PM)- Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

Capital- Port Louis

Currency- Mauritian Rupee (MUR)

67. Which cricket team won the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) 2024 title by defeating the Lyca Kovai Kings in the finals?

1) Chepauk Super Gillies

2) Trichy Grand Cholas

3) Nellore Royal Kings

4) Dindigul Dragons

5) Madurai Panthers

Answer-**4) Dindigul Dragons**

Explanation:

Dindigul Dragons captained by Ravichandran Ashwin won the **Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) 2024** title by defeating the Lyca Kovai Kings in the finals.

- The Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) is a men's Twenty20 (T20) cricket league that is annually held in Tamil Nadu and contested by eight city-based franchise teams.

68. Who has been recently (in August '24) appointed as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the Coromandel International Limited?

1) Ajay Singh

2) Mohinder Singh

3) Ravi Agrawal

4) Arun Kumar Misra

5) S. Sankarasubramanian

Answer-**5) S. Sankarasubramanian**

Explanation:

In August 2024, S. Sankarasubramanian has been appointed as the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the Coromandel International Limited.

69. Which organisation has recently (in August' 24) signed two agreements with the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) to foster sustainable development and cooperation in Mozambique and Zimbabwe?

- 1) United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
- 2) United Nations Development Programme
- 3) United Nations Environment Programme
- 4) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- 5) United Nations World Food Programme

Answer- **1) United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization**

Explanation:

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (**AICS**) have signed two agreements for the implementation of projects aimed at protecting the **Miombo forest** and facilitating trade in the border region between **Mozambique** and **Zimbabwe**.

- The first project, entitled 'Integrated Transboundary Sustainable Management of the Miombo Forests', aims at protecting, restoring and promoting the sustainable use of the Miombo forest shared by Mozambique and Zimbabwe, providing essential resources such as firewood, food and water.
- The second project is linked to the development of the agricultural value chain and trade between Mozambique and Zimbabwe.
- These projects, valued at just over USD 8 million, will be funded by Italy within the framework of the Mattei Plan for Africa.

70. Which state is set to partner with Google for Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in governance?

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

Answer-**3) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

Google is set to partner with **Andhra Pradesh**(AP) in providing Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in sectors like agriculture, healthcare, sustainability, skill development and startup ecosystems,

- A memorandum of understanding(**MoU**) is set to be signed between the AP government and Google for the initiative "AI for Andhra Pradesh, Powered by Google."

71. Which company has recently (in August' 24) partnered with Druk Green Power Corporation Limited to develop a 600 megawatt (MW) hydropower project in Bhutan?

- 1) Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- 2) NHPC Limited
- 3) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- 4) Tata Power Company Limited
- 5) Adani Green Energy Limited

Answer- 4) Tata Power Company Limited

Explanation:

Tata Power has partnered with Bhutan-based Druk Green Power Corporation Ltd (DGPC) to develop a hydropower project with an estimated cost of Rs 6,900 crore in Bhutan.

- The 600 megawatt (MW) Khorlochhu Hydropower Project will be built on the Kholongchhu river in eastern **Bhutan**.

72. Who has been recently (in August' 24) re-elected as President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for a third term?

- 1) Ruth Selwyn
- 2) Catherine Schreiber
- 3) Janet Yang
- 4) Joel Shukovsky
- 5) Gianna Simone

Answer- 3) Janet Yang

Explanation:

Janet Yang has been re-elected as President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for a third term by the organization's Board of Governors.

- The Academy is known around the world for its annual Academy Awards, both officially and popularly known as "**The Oscars**".

73. Which state's Electronics Development Corporation Limited has recently (in August' 24) signed a MoU with the Indian Electronics Semiconductor Association (IESA) to stimulate the establishment of Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem ventures?

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

Answer- 1) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (**MPSEDC**) and the Indian Electronics Semiconductor Association (**IESA**) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to stimulate the establishment of Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (**ESDM**) ecosystem ventures.

- This MoU aims to develop a vibrant ecosystem to expand electronic business services (EMS), printed circuit board (PCB) design and manufacturing,

74. In August 2024, the Indian government announced the inclusion of _____ and Visakhapatnam seaports as additional export points for essential commodities to the Maldives.

- 1) Kochi seaport
- 2) Mormugao seaport
- 3) Paradip seaport
- 4) Cochin seaport
- 5) Kandla seaport

Answer- 5) Kandla seaport

Explanation:

The **Indian government** has announced the inclusion of **Kandla** and **Visakhapatnam seaports** as additional export points for essential commodities to the **Maldives**.

