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**Explanation:**

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) has appointed **Infosys** to develop its next-generation digital platform as part of its **DIVE** (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement) programme.

- This collaboration aims to enhance the life insurer's digital infrastructure and improve the experience for customers, partners, and employees.

**27. In September 2024, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) raised the Unified Payments Interface(UPI) transaction limit from Rs 1 lakh to \_\_\_\_\_ for investments in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) retail direct schemes.**

- 1) Rs 3 lakh
- 2) Rs 5 lakh
- 3) Rs 8 lakh
- 4) Rs 2 lakh
- 5)Rs 10 lakh

Answer- **2) Rs 5 lakh**

**Explanation:**

In September 2024, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) raised the Unified Payments Interface(UPI) transaction limit from Rs 1 lakh to **Rs 5 lakh** for sectors like **tax payments, payments to hospitals and educational institutions, and investments in Initial Public Offerings (IPO's)and Reserve Bank of India(RBI) retail direct schemes.**

- This change enables high-value transactions through UPI, promoting digital payments across broader financial activities.
- The standard UPI transaction limit has been Rs 1 lakh per transaction, with a slightly higher limit of Rs 2 lakh for specific categories such as capital markets, collections, insurance, and foreign inward remittances

**28. In September 2024, Bank of Baroda(BoB) inaugurated its third 'Phygital branch' at \_\_\_\_\_(city).**

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Kolkata
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Bengaluru

Answer- **3) Mumbai**

**Explanation:**

**Bank of Baroda(BoB)** has announced the inauguration of a 'Phygital' branch at Vile Parle, Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was BoB's third Phygital branch in India

- A **phygital branch** is a bank branch that combines physical and digital elements to create a seamless and personalized banking experience. The term "phygital" is a combination of the words "physical" and "digital"

**29. Which bank has recently (in September '24) fined Rs 31.8 lakh by the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) for not adopting a uniform external benchmark within the same loan category?**

- 1) Citi Bank
- 2) Deutsche Bank

- 3) BNP Paribas
- 4) Barclays Bank
- 5) DBS Bank

Answer- **3) BNP Paribas**

**Explanation:**

In September 2024, The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) imposed penalties on BNP Paribas and three other financial entities for non-compliance with regulatory norms.

- **BNP Paribas** was fined **Rs 31.8 lakh** for not adopting a uniform external benchmark within the same loan category.
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 10.40 lakh on **Hewlett Packard Financial Services (India) Private Limited**.
- It also imposed a penalty of Rs 23.1 lakh on **SMFG India Credit Company Limited** (formerly known as Fullerton India Credit Company Limited).
- It also imposed a penalty of Rs 7.9 lakh on Muthoot Vehicle & Asset Finance Limited.

**30. Which Bank has recently (in September '24) signed a MoU with the Indian Coast Guard(ICG) to offer Salary and Pension account facilities to its personnel?**

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) State Bank Of India
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- **1) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

**HDFC Bank** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Coast Guard(ICG)** to offer Salary and Pension account facilities to its personnel.

- An MoU was originally signed in 2022, and it has now been extended to include additional benefits.

**31. Which Information technology (IT) company has recently (in September '24) entered into a long-term collaboration with United Kingdom-based Metro Bank to digitize the bank's operations?**

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

Answer- **2) Infosys**

**Explanation:**

**Infosys** has entered into a long-term collaboration with British community bank '**Metro Bank**' to digitise the bank's operations.

- The collaboration will utilise Infosys Topaz, the firm's AI-first offerings, to enhance Metro Bank's digital capabilities, improve automation, refine data, and embed further AI capabilities.



**32. In Which pharma company, did the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) recently (in September '24) raise its share from 4.98% to 5.02%?**

- 1) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited
- 2) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited
- 3) Piramal Enterprises Limited
- 4) Morepen Laboratories Limited
- 5) Biocon Limited

**Answer- 5) Biocon Limited**

**Explanation:**

The Life Insurance Corporation of India(LIC) has raised its share in **Biocon Limited** from 4.98% to **5.02%**.

- The additional shares were acquired through open market purchases as part of an investment strategy, at an average cost of Rs 378.92.
- LIC has reduced its share in **DCM Shriram Industries** from 6.675% to 4.659%.

**33. Which bank has recently (in September '24) launched its global education payment service to enable Indian students to pay fees directly to over 600 international universities and colleges?**

- 1) Citibank
- 2) HSBC India
- 3) Standard Chartered Bank
- 4) Deutsche Bank
- 5) DBS Bank

**Answer- 2) HSBC India**

**Explanation:**

**HSBC India** launched its global education payment service to enable Indian students and customers to pay fees directly to over 600 international universities and colleges.

- This new feature, available on the **HSBC India mobile banking app**, enables customers to select the country or territory and the specific university, with pre-loaded and pre-verified account details for each institution

**34. What is the all-time high amount of institutional credit to agriculture for the year 2023-24, according to the Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?**

- 1) Rs 20 lakh crore
- 2) Rs 21.80 lakh crore
- 3) Rs 26.50 lakh crore
- 4) Rs 22 lakh crore
- 5) Rs 25.10 lakh crore

**Answer- 5) Rs 25.10 lakh crore**

**Explanation:**

According to the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) Deputy Governor Swaminathan J, Institutional credit to agriculture reached an all-time high of **Rs 25.10 lakh crore** during 2023-24.

- Indian agriculture faces a demographic challenge, with the average age of farmers now at **50.1 years**.



- This highlights the need to attract younger generations to the sector to ensure its sustainability.
- There are 7.4 crore active Kisan Credit Cards, which are crucial for offering timely and flexible credit to meet short-term agricultural needs.

**35. Which company has recently (in September '24) partnered with Common Service Centers (CSCs) to improve formal credit access for underserved individuals and MSMEs?**

- 1) Star Finserv India Limited
- 2) Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited
- 3) Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited
- 4) L&T Finance Limited
- 5) Sammaan Capital Limited

**Answer- 3) Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited**

**Explanation:**

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd (**Piramal Finance**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Ltd, has partnered with Digital India's Common Service Centers (**CSCs**) to improve formal credit access for underserved individuals and **MSMEs** (micro, small and medium enterprises).

- Through this collaboration, over Rs. 100 Cr. has been successfully disbursed in August 2024 to boost credit availability in semi-urban areas, providing essential financial products such as home and business loans

**36. Which firm has recently (in September '24) become the first fintech Non-Banking Financial Company(NBFC) to list Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) with a face value of Rs 10,000 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?**

- 1) Northern Arc Capital Limited
- 2) Tata Capital Limited
- 3) Capitalmind Financial Services Private Limited
- 4) AKARA Capital Advisors Private Limited
- 5) Titanium Fortune Financial Services Private Limited

**Answer- 4) AKARA Capital Advisors Private Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Stashfin**, a financial services platform, announced that its parent company, **AKARA Capital Advisors Private Limited**, has become the first fintech Non-Banking Financial Company(**NBFC**) to list Non-Convertible Debentures (**NCDs**) with a face value of Rs 10,000 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**).

- AKARA Capital aims to raise Rs 100 crore through this bond issue over the next quarter.
- The first tranche, valued at Rs 6.5 crore and launched on the retail platform, was fully subscribed.
- In July 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) reduced the minimum face value of debt securities from Rs 1,00,000 to Rs 10,000.

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

- 1) 1947
- 2) 1966
- 3) 1952
- 4) 1975

5) 1981

Answer- **2) 1966**

**Explanation:**

**About Asian Development Bank (ADB):**

**President**- Masatsugu Asakawa

**Headquarters**- Manila, Philippines

**Members**- 68 members

**Establishment**- 1966

**38. Who is the current (as of September '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?**

1) Nidhu Saxena

2) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

3) Swarup Kumar Saha

4) Debadatta Chand

5) Atul Kumar Goel

Answer- **4) Debadatta Chand**

**Explanation:**

**About Bank of Baroda (BoB):**

Managing Director **(MD)** & Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)**- Debadatta Chand

**Headquarters**- Vadodara, Gujarat

**Establishment**- 1908

**Tagline**- India's International Bank

**39. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) Inaugurated a new dormitory facility for the female residents of Adhar?**

1) Barclays

2) BNP Paribas India

3) Goldman Sachs

4) Citigroup

5) Morgan Stanley

Answer- **2) BNP Paribas India**

**Explanation:**

On 17th September 2024, BNP Paribas India inaugurated a new dormitory facility for the female residents of Adhar, a long-standing partner and NGO dedicated to providing lifetime care and support for persons with intellectual disabilities. This journey embarked in 2020 to support Adhar.

- This new facility will house over 55 women residents and nearly 18 staff members, furthering Adhar's mission to offer comprehensive residential care, training, and treatment.
- Adhar has been a pioneer in providing holistic care for intellectually disabled adults for nearly three decades.



**40. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) got approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for memorandum of association, allowing the exchange to increase its authorized share capital by 10 times to ₹500 crores?**

- 1) National Stock Exchange
- 2) Bombay Stock Exchange
- 3) Reserve Bank of India
- 4) Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited
- 5) New York Stock Exchange

**Answer- 1) National Stock Exchange**

**Explanation:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved amendments to the memorandum of association of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), allowing a 10-fold increase in authorised share capital to Rs. 500 crores.

- This approval facilitates the NSE's planned bonus issue and offers the exchange the option to issue new shares during its IPO.
- On May 3, NSE announced a four-for-one bonus issue, which was approved by shareholders on June 23. The exchange plans to issue 1.98 billion equity shares as bonus shares, which will increase NSE's share capital from the current ₹49.50 crore to ₹247.50 crore.
- On August 27, the NSE board also sought a no-objection certificate (NOC) from Sebi to move forward with its IPO, which has been delayed due to ongoing regulatory matters, including the co-location case.