- This decision aims to facilitate smoother **trade** between the two nations. These ports were notified on August 1, 2024.
- It may be recalled that the Indian government had imposed restrictions on the export of certain essential commodities to the Maldives for the 2024-25 fiscal year dated August 1, 2024.
- Previously, only four ports were designated for exporting essential goods under prohibited or restricted categories to the Maldives. These ports were located at the following custom stations: **Mundra Sea Port, Tuticorin Sea Port, NhavaSheva Sea Port** (also known as Jawaharlal Nehru Port, JNPT), **ICDTughlakabad**.

75. In August 2024, the Union Home Ministry approved renaming the Nemom railway station in Kerala as _____.

- 1) Thiruvananthapuram South
- 2) Kozhikode North
- 3) Wayanad North
- 4) Kozhikode South
- 5) Thiruvananthapuram North

Answer- 1) Thiruvananthapuram South

Explanation:

In August 2024, the Union Home Ministry approved the Kerala government's request to rename two major railway stations in the Thiruvananthapuram district.

- The **Nemom** railway station has been renamed Thiruvananthapuram South and **Kochuveli** station as Thiruvananthapuram North.

76. Tunisian _____ is the currency of Tunisia.

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

Answer-3) Dinar

Explanation:

About Tunisia:

President- Kais Saied

Capital- Tunis

Currency- Tunisian Dinar (TND)

77. In Which state, the Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister (CM) – Eknath Sambhaji Shinde

Governor – C. P. Radhakrishnan

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Koyna wildlife sanctuary

Tiger Reserves – Melghat Tiger Reserve, Sahyadri tiger reserve

78. When was the Competition Commission of India (CCI) established?

- 1) 1997
- 2) 2000
- 3) 2009
- 4) 2005
- 5) 2010

Answer- **3) 2009**

Explanation:

About Competition Commission of India (CCI):

It was established in March 2009 by Government of India (GoI) under the Competition Act, 2002 for the administration, implementation, and enforcement of the Act.

Chairperson- Ravneet Kaur

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

79. Which company has recently (in August '24) signed an MoU with the Agriculture Ministry of Tanzania to actively participate in agricultural development?

- 1) Escorts Limited
- 2) Agristar Limited
- 3) KisanKraft Limited
- 4) TAFE Motors and Tractors Limited.
- 5) Krushna Agro Industries

Answer- **3) KisanKraft Limited**

Explanation:

KisanKraft Limited, a Bengaluru-based farm equipment manufacturer, signed a Memorandum of Understanding(**MoU**) with the Ministry of Agriculture of the United Republic of **Tanzania** to actively participate in agricultural development.

- The MoU covers a data-driven approach to small farm mechanization, improved seeds for domestic and export markets, increased farmer income, agri-entrepreneur development, and digital extension services.

80. Who has been recently (in August '24) appointed as Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India (GoI) for a two year period with effect from 30th August 2024?

- 1) Utpal Kumar Singh
- 2) Rajesh Verma
- 3) Pradeep Kumar Tripathi
- 4) Ravi Sinha
- 5) T.V. Somanathan

Answer- **5) T.V. Somanathan**

Explanation:

T.V. Somanathan, a 1987 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, was appointed as the Government of India's (GoI) Cabinet Secretary for a two year period with effect from 30th August 2024.

- Somanathan will succeed Rajiv Gauba whose tenure ends on 30th August 2024.

81. Which country has recently (in August '24) test-fired a Raytheon SM-6 missile from its Navy ship for the first time?

- 1) Australia
- 2) France
- 3) India
- 4) Germany
- 5) Russia

Answer- **1) Australia**

Explanation:

Australia conducted its first test firing of a **Raytheon SM-6 missile** from the Her or His Majesty's Australian Ship (**HMAS) Sydney** at Hawaii, as part of the Pacific Dragon 2024 exercise.

- The SM-6 missile is three missiles in one. It can perform anti-air warfare, anti-surface warfare and ballistic missile defense or sea-based terminal missions.

82. In August 2024, Scientists from _____ (organisation) discovered methanotrophs, India's first indigenous methane mitigating agents.

- 1) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- 2) Agharkar Research Institute
- 3) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 4) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- 5) Birla Institute of Technology & Science

Answer-**2) Agharkar Research Institute**

Explanation:

Scientists from **Agharkar Research Institute (ARI)** led by Monali Rahalkar have discovered **India's first** indigenous methane mitigating agents, also known as **methanotrophs**, from rice fields and wetlands of Western Ghats and Vetal Tekdi (Maharashtra)

- Methanotrophs are natural methane-mitigating agents present in environments where methane and oxygen both are available.
- Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune (Maharashtra), is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

83. Which state government has collaborated with IBM to host India's first International GenAI Conclave on July 11th and 12th, 2024?

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

Answer- **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

The **Kerala** government in partnership with **IBM** hosted India's first International GenAI Conclave on July 11th and 12th, 2024 at Grand Hyatt, Mulavukad, Kochi(Kerala).

- The two-day event featured Kerala's core strengths as an attractive destination for a wide range of enterprises driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robotics.
- It showcased Kerala's commitment to fostering innovation and embracing transformative technologies.

84. Name the mountain on which the Divyangjan expedition team of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) recently unfurled the Indian national flag in August 2024.

- 1) Mount Elbrus
- 2) Mount Kilimanjaro
- 3) Mount Kanchenjunga
- 4) Mount Rainier
- 5) Mount Fuji

Answer- **2) Mount Kilimanjaro**

Explanation:

In August 2024, The Divyangjan expedition team of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) under the Ministry of Defence (MoD) unfurled 7,800 square feet of the Indian national flag atop the Uhuru Summit of **Mount Kilimanjaro**, the highest peak of the African continent.

85. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its _____ Foundation Day on 9th August 2024.

- 1) 20th
- 2) 5th
- 3) 13th
- 4) 4th
- 5) 8th

Answer- **5) 8th**

Explanation:

The Government e-Marketplace (**GeM**) marked its **8th Foundation Day** on August 9, celebrating a remarkable journey of innovation and growth.

- As of August 8, 2024, procurement on the platform for FY 2024-25 has soared to Rs 1,92,433 Crore, reflecting a 136% increase compared to the same period last year, setting the stage for new records.

86. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)?

- 1) Anurag Jain
- 2) Vijay Paul Sharma
- 3) Mohinder Singh
- 4) N. Honnareddy
- 5) Prakash Kumar

Answer- **4) N. Honnareddy**

Explanation:

About the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC):

ISLRTC is an autonomous body under DEPwD.

Director – N. Honnareddy

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established– 28th September 2015.

87. How many member nations are in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as of August 2024?

- 1) 164
- 2) 192
- 3) 179
- 4) 156
- 5) 140

Answer- **1) 164**

Explanation:

About World Trade Organisation (WTO):

Director-General (DG)- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Member Nations- 164

Established- 1995

88. In which state, Indravati Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **2) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Chief Minister (CM) – Vishnu Deo Sai

Governor – Ramen Deka

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary, Udanti Wild Buffalo Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve – Indravati Tiger Reserve

89. Nambor – Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in _____ (State).

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

Answer- **1) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Chief Minister (CM)- Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor- Lakshman Prasad Acharya

Capital- Dispur

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Nambor Wildlife Sanctuary, and Nambor – Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Park- Assam State Zoo (Green Lung)

90. Who has recently (in August 2024) won the gold medal in the men’s javelin throw event in the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- 1) Neeraj Chopra
- 2) Andersen Peters
- 3) Thomas Rohler
- 4) Arshad Nadeem
- 5) Aki Parviainen

Answer- **4) Arshad Nadeem**

Explanation:

Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan won the gold medal in the **men’s javelin throw** in the 2024 Paris Olympics. India’s Neeraj Chopra finished second with the silver medal.

- Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari announced that Arshad Nadeem will be honored with the **Hilal-e-Imtiaz**, Pakistan's second-highest civilian award.

91. Who is the current (As of August '24) president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

- 1) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 2) Agnès Callamard
- 3) Louise Baur
- 4) Siri Veseth Meling
- 5) Thomas Bach

Answer - **5) Thomas Bach**

Explanation:

In August 2024, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president **Thomas Bach** announced that he is set to retire in 2025.

- Thomas Bach has been president of the IOC since 2013.
- The new IOC president will be elected in March 2025 at a session in ancient Olympia, Greece.

92. Where is the headquarters of the Skytrax is situated?

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

Answer- **4) London, United Kingdom**

Explanation:

About Skytrax:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Edward Plaisted

Headquarters- London, the United Kingdom

Established- 1989

93. In August 2024, the Government of India (GoI) allocated _____ under the Semicon India Program to support the semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem.