**41. Who is the current (as of September '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited?**

- 1) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- 2) Aashish Kamat
- 3) V. Vaidyanathan
- 4) Vijay Adhyapak
- 5) Amitabh Chaudhry

**Answer- 3) V. Vaidyanathan**

**Explanation:**

**About IDFC FIRST Bank Limited:**

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– V. Vaidyanathan

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Tagline –** “Always You First”

**Established -**2018

**42. Where is the headquarters of Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?**

- 1) Manila, Philippines
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Tokyo, Japan
- 4) Toronto, Canada
- 5) Frankfurt, Germany

**Answer- 1) Manila, Philippines**

**Explanation:**

**About Asian Development Bank (ADB):**

**President**- Masatsugu Asakawa

**Headquarters**- Manila, Philippines

**Members**- 68 members—49 from the region

**Establishment**- 1966

**43. Which bank has recently (in September '24) celebrated its 90th Foundation Day with Pioneering Initiatives and a Vision for the Future?**

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Karnataka bank
- 4) Bank of Maharashtra
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- **4) Bank of Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

On 21st September 2024, **Bank of Maharashtra** marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its 90th Foundation Day, an event that was both a tribute to its illustrious past and a glimpse into its future endeavors.

- To commemorate the event in a befitting manner, at the core of the celebration were new initiatives, both in business and corporate social responsibility, highlighting the bank's continuous efforts to support MSMEs, promote financial inclusion, and contribute to environmental sustainability.

**44. Which company has recently (in September '24) introduced the industry-first biometric authentication solution for card payments 'Flash Pay'?**

- 1) PayPal
- 2) Paytm
- 3) PhonePe
- 4) GooglePay
- 5) PayU

Answer- **5) PayU**

**Explanation:**

**PayU**, one of India's leading digital financial services providers, has introduced an industry-first biometric authentication solution for card payments - **Flash Pay**. It was unveiled at the prestigious Global Fintech Festival (GFF) 2024 in partnership with South Indian Bank.

- Flash Pay leverages advanced device-based biometric technology, such as fingerprint or facial recognition, to authenticate payments swiftly and securely. With transactions completed in under 10 seconds, customers no longer need to rely on traditional OTP-based authentication.
- Designed to simplify the payment experience, increase transaction success rates, and significantly enhance security.



**45. Who has recently (in September '24) appointed as the Whole Time Executive Director of the Tuticorin-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank by RBI?**

- 1) Vincent Menachery Devassy
- 2) Nidhu Saxena
- 3) Rajneesh Karnatak
- 4) Baldev Prakash
- 5) Sashidhar Jagdishan

**Answer- 1) Vincent Menachery Devassy**

**Explanation:**

On 20th September 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of **Vincent Menachery Devassy** as its Whole Time Executive Director of the Tuticorin-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.

- The appointment would be for a period of three years, from the date of assuming charge, and subject to the approval of shareholders, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.

**46. Which bank has recently (in September '24) planned to raise up to Rs 3,000 crore through infrastructure bonds?**

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Punjab and Sind Bank
- 4) Federal Bank
- 5) HDFC Bank

**Answer- 3) Punjab and Sind Bank**

**Explanation:**

**Punjab and Sind Bank**, a public sector lender, plans to raise up to **Rs 3,000 crore** through infrastructure bonds as a cost-effective way to address tough competition for deposits.

- The bonds will be issued in tranches. In the first instance, the bank intends to raise up to Rs 3,000 crore depending on market conditions.
- The bank is in the process of appointing merchant bankers for the proposed QIP. However, the time for equity share offering is not indicated.

**47. Which financial group has recently (in September '24) became the 3rd largest financial group in India by market capitalisation (mcap)?**

- 1) HDFC Group
- 2) Bajaj Group
- 3) ICICI Group
- 4) SBI Group
- 5) Tata Group

**Answer- 2) Bajaj Groups**

**Explanation:**

On 21st September 2024, **Bajaj Group** has emerged as the **third-largest** financial group in India by market capitalisation (mcap) behind the HDFC and ICICI groups but ahead of the SBI group.

- Bajaj Group is now challenging this dominance due to the high profitability and mcap of its financial arms such as Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, and the newly listed Bajaj Housing Finance.

- The four listed financial companies in the group - Bajaj Holdings, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, and Bajaj Housing Finance - had a combined mcap of Rs 10.36 trillion.
- HDFC Group tops the league with a combined mcap of Rs 15.75 trillion, followed by the ICICI group at Rs 11.95 trillion.

**48. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Axis Finance Limited (AFL)?**

- 1) Pralay Mondal
- 2) Sai Giridhar
- 3) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 4) Atul Kumar Goel
- 5) Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer- **2) Sai Giridhar**

**Explanation:**

Axis Finance Limited (**AFL**), an Indian non-banking financial company (NBFC), has appointed **Sai Giridhar** as its Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) 'designate', subject to regulatory approvals.

- Giridhar will take over from **Bipin Saraf**, present MD & CEO of Axis Finance, who started his career with Axis Bank in 2003 and was entrusted to lead the Axis Finance team in 2013. He will be moving back to Axis Bank to lead Bharat Banking.
- Giridhar comes with 28 years of experience in the banking domain and has handled leadership roles across various leading private sector banks. He brings a wealth of experience to his new role as the MD & CEO of Axis Finance.

**49. When was the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) established?**

- 1) 1926
- 2) 1938
- 3) 1946
- 4) 1966
- 5) 1979

Answer- **5) 1979**

**Explanation:**

**About Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI):**

**ASOSAI** was founded in 1979 in New Delhi with 11 members. It is a regional group under the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).

**Members** – 48 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs)

**Secretariat**– Beijing, China

**50. When was Bank of Baroda (BoB) established?**

- 1) 1908
- 2) 1919
- 3) 1924
- 4) 1935
- 5) 1942

Answer- **1) 1908**



**Explanation:**

**About Bank of Baroda (BoB):**

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Debadatta Chand

**Headquarters**- Vadodara, Gujarat

**Tagline**- India's International Bank

**Established**- 1908

**51. Name the mobile payment app that was recently (in September '24) launched e-RUPI vouchers to enable artisans benefit under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.**

- 1) Google Pay
- 2) PhonePe
- 3) Paytm
- 4) BHIM
- 5) Amazon Pay

Answer- **4) BHIM**

**Explanation:**

NPCI BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL), a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), announced it will provide **e-RUPI vouchers** via the **BHIM App** to support artisans under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

- Introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this initiative aims to empower traditional artisans and craftspeople across India by enhancing their skills, providing access to modern tools, and helping them scale their services for improved livelihoods.
- Under this initiative, registered artisans can access e-RUPI vouchers exclusively through the BHIM App.
- This scheme will support a wide range of artisans, including carpenters, blacksmiths, boat makers, goldsmiths, locksmiths, sculptors, potters, cobblers, basket weavers, doll and toy makers, barbers, tailors, and more across India.

**52. What is the Tagline of State Bank of India (SBI)?**

- 1) Your Perfect Banking Partner
- 2) Pure Banking Nothing Else
- 3) India's International Bank
- 4) Always You First
- 5) Relationship Beyond Banking

Answer- **2) Pure Banking Nothing Else**

**Explanation:**

**About State Bank of India (SBI):**

**Chairman**- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

**Headquarters**- Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Tagline**- Pure Banking Nothing Else

**Established**- 1955

**53. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of Asian Development Bank (ADB)?**

- 1) Prakash Chandra
- 2) Masatsugu Asakawa

- 3) Jin Liqun
- 4) Ajay Banga
- 5) Tadashi Maeda

Answer- **2) Masatsugu Asakawa**

**Explanation:**

**About Asian Development Bank**

**President**- Masatsugu Asakawa

**Headquarters**- Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines

**Establishment** - 1966

**Members**- 68 members (49 from Asian and the Pacific and 19 outside)

**54. Which bank has recently (in September '24) raised Tier II bonds of Rs 2,500 crore at 7.49% per annum through NSE Electronic Bidding Provider Platform?**

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Bank of India
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) Bank of Baroda

Answer- **3) Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

On 25th September 2024, State-owned **Bank of India** raised Basel III compliant Tier II bonds of **Rs 2,500 crore** at **7.49%** per annum through NSE Electronic Bidding Provider Platform.

- Bank received a total of 76 bids for this issuance amounting to Rs. 6,046 crore, out of which, 42 bidders were allotted the bonds amounting to Rs. 2,500 crore.
- The coupon rate for the tier - II bond offering of Bank of India was well below the rate at which the state-owned bank raised funds through the same instruments, where the cut off was 7.88%.

**55. Which authority has recently (in September '24) approved the merger of IDFC Financial Holdings Company Limited with IDFC Limited, which will subsequently merge into IDFC First Bank?**

- 1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- 2) Competition Commission of India
- 3) National Company Law Appellate Tribunal
- 4) National Company Law Tribunal
- 5) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Answer- **4) National Company Law Tribunal**

**Explanation:**

On 25th September 2024, The National Company Law Tribunal (**NCLT**) gave its approval for the merger of IDFC Financial Holdings Company Limited with IDFC Limited and their merger into IDFC First Bank from 1st October 2024.

- The company is in the process of applying for availing certified true copy of the NCLT order and completion of requisite statutory/ regulatory formalities in order to make the scheme effective.



- In December 2023, the RBI had approved the reverse merger of IDFC Ltd with its banking subsidiary.

**56. When was SBI General Insurance Company Limited established?**

- 1) 2002
- 2) 2005
- 3) 2009
- 4) 2012
- 5) 2014

Answer- **3) 2009**

**Explanation:**

**About SBI General Insurance Company Limited:**

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Naveen Chandra Jha

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Founded** – 2009

**57. Where is the headquarters of City Union Bank Limited (CUB) situated?**

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Thrissur, Kerala
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **4) Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**About City Union Bank Limited (CUB):**

It was initially incorporated as 'The Kumbakonam Bank Limited' in 1904 and was later renamed as 'City Union Bank Limited' in December 1987.

**Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**- Dr. N. Kamakodi

**Headquarters**- Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu (TN)

**Tagline**- Trust and Excellence Since 1904

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

- 1) Debadatta Chand
- 2) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 3) Pralay Mondal
- 4) Shyam Srinivasan
- 5) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

Answer- **2) Amitabh Chaudhry**

**Explanation:**

**About Axis Bank Limited:**

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

**Founded**- 3 December 1993

**Headquarters**- Mumbai, Maharashtra

## CA STATIC GK

**1. Which Information technology (IT) firm working on a project called 'Morni' to develop an AI model that understands and represents 125 Indian languages and dialects?**

- 1) Google
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Amazon
- 4) Meta
- 5) Nvidia

**Answer-1) Google**

**Explanation:**

**Google DeepMind's** India unit working on a project called **Morni**, aiming to develop an AI model that understands and represents 125 Indian languages and dialects.

- To solve the problem of not having enough language data, Google has launched Project Vaani, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and ARTPARK (Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park) in 2022.

**2. Which city is set to host the 2024 Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament?**

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Rajgir, Bihar
- 3) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 4) Rourkela, Odisha
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Answer- 2) Rajgir, Bihar**

**Explanation:**

Rajgir in Bihar is set to host the 2024 Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament.

**3. Name the Indian athlete who was recently (in August '24 honored at the INS Satavahana, the Indian Navy's submarine training establishment**

- 1) Avani Lekhara
- 2) PV Sindhu
- 3) Vinesh Phogat
- 4) Jyothi Yarraji
- 5) Preeti Pal

**Answer- 4) Jyothi Yarraji**

**Explanation:**

**INS Satvahana**, under the Eastern Naval Command, honored Indian athlete **Jyothi Yarraji** for her groundbreaking achievement as the first female Olympic hurdler from India.

- Jyothi became the first Indian athlete ever to represent India in the women's 100 m hurdles event.
- INS Satavahana is the premier submarine training establishment of the Indian Navy.
- It imparts professional multi-level training to officers and sailors of the Indian Navy in the field of Submarine Warfare.



**4. Which city will host the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) General Assembly in 2025?**

- 1) Brussels, Belgium
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland.
- 3) Berlin, Germany
- 4) Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- 5) New Delhi, India

Answer- **4) Samarkand, Uzbekistan**

**Explanation:**

**Samarkand in Uzbekistan** will host the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) General Assembly (GA) in 2025.

- It will be the first time since 1985 that the UNESCO GA was held outside Paris(France). In 1985, UNESCO General Assembly was held in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Samarkand's unique historical monuments are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List
- The UNESCO General Assembly is a key event in which representatives of Member States debate current issues in the fields of education, science, culture and communication. The Assembly plays an important role in shaping UNESCO's global policy, developing new initiatives and creating international standards.

**5. In August 2024, India launched its first survey of high-risk glacial lakes in Tawang and Dibang Valley of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **3) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

India launched its first survey of high-risk glacial lakes in Tawang and Dibang Valley, **Arunachal Pradesh**.

- It is led by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). It is part of the **National Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Mission**.
- The survey aims to assess risks and feasibility for early warning systems and other preventive measures.
- It will evaluate lake accessibility, geo coordinates, boundaries, elevation, and land use patterns to install early warning systems and weather stations.

**6. Who is the current (As of August '24) Vice-Chairperson of the NITI Aayog?**

- 1) Nina Singh
- 2) Parminder Chopra
- 3) Shashi Kumar Singh
- 4) Ananthakrishnan
- 5) Suman Bery

Answer- **5) Suman Bery**

**Explanation:**

**About NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India):**

**Chairperson-** Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)

**Vice-Chairperson-** Suman Bery

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Established-** 2015

**7. In August 2024, India won 4 medals at the Deaf Shooting Championship in \_\_\_\_\_(Country).**

- 1) Japan
- 2) Italy
- 3) France
- 4) China
- 5) Germany

**Answer- 5) Germany**

**Explanation:**

**India** secured **4 medals:** 1 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze at the Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany.

- Anuya Prasad won gold in the Women's 10m Air Pistol event.
- Abhinav Deshwal earned silver in the Men's 10m Air Pistol and, alongside Shubham Vashist and Chetan Sapkal, in the Men's 10m Air Pistol Team event.
- Shubham Vashist also won bronze in the Men's 10m Air Pistol.

**8. Who is the current (as of September '24) comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)?**

- 1) Heeralal Samariya
- 2) Girish Chandra Murmu
- 3) R. Venkataramani
- 4) Atul Karwal
- 5) Gurdeep Singh

**Answer- 2) Girish Chandra Murmu**

**Explanation:**

**About the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG):**

The CAG of India is a supreme audit institution of India, established by Article 148 of the Constitution of India. CAG is appointed by the President of India.

**CAG** – Girish Chandra Murmu

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Established** – 1858

**9. Which is the capital of the Saudi Arabia?**

- 1) Riyadh
- 2) Damascus
- 3) Abu Dhabi
- 4) Doha
- 5) Baghdad

**Answer- 1) Riyadh**



**Explanation:**

**About Saudi Arabia:**

**Prime Minister (PM)** – Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud

**Capital** – Riyadh

**Currency** – Saudi Riyal

**10. In which state Panna Tiger Reserve is located?**

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

Answer- **1) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Madhya Pradesh (MP):**

**Governor**– Mangubhai C. Patel

**Chief Minister**– Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Singhori Wildlife Sanctuary, Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Veerangana Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve** – Panna Tiger Reserve, Sanjay Tiger Reserve

**11. In which state Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is located?**

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

Answer- **2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Koundinya wildlife sanctuary is located in Palamner - Kuppam forest ranges of Chittoor district of **Andhra Pradesh**.

**i.** This Sanctuary comes under Project elephant - a Countrywide Elephant Conservation Project taken up by the Government of India. Uniqueness: The only home for Asiatic elephants in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**12. In which state Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located?**

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Uttar Pradesh:**

**Chief Minister (CM)**- Yogi Adityanath

**Governor-** Anandiben Pate

**Bird Sanctuary-** Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, **Okhla Bird Sanctuary**, Sur Sarovar (Keetham) Bird Sanctuary

**Dance Forms** - Ramlila, Braj Raslila, Charkula

**13. In Which year, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was established?**

- 1) 1954
- 2) 1949
- 3) 1985
- 4) 1998
- 5) 1969

Answer- **5) 1969**

**Explanation:**

**About the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF):**

The CISF is a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

**Director General (DG)** - Rajwinder Singh Bhatti

**Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi

**Established** - 1969

**14. When did the Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA) celebrate its 71st Raising Day?**

- 1) August 29
- 2) August 30
- 3) August 31
- 4) September 1
- 5) September 2

Answer- **3) August 31**

**Explanation:**

On August 31, 2024, Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (**DGAQA**) celebrated its **71st Raising Day** at Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Bhawan, New Delhi.

- DGAQA emphasised the importance of advanced QA techniques to keep pace with Global Aeronautical practices, terming it as the need of the hour to realise the vision of '**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**'.
- It released the Approval of a Firm and its Quality Management System Issue-III:2024 which provides autonomy to Indian industries in military aviation towards ease of doing business.

**15. Which Indian state recently (in August '24) passed a Bill to increase the minimum age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Assam
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**



**Explanation:**

In August 2024, The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2024.

- The Bill proposed to raise the minimum age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years.

**16. In Which country, the Atacama salt flat located?**

- 1) Peru
- 2) Bolivia
- 3) Chile
- 4) Colombia
- 5) Argentina

Answer- **3) Chile**

**Explanation:**

According to a new study, **Chile's Atacama salt flat** is sinking at a rate of 1 to 2 centimetres per year due to **lithium brine** extraction.

- Lithium brine extraction is a process in which salt-rich water is pumped to the surface and into a series of evaporation ponds to eventually obtain lithium.
- Argentina, Chile, and Bolivia form the "**Lithium Triangle**" and account for more than half of the world's total lithium resources.

**17. In August 2024, the Government of India(GoI) banned \_\_\_\_\_ fixed-dose combination (FDC) drugs.**

- 1) 208
- 2) 156
- 3) 175
- 4) 182
- 5) 194

Answer- **2) 156**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, the Government of India(GoI) banned **156** fixed-dose combination (FDC) drugs.

- FDCs are medications that come in the form of a single pill, capsule, or shot and contain multiple active ingredients, which are chemical components in medications that influence the body.
- FDCs reduce the number of pills the patient needs to take each day, and help improve adherence to the treatment.

**18. Which university will become the first international university to set up a campus in India under the University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023, notified in November 2024?**

- 1) University of Glasgow
- 2) University of Bristol
- 3) University of Oxford
- 4) University of Cambridge
- 5) University of Southampton

Answer- **5) University of Southampton**

**Explanation:**

The **University of Southampton** will become the first international university to set up a campus in India under the University Grants Commission (UGC)(Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023, notified in November 2024.

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) issued a Letter of Intent (LoI) to the University of Southampton in New Delhi.

**19. Which Indian athlete has recently (in August '24) won the silver medal at the 'Asian Cadet Judo Championships'**

- 1) Jaanvi Yadav
- 2) Asmita Dey
- 3) Shraddha Chopade
- 4) Himanshi Tokas
- 5) Roshni Devi Laishram

Answer- **4) Himanshi Tokas**

**Explanation:**

On August 31, 2024, **Himanshi Tokas** won a **silver** medal at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships, which took place in Mungyeong, South Korea.

- Himashi competed in the Women's 63-kilogram event.

**20. Which organisation has recently (in August '24) signed a MoU with Grameen Foundation to enhance financial inclusion across India with a focus on covering underserved communities?**

- 1) Protean eGov Technologies Limited
- 2) Adani Green Energy Limited
- 3) Shriram Capital Limited
- 4) Uncia Technologies Private Limited
- 5) Digivridhhi Technologies Private Limited

Answer- **1) Protean eGov Technologies Limited**

**Explanation:**

On 30 August 2024, Grameen Foundation for Social Impact (**GFSI**) and **Protean eGov Technologies Limited** signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to enhance financial inclusion across India, with a focus on covering the underserved communities.

- It aims to leverage technology to transform agent-based networks, enabling Business Correspondents (BCs) to deliver a diversified range of financial and non-financial services.
- This collaboration marks a significant milestone in the journey towards financial inclusion, paving the way for innovative solutions that will allow communities and transform lives across India.