- 1) USD 50 billion
- 2) USD 20 billion
- 3) USD 10 billion
- 4) USD 5 billion
- 5) USD 25 billion

Answer- **3) USD 10 billion**

Explanation:

According to Invest India, the national investment promotion and facilitation agency, the Government of India (GoI) has announced a significant **USD 10 billion** allocation under the **Semicon India Program** to support the semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem.

- The program provides a 50 per cent incentive on project costs for semiconductor and display fabrication facilities across various technology nodes.
- The semiconductor market in India is projected to reach USD 110 billion by 2030

94. Who has been recently (in August 2024) awarded the inaugural Book Brahma Sahitya Puraskara - 2024?

- 1) Imayam
- 2) B. Jeyamohan
- 3) Vairamuthu
- 4) Indira Parthasarathy
- 5) Perumal Murugan

Answer- **2) B. Jeyamohan**

Explanation:

Tamil and Malayalam writer **B. Jeyamohan** was awarded the inaugural Book Brahma Sahitya Puraskara - 2024 at the Book Brahma Literature Festival (BBLF) 2024 held from 9th to 11th August 2024 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

95. Which of the following airlines has recently (in August 2024) received approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to integrate their aircraft line maintenance operations?

A) Air India

B) AIX Connect

C) Vistara

1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only A

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **2) Only A & C**

Explanation:

Air India and **Vistara** have received approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (**DGCA**) to integrate their aircraft line maintenance operations.

- The integration will consolidate Vistara's Line Maintenance activities within Air India's existing facilities to optimize resources, systems, and processes across the board.
- This will result in optimizing resources to enhance operational performance and reduce aircraft turnaround times to bolster on-time performance (OTP).

96. Who is the author of the book titled 'Exhibiting India: Art of Heritage Walks'?

1) Vikram Seth

2) Chetan Bhagat

3) Navina Jafa

4) Vivekananda

5) Shiv Kishan

Answer- **3) Navina Jafa**

Explanation:

The Government of India, through the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, published **Navina Jafa's** book, '**Exhibiting India: Art of Heritage Walks.**'

- The book legitimizes her groundbreaking work advancing heritage tourism and conserving living cultures, taking these fields to unprecedented levels.

97. Which company has recently (in August 2024) won the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme fund to develop an underwater drone or Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can monitor large ranges?

1) EyeROV

2) Oceaneering

3) Planys Technologies

4) Total Marine Technology

5) DeepOcean

Answer- **1) EyeROV**

Explanation:

India's first commercial underwater-drone technology company **EyeROV** (IROV Technologies Pvt Ltd.) won the Technology Development Fund (**TDF**) scheme fund to "develop a long-range remotely-operated vehicle for underwater object detection and neutralization".

- EyeROV signed an agreement with the Defence Research and Development Organization(DRDO).
- EyeROV will use the fund to develop an underwater drone or remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that can monitor large ranges not achieved till now.

98. Which organisation has recently (in August 2024) signed a Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement for the Microwave-based BRIX measurement system with Toshniwal Hyvac Pvt. Ltd. and Sir Automation Industries?

- 1) Software Technology Parks of India
- 2) Electronic and Computer Software Export Promotion Council
- 3) Association for Electric Home Appliances
- 4) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 5) Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research

Answer- **5) Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research**

Explanation:

Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (**SAMEER**) signed a Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement for the Microwave based **BRIX measurement** system with Toshniwal Hyvac Pvt. Ltd. and Sir Automation Industries to enable manufacturing of this system in large numbers.

- It offers a rapid, non-destructive, and accurate method for measuring sugar concentration (Brix) in sugar mills during the production of sugar.

99. In Which year, the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was established?

- 1) 2005
- 2) 2001
- 3) 2010
- 4) 2008
- 5) 2012

Answer- **3) 2010**

Explanation:

About the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA):

AIIA is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ayush, GoI.

Director – Tanuja Nesari

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 2010

100. Who is the current (As of August '24) Executive Director (ED) of the UN World Food Programme (WFP)?

- 1) Cindy McCain
- 2) Inger Andersen
- 3) Greg Barclay
- 4) Cary Adams
- 5) Juerg Steffen

Answer- **1) Cindy McCain**

Explanation:

About the UN World Food Programme (WFP):

The WFP was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize in 2020** for its efforts to combat hunger, promote peace in conflict-affected areas, and prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.