**21. Which State has recently (in August '24) signed a MoU with EFS Facilities Services Group Limited for overseas placements of the youths?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal



**Answer- 2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The **Himachal Pradesh** government and a Dubai-based **EFS Facilities Services Group Limited**, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) for overseas placements of the youths of the state in the presence of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

- The MoU was signed by Deputy Director (Employment) **Sandeep Thakur** on behalf of the government and EFS Facilities Services Group Limited Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tariq Chauhan.
- The State Government was committed to provide employment and self employment opportunities to the youth of the State and over 31000 posts.

**22. Who is the current (As of September '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)?**

- 1) Agnishwar Jayaprakash
- 2) Atul Dinkar Rane
- 3) Ashish Rajvanshi
- 4) T. Suvarna Raju
- 5) C.B. Ananthkrishnan

**Answer- 5) C.B. Ananthkrishnan**

**Explanation:**

**About the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):**

**Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)**– C.B. Ananthkrishnan (Additional Charge)

**Headquarters**– Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Founded**– 1940

**23. Russian \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Russia.**

- 1) Pound
- 2) Dram
- 3) Krone
- 4) Ruble
- 5) Manat

**Answer- 4) Ruble**

**Explanation:**

**About Russia:**

**Capital**– Moscow

**President**– Vladimir Putin

**Currency**– Russian Ruble

**24. Who is the current (As of September '24) Surveyor General of India?**

- 1) Asit Saha
- 2) Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana
- 3) Yadubir Singh Rawat
- 4) Dhriti Banerjee
- 5) Swarna Subba Rao

**Answer- 2) Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana**

**Explanation:**

**About the Survey Of India (SOI):**

**Surveyor General of India**- Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana

**Headquarters**- Dehradun, Uttarakhand

**Founded**- 1767

**25. In which State Chandoli National Park is located?**

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

**Answer- 3) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Maharashtra:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** - Eknath Shinde

**Governor**- CP Radhakrishnan,

**National Parks (NPs)** -Sanjay Gandhi National Park (NP), Chandoli NP

**26. In which State Konark Dance Festival is celebrated?**

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Orissa
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Odisha

**Answer- 5) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**About Odisha:**

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

**Governor** - Raghubar Das

**Festivals** - Konark Dance Festival, Mahabisuva Sankranti (Pana Sankranti)

**Stadiums** - DRIEMS Ground, Kalinga Stadium

**27. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in August '24) opened its campus in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates?**

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

**Answer- 2) IIT Delhi**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi's Abu Dhabi campus was officially inaugurated today by Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed, Crown Prince of **Abu Dhabi**, United Arab Emirates(**UAE**).



- The establishment of the IIT campus in the UAE is a key outcome of the Vision Document launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in February 2022

**28. In Which state, the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?**

- 1) Orissa
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Assam
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Kerala

Answer- **5) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

**About Kerala:**

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

**Governor** – Arif Mohammed Khan

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary

**Airports** – Trivandrum International Airport, Cochin International Airport

**29. Name the world's first AI & Deep Learning-Powered Health Monitoring App that was recently (in August '24) launched by Bisam Pharmaceuticals in Hyderabad, Telangana.**

- 1) Fooducate
- 2) Sleep Cycle
- 3) Headspace
- 4) Apple Health
- 5) Quick Vitals

Answer- **5) Quick Vitals**

**Explanation:**

On 21 August 2024, Bisam Pharmaceuticals launched the **world's first** Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered health monitoring app, "**Quick Vitals**," offering a groundbreaking way to monitor, check, and map vital health data through your smartphone or tablet, in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- Quick Vitals is an ISO-certified and CDSCO-approved, advanced AI-powered and Machine Learning-enhanced health monitoring application available on both the App Store and Play Store.
- This app developed by Bisam Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd under the leadership of Harish Bisam, utilizes the Photoplethysmography (PPG) technique to analyze light absorption changes due to blood volume variations.

**30. Which ministry has recently (in August '24) released BioE3 Policy 2024?**

- 1) Ministry of Agriculture
- 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 3) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 4) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- 5) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Answer- **3) Ministry of Science and Technology**

**Explanation:**

On 31 August 2024, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh released the **Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment (BioE3) Policy 2024** in New Delhi. This policy will foster high-performance bio-manufacturing in India.

- He highlighted the six themes such as Bio-based chemicals and enzymes, Functional foods and Smart proteins, Precision biotherapeutics, Climate resilient agriculture, Carbon capture & its utilisation, and Futuristic marine & space research.
- India's bio economy increased from 10 billion USD in 2014 to over 130 billion USD in 2024, with projections to reach 300 billion USD by 2030.

**31. Which organisation has recently (in August '24) completed a vital performance test for India's first hydrogen train?**

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) Titagarh Rail Systems Limited
- 3) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- 4) Research Designs & Standards Organisation
- 5) RailTel Corporation of India Limited

Answer- **4) Research Designs & Standards Organisation**

**Explanation:**

On 29 August 2024, The Research Designs & Standards Organisation (**RDSO**), the Research and Development (R&D) body under the Ministry of Railways, announced that it has conducted a crucial performance test of the fuel cell and battery systems for **India's first hydrogen train**.

- The test aimed at matching the drive cycle simulation for the proposed Jind-Sonipat route, marks the end of the stationary testing phase for the Driving Motor Coach subassemblies.
- Indian Railways is set to introduce 35 hydrogen trains under its "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative. Each train is estimated to cost around Rs 80 crore, with additional ground infrastructure costs of Rs 70 crore per route.

**32. In Which state, the Kudremukh National Park is situated?**

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

Answer- **1) Karnataka**

**Explanation:****About Karnataka:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Siddaramaiah

**Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot

**National Parks** – Bannerghatta National Park(BNP), Kudremukh National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuaries

**33. Who is the current (As of September '24) Director of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?**

- 1) Vivek Gogia
- 2) Prakash Kumar



- 3) Tripti Gurha
- 4) Hitesh Vaidya
- 5) Dhriti Banerjee

Answer- **5) Dhriti Banerjee**

**Explanation:**

**About the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI):**

**Director** – Dhriti Banerjee

**Headquarters** – Kolkata, West Bengal (WB)

**Established** – 1916

**34. Sri Lankan \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Sri Lanka.**

- 1) Baht
- 2) Rufiyaa
- 3) Taka
- 4) Rupee
- 5) Cent

Answer- **4) Rupee**

**Explanation:**

**About Sri Lanka:**

**Prime Minister (PM)**- Dinesh Gunawardena

**Currency**- Sri Lankan Rupee

**Capital**- Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative capital) & Colombo (executive and judicial capital)

**35. When was the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) established?**

- 1) 1996
- 2) 2002
- 3) 2005
- 4) 2007
- 5) 2015

Answer- **3) 2005**

**Explanation:**

**About the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF):**

CERF is one of the fastest funding instruments available to help people affected by crises.

It is managed by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on behalf of the UN Secretary-General

**Chief**- Michael Jensen

**Established**- 2005

**36. Where is the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) headquarters situated?**

- 1) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2) Manila, Philippines
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Brussels, Belgium
- 5) Strasbourg, France

Answer- **2) Manila, Philippines**

**Explanation:**

**About Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF):**

**Chairperson**- Cecilia L. Lazaro

**President**- Susanna B. Afan

**Headquarters**- Manila, Philippines

**Establishment**- 1957

**37. When was the Indian Air Force (IAF) established?**

- 1) 1923
- 2) 1932
- 3) 1942
- 4) 1954
- 5) 1964

Answer- **2) 1932**

**Explanation:**

**About the Indian Air Force (IAF):**

Chief of the Air Staff (**CAS**) - Vivek Ram Chaudhari

**Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi

**Established** - 1932

**Motto** - Touch the Sky with Glory

**38. How many medals have recently (in August '24) India won in Under-17 World Wrestling Championships?**

- 1) 4
- 2) 5
- 3) 9
- 4) 10
- 5) 11

Answer- **4) 10**

**Explanation:**

The **Under-17 World Wrestling Championships 2024** took place from 19 to 25 August 2024 in Amman, Jordan. The championship was organized by United World Wrestling. India won a total of **10 medals** at the Under-17 World Wrestling Championships 2024 - **5 gold, 1 silver, and 4 bronze.**

- At the U17 World Wrestling Championships in Istanbul last year, India had bagged one gold, seven silver and three bronze medals.

Sl.No	Indian Wrestler	Event	Medal
1	Aditi Kumari	Women's freestyle 43kg	Gold
2	Neha Sangwan	Women's freestyle 57kg	Gold
3	Pulkit	Women's freestyle 65kg	Gold
4	Kajal	Women's freestyle 69kg	Gold



5	Mansi Lather	Women's freestyle 73kg	Gold
6	Shrutika Patil	Women's freestyle 46kg	Silver
7	Sainath Pardhi	Greco-Roman 51kg	Bronze
8	Ronak Dahiya	Greco-Roman 110kg	Bronze
9	Bala Raj	Women's freestyle 40kg	Bronze
10	Muskan	Women's freestyle 53kg	Bronze

**39. Which organisation has recently (in August '24) launched Vulture Count 2024 aimed to monitor and conserve India's vulture populations?**

- 1) Wildlife Institute of India
- 2) World Wildlife Fund
- 3) South Asian Wildlife Enforcement Network
- 4) National Board for Wildlife
- 5) Wildlife Trust of India

Answer- **2) World Wildlife Fund**

**Explanation:**

On 30th August 2024, World Wildlife Fund (**WWF**)-India launched **Vulture Count 2024** an initiative that involves counting of vultures and raising awareness on the critically endangered bird species. The launch of the initiative aimed at monitoring and conserving India's vulture populations scheduled from **7th September to 6th October 2024**, coincides with **International Vulture Awareness Day**, September 7th.

- Vulture Count 2024 aims to address this crisis by systematically monitoring vulture populations and track population trends, identify critical habitats, assess the impact of environmental changes, and develop targeted conservation strategies and policies.

**40. Which Ministry has recently (in September '24) extended the deadline for the National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) for the academic year 2024-25 to 30th September 2024?**

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Urban Development
- 5) Ministry of Education

Answer- **5) Ministry of Education**

**Explanation:**

On 2nd September 2024, The **Ministry of Education** extended the deadline for the National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (**NMMSS**) for the academic year 2024-25. The new deadline for submitting applications through the National Scholarship Portal (**NSP**) is **September 30, 2024**.

- The deadline extension applies to both new applicants and students applying for renewal.

**41. Who has recently (in August '24) become the oldest Indian swimmer to swim across the English Channel?**

- 1) Srihari Nataraj
- 2) Richa Mishra
- 3) Siddhartha Agarwal
- 4) Srikaanth Viswanathan
- 5) Aryan Nehra

Answer- **3) Siddhartha Agarwal**

**Explanation:**

On 29th August 2024, **Siddhartha Agarwal**, a **49-year-old** swimmer from Bengaluru, made history by becoming the oldest Indian to swim across the English Channel (between England and France).

- Agarwal successfully navigated the **42-km** stretch between England and France, completing the swim in an impressive **15 hours and six minutes**.
- Incidentally, this was the same year when **Srikaanth Viswanathan**, also from Bengaluru, entered the Limca Book of Records for becoming the oldest to swim the English Channel solo at the age of 46.

**42. Who received the prestigious 'Gender Diversity' National Award at the Indian Steel Association (ISA) Steel Conclave 2024?**

- 1) Dasari Radhika
- 2) Sri Nagendra Nath Sinha
- 3) Atul Bhatt
- 4) Rahul Kejriwal
- 5) Susavan Ghosal

Answer- **1) Dasari Radhika**

**Explanation:**

On 4th September 2024, the **Indian Steel Association (ISA)** presented the prestigious '**Gender Diversity**' National award to **Dr. Dasari Radhika**, Deputy General Manager (DGM) Human Resource (HR), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) at the ISA Steel Conclave 2024 in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Dr. Dasari Radhika received the award in recognition of her excellent journey and efforts to create an inclusive culture.

**43. Who is the author of the book titled "A Journey from Black Gold to White Gold"?**

- 1) Rochelle Potkar
- 2) Kuldeep Gupta
- 3) William Dalrymple
- 4) Rohit Manchanda
- 5) Ruchir Sharma

Answer- **2) Kuldeep Gupta**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, Acclaimed Energy expert **Kuldeep Gupta** released his new book titled "**A Journey from Black Gold to White Gold**".

- The book was published by **BlueRose Publishers Private Limited**.
- This book tells the story of Karan, a man who started his career in the Oil & Gas Industry, inspired by its significance during World Wars I and II.



**44. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) received the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Integrated Management System (IMS) Certifications?**

- 1) Indian Pharmaceutical Association
- 2) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences
- 3) Indian Drug Manufacturers Association
- 4) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga
- 5) Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy

Answer- **5) Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy**

**Explanation:**

The Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (**PCIM&H**) under the Ministry of Ayush has achieved the Bureau of Indian Standards (**BIS**) Integrated Management System (IMS) Certifications.

- PCIM&H has been awarded IS/ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management System (QMS), IS/ISO 14001:2015 for Environmental Management System (EMS) and IS/ISO 45001:2018 for Occupational Health & Safety Management System (OHSMS).

**45. Where is the headquarters of the National Test House (NTH) located?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Kolkata, West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About National Test House (NTH):**

**Director General (DG)**- Dr. Alok Kumar Srivastava

**Headquarters**- Kolkata, West Bengal

**Established** - 1912

**46. Who is the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)?**

- 1) Shrikant Nagulpalli
- 2) Alok Kumar Srivastava
- 3) Pramod Kumar Tiwari
- 4) Ajay Yadav
- 5) Vibha Dhawan

Answer- **1) Shrikant Nagulpalli**

**Explanation:**

**About Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE):**

**Director General (DG)**- Shrikant Nagulpalli

**Headquarters**- New Delhi, Delhi

**Established** - 2002

**47. Where is the headquarters of the Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace (FWDA)' located?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal

- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **1) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

**About the Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace (FWDA):**

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Suhas Tejaskanda

**Headquarters-** Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Incorporated in-** 2022

**48. In September 2024, the Government of India(GoI) extended the interest equalisation scheme for exporters up to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 31st October 2024
- 2) 30th November 2024
- 3) 30th September 2024
- 4) 31st December 2024
- 5) 30th January 2025

Answer- **3) 30th September 2024**

**Explanation:**

In September 2024, the Government of India (GoI) extended the interest equalisation scheme on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit up to **30th September 2024**.

- The scheme helps exporters from identified sectors and all MSME manufacturer exporters to avail of rupee export credit at competitive rates at a time when the global economy is facing headwinds.
- The scheme was started on April 1, 2015, and was initially valid for five years up to March 31, 2020.
- On December 8, 2023, the Union Cabinet approved an additional allocation of Rs 2,500 crore for the continuation of the scheme up to June 30, 2024.

**49. Who is the current (as of September '24) Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Delhi?**

- 1) Vinai Kumar Saxena
- 2) Manoj Sinha
- 3) Acharya Dev Vrat
- 4) Kuniyil Kailashnathan
- 5) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Answer- **1) Vinai Kumar Saxena**

**Explanation:**

**About Delhi:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Arvind Kejriwal

**Lieutenant Governor (LG)** – Vinai Kumar Saxena

**Airport** – Indira Gandhi International Airport

**Festivals** – Bhai Dooj Festival, Chhat Festival



**50. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director(CMD) of the NEPA Limited?**

- 1) Srikant Madhav Vaidya
- 2) Arvind Vadhera
- 3) Koppu Sadashiv Murthy
- 4) Ravi Agrawal
- 5) Sanjay Kumar Jain

Answer- **2) Arvind Vadhera**

**Explanation:**

**Arvind Vadhera** has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director(CMD) of the **NEPA Limited**, a Public Sector Undertaking(PSU) under the Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises.

- NEPA Limited was established in January 1947 as **National Newsprint and Paper Mills Limited**.

**51. Which company has recently (in September '24) acquired a 35 % equity stake in Exxon Mobil Corporation's proposed world's largest low-carbon hydrogen facility in Texas, the United States of America(USA)?**

- 1) ConocoPhillips
- 2) Equinor ASA
- 3) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company
- 4) Aramco
- 5) Royal Dutch Shell plc

Answer- **3) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company**

**Explanation:**

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (**ADNOC**) will acquire a 35 % equity stake in **Exxon Mobil Corp's** proposed world's largest **low-carbon hydrogen facility** in Texas, the United States of America(USA).

- The upcoming facility will convert US produced natural gas into virtually carbon-free hydrogen, utilizing advanced carbon capture and storage technologies to remove approximately 98% of the associated Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions
- The facility is expected to produce up to 1 billion cubic feet of low-carbon hydrogen daily, along with more than 1 million tons of low-carbon ammonia annually, making it the largest of its kind globally.

**52. Which country has recently (in September '24) nominated its zinc roofers for the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage?**

- 1) France
- 2) Italy
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Germany
- 5) Belgium

Answer- **1) France**

**Explanation:**

The French culture ministry has chosen the **zinc roofers** as France's entry for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(**UNESCO**) **list of Intangible Cultural Heritage(ICH)** to be decided at the UN body's session in Asunción, Paraguay in December 2024.

- Zinc roofers of Paris are skilled craftsmen responsible for creating and maintaining the distinctive zinc rooftops that have become a hallmark of the city's architectural identity.
- The UNESCO ICH list includes knowledge and skills that are passed down through generations, such as: Oral traditions, Performing arts, Social practices, Rituals, Festive events, Traditional crafts, and Contemporary rural and urban practices.
- In 2023, Gujarat's popular folk dance form "**Garba dance**" has been inscribed in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity by UNESCO.
- India has a total of 15 elements inscribed on the UNESCO ICH list.

**53. In September 2024, two-time French Open finalist Luis Ayala of \_\_\_\_\_ (country) passed away.**

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Colombia
- 3) Venezuela
- 4) Chile
- 5) Argentina

Answer- **4) Chile**

**Explanation:**

In September 2024, **Chilean** tennis player **Luis Ayala** passed away at the age of 91.

- Born in Santiago, Chile, Luis Ayala won 46 singles titles in his career.
- He was the finalist at **Roland Garros** (French Open) in 1958 and 1960.

**54. Which country will host the ICC World Test Championship final in the year 2025?**

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Australia
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) South Africa
- 5) India

Answer- **3) United Kingdom**

**Explanation:**

The International Cricket Council (**ICC**) announced that the third **World Test Championship (WTC) final** will be played at Lord's Cricket Ground in London, **United Kingdom** (UK), from 11th to 15th June 2025.

**55. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the Managing Director(MD) for Philips India?**

- 1) Arvind Krishna
- 2) Shantanu Narayen
- 3) Banmali Agrawala
- 4) Vasant Narasimhan
- 5) Bharath Sesha



Answer- **5) Bharath Sesha**

**Explanation:**

Dutch multinational company **Philips** has appointed **Bharath Sesha** as the Managing Director(MD) for India, effective 1st September 2024.

- He succeeds Daniel Mazon, who has moved to a global role at the Philips headquarters in the Netherlands.

**56. Astronomers have discovered the brightest object ever, a quasar that shines 500 trillion times brighter than the Sun, named J0529-4351, was identified using the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (VLT) in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Sweden
- 2) Chile
- 3) Hawaii
- 4) Arizona
- 5) Peru

Answer- **2) Chile**

**Explanation:**

Astronomers have discovered the **brightest object ever** observed in the universe, a **quasar** that shines **500 trillion** times brighter than our Sun. This record-breaking celestial body, named **J0529-4351**, was identified using the **European Southern Observatory's (ESO) Very Large Telescope (VLT)** in Chile.

- The light from this quasar has travelled over **12 billion years** to reach Earth. With a **mass of 17 billion Suns**, it is the fastest-growing black hole ever discovered.
- Its incredible brightness comes from a hot accretion disc measuring **seven light-years** in diameter, which is believed to be the largest in the universe.
- The quasar had been visible in sky surveys since **1980** but was initially misclassified as a star due to its extreme brightness.