Executive Director (**ED**)- Cindy McCain (United States of America, USA)

Headquarters – Rome, Italy

Established – 1961

Member States – 36

101. Which is the capital of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T)?

- 1) Rabat
- 2) Port of Spain
- 3) Mogadishu
- 4) Abuja
- 5) Windhoek

Answer- **2) Port of Spain**

Explanation:

About Trinidad and Tobago (T&T):

Prime Minister (PM)- Keith Christopher Rowley

Currency- Trinidad & Tobago Dollar

Capital- Port of Spain (PoS)

102. Utkala Divas is celebrated in _____ (State).

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

Answer- **4) Odisha**

Explanation:

About Odisha:

Chief Minister(**CM**) – Mohan Charan Majhi

Governor – Raghubar Das

Airports – Rourkela Airport

Festivals – Utkala Divas

103. Who has been recently (in August '24) appointed as the Secretary of the union Ministry of Steel?

- 1) Pramod Chandra Mody
- 2) Utpal Kumar Singh
- 3) T. V. Somanathan
- 4) Sandeep Poundrik
- 5) Srikant Nagulapalli

Answer- 4) Sandeep Poundrik

Explanation:

Sandeep Poundrik has been appointed as the Secretary of the union **Ministry of Steel**.

- He is a 1993-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from Bihar cadre.

104. Which company has recently (in August' 24) signed a long-term framework agreement with Shell to provide integrated engineering and procurement services for Shell's global assets?

- 1) L&T Technology Services Limited
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) Reil Electricals India Ltd
- 4) Steel Authority of India Limited
- 5) Reliance Industries Limited

Answer- 1) L&T Technology Services Limited

Explanation:

L&T Technology Services Limited (LTTS), a global leader in engineering, digital and Research and development (R&D) services, announced it has signed a long term framework agreement with Shell.

- The multi-year framework agreement will see LTTS providing Integrated Engineering and Procurement Services along with Digital Engineering Services, Data Governance for Capital Projects and Digital Project Management Consultancy for Shell's global assets as necessary.

105. Which organisation has recently (in August' 24) created a Environment and Ecology Department (EED) for standardisation on issues related to environment and ecology?

- 1) Quality Council of India
- 2) Bureau of Indian Standards
- 3) International Organization for Standardization
- 4) Indian Standards Institute
- 5) American Society for Testing and Materials

Answer- 2) Bureau of Indian Standards

Explanation:

The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, the National Standards Body of India, has created a new department for standardisation on issues related to environment and ecology named as **Environment and Ecology Department (EED)**.

- The Bureau organised a workshop on 'Standardisation for Environment and Ecology' on August 12 2024 to set a strong foundation for the future activities of the newly founded department.

106. In August 2024, the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of _____ (country) issued a service provider licence to Starlink to offer satellite broadband services across the country.

- 1) Russia
- 2) China
- 3) Australia
- 4) India
- 5) Sri Lanka

Answer- 5) Sri Lanka

Explanation:

In August 2024, the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of **Sri Lanka** issued a service provider licence to **Starlink** to offer satellite broadband services across the country.

- It was aimed at enhancing Sri Lanka's access to high-speed internet via satellite technology.

107. Who has recently (in August '24) took charge as the Ambassador of India to the United States of America(USA)

- 1) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- 2) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- 3) Sripriya Ranganathan
- 4) Jawed Ashraf
- 5) Santosh Jha

Answer- 1) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

Explanation:

On 12th August 2024, **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** took charge as the Indian ambassador to the United States of America(USA).

- He succeeds Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who retired from the foreign service in January 2024.

108. Which state has recently (in August '24) become the first state in India to provide cash to adolescent girls to buy sanitary napkins?

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

Answer- 3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state government in India to provide cash to adolescent girls to buy sanitary napkins.

- The cash is being provided under the state government's Sanitation and Hygiene scheme.

109. Which country has recently (in August' 24) test-flown its largest unmanned cargo aircraft (drone) designed for civilian use with a payload capacity of 2 metric tons?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Russia
- 3) Singapore

4) China

5) United States of America

Answer- **4) China**

Explanation:

China has test-flown its largest unmanned cargo aircraft (drone) designed for civilian use.

- This drone, developed by Sichuan **Tengden Sci-Tech Innovation Company**, has a payload capacity of 2 metric tons.
- It features a wingspan of 16.1 meters (52.8 feet) and a height of 4.6 meters (15 feet).