**57. In which state Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Delhi
- 4) Assam
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Assam**

**Explanation:**

**About Assam:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Himanta Biswa Sarma

**Governor** – Lakshman Prasad Acharya

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary

**Airports** – Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Dibrugarh Airport

**58. In which state Bandhavgarh National Park is situated?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kerala

- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **5) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Madhya Pradesh (MP):**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Mohan Yadav

**Governor** – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**National Parks** – Fossil National Park, Bandhavgarh National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – National Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary

**59. Where is the headquarters of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) situated?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kolkata, WestBengal
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- **5) New Delhi, Delhi**

**Explanation:**

**About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):**

**Chairperson**- Ravneet Kaur

**Headquarters**- New Delhi, Delhi

**Established**- 2003

**Operational from**- 2009

**60. When was the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) established?**

- 1) 2008
- 2) 2010
- 3) 2016
- 4) 2012
- 5) 2020

Answer- **3) 2016**

**Explanation:**

On 7th September 2024, The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (**IEPFA**), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India, celebrated its **8th Foundation Day** in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and ICSI, in New Delhi, Delhi.

- IEPFA was formed on **September 7, 2016**, under the provisions of sub-section 5 of Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- The Authority is entrusted with the responsibility of administration of the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF), making refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, matured deposits/debentures etc. to investors and to promote awareness among investors.
- Anita Shah Akella is the current (as of August '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IEPFA.



**61. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as India's next ambassador to Croatia?**

- 1) Ajay Bisaria
- 2) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- 3) Santosh Jha
- 4) Arun Goel
- 5) Vikram Doraiswami

Answer- **4) Arun Goel**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed **Arun Goel** as India's next ambassador to **Croatia**.

- He was appointed as the Election Commissioner in November 2022. He resigned from the post in March 2024.

**62. Which city hosted the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?**

- 1) Seoul, South Korea
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Ankara, Turkey
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) Manila, Philippines

Answer- **2) New Delhi, India**

**Explanation:**

On 8th September 2024, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, addressed the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (**OCA**) at Bharat Mandapam in **New Delhi, Delhi**.

- Mansukh Mandaviya announced that India will bid to host the Youth Olympics in 2030 and Summer Olympics in 2036.

**63. Who has been recently (in September '24) awarded the 2024 Millennium Technology Prize for his contribution to the development of the Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)?**

- 1) Mounji Bawendi
- 2) Ashok Elluswamy
- 3) Bantval Jayant Baliga
- 4) Alexey Ekimov
- 5) Claudia Goldin

Answer- **3) Bantval Jayant Baliga**

**Explanation:**

The **2024 Millennium Technology Prize** has been awarded to Professor **Bantval Jayant Baliga** of North Carolina State University, United States of America (USA), for his innovation that has enabled dramatic reduction in worldwide electrical energy and petrol consumption.

- The **1 million Euro** global award for technology recognizes Baliga's leadership in the invention, development, and commercialization of the Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT).
- IGBT has become the most critical power semiconductor component globally, enabling more efficient electricity use and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

**64. Which of the following countries is 'not' a member of both 'BRICS' and 'Shanghai Cooperation Organisation' (SCO)?**

- 1) India
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) Iran
- 5) United Arab Emirates

**Answer- 5) United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

i. The permanent members of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (**SCO**) are: China, Russia, India, Iran, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Belarus, and Uzbekistan.

ii. The **BRICS bloc**, an intergovernmental organisation, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Iran, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, and Ethiopia.

**65. Who has recently (in September '24) released the '200 Not Out' documentary of Gujarati newspaper 'Mumbai Samachar'?**

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Droupadi Murmu
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) S. Jaishankar

**Answer- 4) Amit Shah**

**Explanation:**

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Amit Shah** released '200 Not Out' documentary of '**Mumbai Samachar**' in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The Gujarati newspaper was first published in 1822 as a weekly by Parsi scholar **Fardunjee Marzban**.
- 'Mumbai Samachar' is Asia's oldest and the world's third oldest active newspaper

**66. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of the Indian Navy?**

- 1) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- 2) Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay
- 3) Karambir Singh
- 4) Hemant Khatri
- 5) Hasan Bala Abubakar

**Answer- 1) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi**

**Explanation:**

**About Indian Navy (IN):**

Chief of the Naval Staff (**CNS**) – Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Founded** – January 26, 1950

**67. Where is the capital of Brunei Darussalam situated?**

- 1) Bangar
- 2) Tutong



3) Bandar Seri Begawan

4) Belait

5) Temburong

Answer- **3) Bandar Seri Begawan**

**Explanation:**

**About Brunei Darussalam:**

Prime Minister (**PM**)- Hassanal Bolkiah

**Capital**- Bandar Seri Begawan

**Currency**- Brunei Dollar (BND)

**68. Singapore \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Singapore.**

1) Rupee

2) Dollar

3) Bhat

4) Dirham

5) Note

Answer- **2) Dollar**

**Explanation:**

**About Singapore:**

Prime Minister (**PM**)- Lawrence Wong

**Capital**- Singapore

**Currency**- Singapore Dollar (SGD)

**69. Who is the current (as of September '24) Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (UK)?**

1) Denys Shmyhal

2) Mikhail Mishustin

3) Joe Biden

4) Keir Rodney Starmer

5) Giorgia Meloni

Answer- **4) Keir Rodney Starmer**

**Explanation:**

**About United Kingdom (UK):**

**Prime Minister (PM)** – Keir Rodney Starmer

**Capital** – London

**Currency** – The pound sterling, or British Pound Sterling (GBP)

**70. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?**

1) Hasmukh Adhia

2) Janardan Prasad

3) Sundararaman Ramamurthy

4) Ashishkumar Chauhan

5) Madhabi Puri Buch

Answer- **5) Madhabi Puri Buch**

**Explanation:**

**About the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**

The SEBI was established as a non-statutory body on 12th April 1988, and as a statutory body on 30th January 1992.

**Chairman** – Madhabi Puri Buch

**Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**71. In Which state, the Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?**

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

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**About Tamil Nadu (TN):**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

**Governor** – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary, Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve** – Srivilliputhur – Meghamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR)

**72. Who is the current (as of September '24) Executive Director (ED) of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?**

- 1) Catherine Russell
- 2) Maimunah Mohd Sharif
- 3) Rabab Fatima
- 4) Audrey Azoulay
- 5) Volker Türk

Answer- **1) Catherine Russell**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):**

**Executive Director (ED)** – Catherine Russell

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

**Established** – 1946

**73. When was the International Solar Alliance (ISA) established?**

- 1) 2010
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2014
- 4) 2015
- 5) 2018

Answer- **4) 2015**



**Explanation:**

**About the International Solar Alliance (ISA):**

The ISA is an initiative launched by India and France at the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) in Paris, France to promote solar energy and support the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

Director -General (**DG**) – Ajay Mathur

**Headquarters** – Gurugram, Haryana

**Established** – 2015

**74. Where is Arun Jaitley Stadium (formerly known as Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium) situated?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Assam
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **2) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

**About New Delhi:**

Chief Minister (**CM**) – Arvind Kejriwal

Lieutenant Governor (**LG**) – Vinai Kumar Saxena

**Stadiums** – Arun Jaitley Stadium (formerly known as Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium), Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

**75. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TIME Magazine?**

- 1) Martina L. Cheung
- 2) Wendy Naugle
- 3) Jessica Sibley
- 4) Nicholas Thompson
- 5) Thomas Geisel

Answer- **3) Jessica Sibley**

**Explanation:**

**About TIME Magazine:**

**CEO**– Jessica Sibley

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

**Created in**- 1923

**76. When was the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) established?**

- 1) 1896
- 2) 1982
- 3) 1986
- 4) 1992
- 5) 1996

Answer- **2) 1982**

**Explanation:**

**About Olympic Council of Asia (OCA):**

It governs sports in Asia and is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association

of National Olympic Committee (ANOC) and the 45 member Asian National Olympic Committee (NOCs). The OCA General Assembly, its highest decision-making body, includes heads of NOCs from Asia.

**President**– Raja Randhir Singh

**Headquarters**– Kuwait City, Kuwait

**Establishment**– 1982

**77. Where is the headquarters of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)is situated?**

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) New York, USA
- 3) Lyon, France
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Vienna, Austria

**Answer- 3) Lyon, France**

**Explanation:**

**About the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL):**

**Secretary General**– Jürgen Stock

**Headquarters**– Lyon, France

**Founded**– 1923

**78. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the member of the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI)Men's Selection Committee?**

- 1) Dinesh Karthik
- 2) Ajay Ratra
- 3) Naman Ojha
- 4) Parthiv Patel
- 5) Deep Dasgupta

**Answer- 2) Ajay Ratra**

**Explanation:**

On 3rd September 2024, The Cricket Advisory Committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) appointed former Indian wicketkeeper **Ajay Ratra** as the newest member of the Men's Selection Committee headed by Ajit Agarkar. Ratra will replace Salil Ankola in the Committee.

- Ajay Ratra played 6 Tests and 12 One Day International (ODIs) for India. Representing Haryana, Ratra played over 90 First Class matches, scoring close to 4000 runs and had over 240 dismissals.
- As per convention, all selectors represent different zones and Ratra will represent the North Zone in the committee.

**79. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently (in September '24) organised "Khel Utsav 2024" to commemorate whose birth anniversary?**

- 1) Ajit Pal Singh
- 2) Mohammed Shahid
- 3) Roop Singh
- 4) Dhyan Chand



5) Balbir Singh Dosanjh

Answer- **4) Dhyan Chand**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (**MIB**) arranged the first “**Khel Utsav 2024**”, which took place in Major Dhyan Chand Stadium and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi from August 27 to August 30, 2024, to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey icon **Major Dhyan Chand**.

- This grand sporting event was organized to coincide with **National Sports Day 2024**, which is spearheaded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS).
- The event featured competitions in four popular sports: **Cricket, Hockey, Badminton, and Table Tennis**.
- A ceremony for distribution of Major Dhyan Chand trophies was held on 4th September, 2024 at PIB Conference Hall, Shastri Bhawan.

**80. Who was recently (in September '24) appointed as India's next ambassador to Iceland?**

- 1) R Ravindra
- 2) Guðni Bragson
- 3) Sanjay Kumar Verma
- 4) Pankaj Sharma
- 5) Vinay Kumar

Answer- **1) R Ravindra**

**Explanation:**

On 3rd September 2024, The Ministry of External Affairs appointed **R Ravindra** as India's next ambassador to Iceland. Ravindra, who is currently India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, brings extensive diplomatic experience from various postings worldwide.

- He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- He also served as India's Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire, with concurrent accreditation to Liberia and Guinea, from 2016 to 2018.

**81. Which country has recently (in September '24) bowled out Mongolia for a mere 10 runs and chased down the target in ICC T20 World Cup 2026 Qualifiers?**

- 1) India
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Spain
- 5) Malaysia

Answer- **3) Singapore**

**Explanation:**

- On 5th September, In a historic International Cricket Council (**ICC**) **T20 World Cup 2026 qualifier, Singapore** bowled out **Mongolia** for a mere **10 runs** and chased down the target in just 5 balls and **won by 9 wickets** at the YSD-UKM Cricket Oval in Malaysia. This match saw several records shattered.

**82. In which state, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has recently (in September '24) released the '200 Not Out' documentary?**

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **5) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

On 8th September 2024, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Shri Amit Shah** released '**200 Not Out**' documentary chronicling the illustrious journey of **Mumbai Samachar**, Asia's oldest newspaper in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- 'Mumbai Samachar' is Asia's oldest and the world's third oldest active newspaper.
- Amit Shah applauded the newspaper for setting an exemplary standard of credibility, a quality he noted requires immense effort to earn and maintain.

**83. Who is the current (as of September '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Algeria?**

- 1) Giorgia Meloni
- 2) Mostafa Madbouly
- 3) Nadir Larbaoui
- 4) Mikhail Mishustin
- 5) Ahmed Ouyahia

Answer- **3) Nadir Larbaoui**

**Explanation:**

**About Algeria:**

**President** – Abdelmadjid Tebboune

**Prime Minister (PM)** – Nadir Larbaoui

**Capital** – Algiers

**Currency** – Algerian Dinar (DZD)

**84. Who is the current (as of September '24) Governor of Odisha?**

- 1) Ramen Deka
- 2) Raghubar Das
- 3) Thaawarchand Gehlot
- 4) Acharya Dev Vrat
- 5) R. N. Ravi

Answer- **2) Raghubar Das**

**Explanation:**

**About Odisha:**

**Chief Minister (CM)**- Mohan Charan Majhi.

**Governor**- Raghubar Das

**Capital**- Bhubaneswar

**Festivals**- Raja Parba, Rath Yatra, and Nuakhai

**Stadiums**- Barabati Stadium (Outdoor), Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, and East Coast Railway Stadium (Outdoor).



**85. Where is the headquarters of Geespace located?**

- 1) Washington, DC, USA
- 2) Tokyo, Japan
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 5) Shanghai, China

Answer- **5) Shanghai, China**

**Explanation:**

**About Geespace:**

It was established by Zhejiang Geely Holding Group in 2018 under the Geely Technology Group, with the objective of developing, launching and operating LEO.

**CEO and chief scientist**- Tony Wang

**Headquarters**- Shanghai, China

**86. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of the Worldwide Fund for Nature - India(WWF-India)?**

- 1) Neelam Shami Rao
- 2) Vijay Kumar Mishra
- 3) Deepak Mohanty
- 4) Arvind Wable
- 5) Hemant Takle

Answer- **4) Arvind Wable**

**Explanation:**

**About Worldwide Fund for Nature -India(WWF-India):**

**President**- Arvind Wable

**Headquarters**- New Delhi, Delhi

**Established**- 1969

**87. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?**

- 1) Debendranath Sarangi
- 2) Michael Guest
- 3) Randhir Singh
- 4) Thomas Bach
- 5) Dawee Chullasapya

Answer- **1) Debendranath Sarangi**

**Explanation:**

**Debendranath Sarangi**, former President of the Squash Rackets Federation of India (**SRFI**) and the current Vice President of the World Squash Federation (**WSF**), has been appointed as the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Olympic Council of Asia (**OCA**).

**88. Which state recently (in September '24) launched its 'Nipuna' initiative to equip the state's youth with industry-relevant skills?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Tamil Nadu

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

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

The **Karnataka** government has launched the '**Nipuna Karnataka**' initiative to equip the state's youth with industry-relevant skills under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**). The program will collaborate with top IT companies and use CSR funds to support training programs and infrastructure development.

- 'Nipuna Karnataka' represents a commitment to empowering young people with the skills needed to excel in the IT industry.
- The initiative has a budget of **Rs 300 crore** and will be implemented with the help of Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS) and Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM).
- Leading IT firms such as Infosys, Wipro, and TCS will collaborate on curriculum development, training delivery, internships, and placements. CSR funds from IT companies will also support training programs and infrastructure development.

**89. Who has been recently (in September '24) shortlisted for the British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding 2024?**

- 1) Arundhati Roy
- 2) Chetan Bhagat
- 3) Nandini Das
- 4) Kris Manjappa
- 5) Amitav Ghosh

Answer- **5) Amitav Ghosh**

**Explanation:**

On 10th September 2024, Kolkata-born renowned Indian author **Amitav Ghosh** was shortlisted for the **British Academy Book Prize** for Global Cultural Understanding 2024 for his book '**Smoke and Ashes**', a leading international non-fiction prize worth GBP 25,000 now in its 12th year.

- Ghosh's latest work, '**Smoke and Ashes: Opium's Hidden Histories**', is among the six titles competing in the top prize. The book examines the far-reaching impact of the global opium trade from the 18th century to present-day crises.
- The winner will be revealed at an awards ceremony in London on October 22, with all shortlisted authors receiving GBP 1,000.
- In 2023, Indian-origin author **Nandini Das** won the prize for 'Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire'.

**90. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)?**

- 1) Rajesh Verma
- 2) M.M. Kutty
- 3) Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- 4) Preeti Sudan
- 5) Kushvinder Vohra



Answer- **1) Rajesh Verma**

**Explanation:**

On 9th September 2024, **Rajesh Verma**, an officer of the 1987 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Odisha Cadre, took charge as the new full-time Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (**CAQM**). He has been appointed for a period of three years from the date of assumption of charge, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

- Rajesh Verma has an experience of over three and half decades and expertise in public administration and governance.
- He also served as the Secretary to the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu prior to his superannuation on August 31, 2024.
- He succeeds **Dr. M.M. Kutty**, who has successfully completed his tenure as the full-time Chairperson of CAQM after leading the Commission for three years.

**91. Which tribe has recently (in September '24) got habitat rights to protect and preserve natural entities, sacred sites and places of religious and spiritual importance located within their habitat?**

- 1) Parajas
- 2) Khonds
- 3) Bhumia
- 4) Saoro
- 5) Sounti

Answer- **4) Saoro**

**Explanation:**

**Saora tribals** of Gajapati district getting habitat rights over their ancestral lands, **Odisha** has become the only state in the country to provide such rights to the highest number of particularly vulnerable tribal groups (**PVTGs**).

- Saoras have become the **5th tribal group** in the state to get the habitat rights that allow them to protect and preserve natural entities, sacred sites and places of religious and spiritual importance located within their habitat.
- The district-level committee in Gajapati under the Forest Rights Act (**FRA**) recently approved habitat rights for the Saora community covering 128 villages in Mohana and R Udayagiri blocks.

**92. In September '24, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) proposal to acquire an additional stake in \_\_\_\_\_(company).**

- 1) Ather Energy
- 2) Hero Electric
- 3) HOP Electric
- 4) Tork Motors
- 5) Ola Electric

Answer- **1) Ather Energy**

**Explanation:**

**The Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (**NIIF**) proposal to acquire an additional stake in Ather Energy. The deal was cleared by the competition watchdog under the green channel route.

- The acquirer (India-Japan Fund) proposes to acquire certain Series G Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares of Ather.
- India-Japan Fund (IJF) is a fund managed by NIIF. The fund focuses on investing in environmental sustainability, and low-carbon emission strategies and promoting investments by Japanese companies in India.

**93. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?**

- 1) Philemon Yang
- 2) Audrey Azoulay
- 3) Václav Bálék
- 4) Dennis Francis
- 5) Atul Keshap

Answer- **4) Dennis Francis**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):**

**President**- Dennis Francis

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

**Established**- 1945

**94. Where is the International Solar Alliance (ISA)'s Headquarters situated?**

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Gurugram, Haryana
- 4) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer- **3) Gurugram, Haryana**

**Explanation:**

**About International Solar Alliance (ISA):**

**Director General**- Dr Ajay Mathur

**Headquarters**- Gurugram, Haryana

**95. In which state the Jaldapara National Park is located?**

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

Answer- **2) West Bengal**



**Explanation:**

**About West Bengal (WB):**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Mamata Banerjee

**Governor** – C. V. Ananda Bose

**National Parks** – Sundarban National Park, Jaldapara National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary, Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary

**96. Where is the Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary situated?**

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer- **1) Meghalaya**

**Explanation:**

**About Meghalaya:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Conrad Kongkal Sangma

**Governor** – Chandrashekhar H. Vijayashankar

**National Parks** – Balphakram National Park, Nokrek Ridge National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary, Nongkhyllem Wildlife Sanctuary

**97. In which state the Dimapur Airport is located?**

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Manipur

Answer- **4) Nagaland**

**Explanation:**

**About Nagaland:**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Neiphiu Rio

**Governor** – La Ganesan Iyer

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Rangapahar Wildlife Sanctuary

**Airports** – Dimapur Airport

**98. Where is the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) headquarters situated?**

- 1) London, UK
- 2) Madrid, Spain
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) Washington DC, USA

Answer- **5) Washington DC, USA**

**Explanation:**

**About the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP):**

**President** – Professor Rory O’Connor

**Headquarters** – Washington DC, United States of America (USA)

**Established** – 1960

**99. Who is the author of the recently (in September ‘24) released book ‘Comprehensive Commentary on Environmental Protection and Pollution Control Laws’?**

- 1) Jyothimani
- 2) Ranjan Gogoi
- 3) Arun Shourie
- 4) Fali Sam Nariman
- 5) Markandey Katju

Answer- **1) Jyothimani**

**Explanation:**

On 1st September 2024, the book titled ‘**Comprehensive Commentary on Environmental Protection and Pollution Control Laws**’, was authored by **Justice P. Jyothimani**, a former Judge of the Madras High Court and former judicial member of the National Green Tribunal, along with advocate Naveen Kumar Murthi.

- This book emphasises on environmental law, covering a broad spectrum of topics from international conventions to air and water pollution, as well as forest and wildlife regulations.
- It was launched by Supreme Court Justices M.M. Sundresh and K.V. Viswanathan and Justice R. Subramanian of the Madras High Court.

**100. Name the comprehensive national mock drill exercise that was recently (in August ‘24) conducted under the aegis of National One Health Mission (NOHM) to assess pandemic preparedness in Rajasthan.**

- 1) Garuda Shakti
- 2) Samudra Shakti
- 3) Vajra Prahar
- 4) Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas
- 5) Dharma Guardian

Answer- **4) Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas**

**Explanation:**

Under the aegis of National One Health Mission (**NOHM**), a comprehensive national mock drill, "**Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas**" (Virus War Exercise), was conducted in Ajmer district of Rajasthan state, from **August 27 to August 31, 2024** to assess pandemic preparedness.

- This exercise aimed to evaluate the readiness and response of the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) composed of experts from human health, animal husbandry and wildlife sectors.
- A mock zoonotic disease outbreak scenario was created to simulate a real-world outbreak.



**101. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in September '24) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Airbus India Private Limited to foster development and socio-economic reforms across the country?**

- 1) IIT Kanpur
- 2) IIT Madras
- 3) IIT Delhi
- 4) IIT Patna
- 5) IIT Guwahati

**Answer- 5) IIT Guwahati**

**Explanation:**

On 6th September 2024, **IIT Guwahati** signed a Memorandum of Agreement (**MoA**) with **Airbus India Private Limited** to foster a formal alliance and a shared commitment to innovation, excellence, and the future of aerospace technology and development of logistics hubs in Assam.

- This MoA aims to enhance employment opportunities and career advancement for individuals in the northeastern region while improving service quality in aviation and logistics industries.

**102. In which city the National Conference on “Universal Access to Healthcare: Digital Solutions” was held on 6th September 2024?**

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Pune
- 4) Kolkata
- 5) New Delhi

**Answer- 5) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

On 6th September 2024, Dr V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog inaugurated a National Conference on “**Universal Access to Healthcare: Digital Solutions**” which was held at **New Delhi**.

- The Union Health Secretary highlighted the success of **CoWIN** and **Aarogya Setu** app which helped in delivering more than 220 crore vaccinations across the country.
- He stated that the Union Government wants to replicate the same model through the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, a flagship scheme of the government.

**103. Name the Indian film-maker who has recently (in September '24) won the 2024 Jackson Wild Legacy Award.**

- 1) Sumaira Abdulali
- 2) Medha Patkar
- 3) Tulsi Gowda
- 4) Sunita Narain
- 5) Mike Pandey

**Answer- 5) Mike Pandey**

**Explanation:**

Renowned filmmaker and conservationist **Mike Pandey** has been awarded the 2024 Jackson Wild Legacy Award.

- The Jackson Wild Legacy Awards recognize visionary filmmakers, conservationists, scientists, and innovators.

- He is the presenter of **Earth Matters**, India's national environmental program, which has reached 800 million people weekly in multiple languages for 18 years.
- Pandey is also the Chairman of the Earthwatch Institute India and Earth Matters Foundation.
- He has been serving as the Brand Ambassador for the Uttar Pradesh Government, promoting eco-tourism, wildlife, and heritage tourism since 2018.
- He has won three Wildscreen Panda Awards that are considered to be the world's **Green Oscars**.

**104. In September 2024, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced the inaugural edition of a Women's \_\_\_\_\_ Twenty20 International Asia Cup.**

- 1) Under-23
- 2) Under-19
- 3) Under-17
- 4) Under-21
- 5) Under-14

**Answer- 2) Under-19**

**Explanation:**

In September 2024, The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced the inaugural edition of a **Women's Under-19 Twenty20 International (U-19 T20) Asia Cup** at the Executive Board Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- The ACC also announced that this tournament will take place biennially, serving as a precursor to each edition of the ICC Women's U-19 T20 World Cup.
- The inaugural U-19 T20 Asia Cup is expected to be held in December 2024.
- The first edition of the Men's U-19 Asia Cup was held in 1989.

**105. Which state has recently (in September '24) signed a MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to increase its milk production?**

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

**Answer- 1) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced that the **Madhya Pradesh**(MP) government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Development Board (**NDDB**), aimed at increasing milk production in MP.

- Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Dairy Federation markets its products under the '**Sanchi**' brand.
- The Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Dairy Federation and its associated milk unions will be managed and operated by the NDDB for the next five years.



**106. Which company has recently (in September '24) announced a collaboration with International Business Machines (IBM) to design advanced processors, focusing on innovation, functionality, and performance?**

- 1) Happiest Minds Technologies
- 2) TATA Electronics
- 3) KPIT Technologies
- 4) Techno Electric
- 5) L&T Semiconductor Technologies

**Answer- 5) L&T Semiconductor Technologies**

**Explanation:**

On 10th September 2024, **L&T Semiconductor Technologies** and **IBM** announced a collaboration to design advanced processors, focusing on innovation, functionality, and performance.

- The partnership aims to develop reliable, secure, and scalable computing solutions for various applications.
- Under the collaboration, the scope of work could include processor design for edge devices and hybrid cloud systems, as well as for areas like mobility, industrial, energy and servers.
- This initiative was revealed at the SEMICON India 2024 event. L&T Semiconductor Technologies is a fabless semiconductor product company based in India.

**107. Which company has recently (in September '24) partnered with Tata Power Delhi Distribution to launch India's first micro substation project?**

- 1) Nissin Electric Company Limited
- 2) Fuji Electric Company Limited
- 3) Changgao Electric Group Company Limited
- 4) Hitachi Limited
- 5) Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

**Answer- 1) Nissin Electric Company Limited**

**Explanation:**

Tata Power Delhi Distribution (**Tata Power-DDL**) and **Nissin Electric Company Limited** will all start a demonstration project to supply electricity from **India's first micro substation**, ensuring stable power for remote areas without a power grid.

- The project aims to supply cost-effective and stable power to remote areas across India that are far from the power grid or do not have a fully developed grid but do have power transmission lines nearby.
- The project is part of the International Demonstration Project on Japan's Energy Efficiency Technologies, which was publicly solicited by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).
- Tata Power-DDL and Nissin Electric signed a Project Agreement (PA) on August 21, 2024, to commence this project.
- This demonstration project is scheduled to run until FY25 and will be a 100 kVA installation that directly steps down the 3-phase 66 kilovolts to 1-phase 240 Volts power supply.

**108. Which United States' aerospace company has recently (in September '24) partnered with Tata Advanced Systems Limited to expand the C-130J Super Hercules tactical airlifter relationship?**

- 1) General Dynamics Corporation
- 2) Lockheed Martin Corporation
- 3) RTX Corporation
- 4) Collins Aerospace Company
- 5) Northrop Grumman Corporation

**Answer- 2) Lockheed Martin Corporation**

**Explanation:**

On 10th September 2024, **Lockheed Martin Corporation** and **Tata Advanced Systems Limited** have entered into a teaming agreement to expand their C-130J Super Hercules tactical airlifter relationship.

- The new agreement will support India's Medium Transport Aircraft Programme and will establish a new Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Facility to support the existing Indian Air Force fleet of 12 C-130Js and other regional and global Super Hercules fleets.
- The agreement will provide a framework for future collaboration on new business opportunities most notably producing C-130J aircraft for the IAF's Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) programme, subject to US and Indian government approvals, and assuming that the C-130J wins the MTA competition.
- This announcement marks a significant step in enhancing India's defence and aerospace capabilities while also deepening India-US strategic ties.

**109. Who is the current (as of September '24) Union Minister of Steel?**

- 1) Ram Nath Thakur
- 2) Mansukh Mandaviya
- 3) H. D. Kumaraswamy
- 4) Suresh Gopi
- 5) Virendra Kumar

**Answer- 3) H. D. Kumaraswamy**

**Explanation:**

**About Ministry of Steel (MoS):**

**Union Minister**– H. D. Kumaraswamy (Constituency- Mandya, Karnataka)

**Minister of State**– Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma (Constituency- Narasapuram, Andhra Pradesh)

**110. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)?**

- 1) Abhay Karandikar
- 2) Arvind C Ranade
- 3) Sharad Agarwal
- 4) Siddhartha Mohanty
- 5) Krithivasan

**Answer- 1) Abhay Karandikar**



**Explanation:**

**About Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) :**

ANRF is an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research in India as per recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP). ANRF functions under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**– Dr. Abhay Karandikar (Secretary, Department of Science of Technology (DST))

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi

**111. Where is the International Hockey Federation (FIH)’ headquarters located?**

- 1) Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2) Strasbourg, France
- 3) Montreal, Canada
- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **4) Lausanne, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About International Hockey Federation (FIH):**

**President**- Mohammad Tayyab Ikram

**Headquarters** – Lausanne, Switzerland

**Founded** – 1924

**112. Which country has recently (in September ‘24) become the 1st country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels?**

- 1) Mauritius
- 2) Canada
- 3) Mexico
- 4) Spain
- 5) Belgium

Answer- **3) Mexico**

**Explanation:**

On 11th September 2024, **Mexico** became the world’s first country to allow **voters to elect judges** at all levels, after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.

- Outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador had pushed hard for the reform and criticized the current judicial system for serving the interests of the political and economic elite.
- The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution, in an upper chamber dominated by the ruling Morena party and its allies.

**113. Which state has recently (in September ‘24) announced the formation of its State Institution for Transformation, ‘GRIT’, to help realise the vision of a ‘Viksit’ or developed state by 2047?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Maharashtra