110. Malaysian _____ is the currency of Malaysia.

1) Dinar

2) Ringgit

3) Manat

4) Dollar

5) Rupee

Answer-**2) Ringgit**

Explanation:

About Malaysia:

Prime Minister (**PM**) – Anwar Ibrahim

Capital- Kuala Lumpur

Currency- Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

111. How many times has France hosted the Olympics games?

1) Five

2) Two

3) Six

4) Three

5) Seven

Answer- **3) Six**

Explanation:

France has hosted the Olympic Games on six occasions. These include:

- 1900 Summer Olympics in Paris
- 1924 Winter Olympics in Chamonix
- 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris
- 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble
- 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville
- 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris

112. Tungabhadra dam is situated in _____(state).

1) Tamil Nadu

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) Telangana

4) Kerala

5) Karnataka

Answer-**5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The 19th gate of the **Tungabhadra Dam** in Hospet of Karnataka was swept away by floodwaters on 10th August 2024.

- Tungabhadra Dam, also known as Pampa Sagar, is a multipurpose dam constructed across the Tungabhadra River, a tributary of the Krishna River.
- The dam is about 49.5 meters in height and has about 33 crest gates.

113. Where is the headquarters of the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) situated?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- 3) Kochi, Kerala
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Panaji, Goa

Answer- **4) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:**About Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL):**

i. MDL is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

ii. It was incorporated as a Private Limited Company in **1934** and it was taken over by the Government of India in **1960**.

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)– Sanjeev Singhal (additional charge)

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

114. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)?

- 1) Radhakrishnan Durairaj
- 2) Amit Agrawal
- 3) Vivek Bhasin
- 4) Krithivasan
- 5) Ankathi Raju

Answer- **1) Radhakrishnan Durairaj**

Explanation:**About the NewSpace India Limited (NSIL):**

NSIL is a wholly owned Government of India company, under the administrative control of the Department of Space (DOS).

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Radhakrishnan Durairaj

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

Incorporated – 2019

115. Which Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) recently (in August 24) signed an MoU with IG Drones to establish an Advanced Drone Excellence Centre?

- 1) IIT Madras
- 2) IIT Bhubaneswar
- 3) IIT Bombay
- 4) IIT Gandhinagar
- 5) IIT Indore

Answer- 2) IIT Bhubaneswar

Explanation:

In August 2024, **IIT Bhubaneswar** signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) with **IG Drones** to establish an Advanced Drone Excellence Centre at the IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park.

- The centre will focus on disaster management research and development.

116. Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project is situated in _____ (State).

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) karnataka

Answer- 1) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

SJVN Limited, a Mini Ratna Company under the Ministry of Power, has recently commissioned its 90 MW Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project. This new addition brings SJVN's total installed capacity to 2,466.50 MW.

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- The project is executed by SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL), a subsidiary of SJVN.
- It is situated in Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park, Khandwa, **Madhya Pradesh**, which is recognised as the largest floating solar park in India.
- It will generate 196.5 million units of energy in the first year. The estimated cumulative energy generation over 25 years shall be 4629.3 million units

117. Which state has recently (in August 24) inaugurated a help centre at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi to help passengers?

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

Answer- 2) Punjab

Explanation:

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann inaugurated the '**Punjab Help Centre**' at Terminal 3 of **Indira Gandhi International Airport** in New Delhi(Delhi) to help Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and other passengers.

- The facility is designed to assist travelers, including the elderly, with issues such as missed flights, delays in locating luggage, or difficulties in finding their hotels.
- This makes Punjab the first state in India to establish such a dedicated NRI Facilitation Centre.

118. Name the Para shuttler who was recently (in August 24) suspended by the Badminton World Federation for 18 months for breaching the anti-doping regulations.

- 1) Suhas Yathiraj
- 2) Mandeep Kaur
- 3) Pramod Bhagat
- 4) Krishna Nagar
- 5) Thulasimathi Murugesan

Answer-3) Pramod Bhagat

Explanation:

Para shuttler **Pramod Bhagat** has been suspended by the Badminton World Federation for a period of 18 months for breaching the anti-doping regulations. He will miss the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

- He won a gold medal in the men's singles SL3 category at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

119. The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve is located in _____.

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

Answer- 4) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve is located in the Pilibhit and Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

- It was designated as a Tiger Reserve in 2014.
- It forms part of Terai Arc Landscape in the upper Gangetic Plain.
- The northern edge of the reserve lies along the Indo-Nepal border while the southern boundary is marked by the river Sharada and Khakra.

120. In which state 'Gorumara National Park' is located?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- 2) West Bengal

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister– Mamata Banerjee

Governor– CV Ananda Bose

National Park– Buxa National Park; Gorumara National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary– Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary; Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary