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Members- 68 members (49 from the region).

65. Where is the headquarters of the Ria Money Transfer situated?

- 1) Bonn, Germany
- 2) California, United States of America
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer- **2) California, United States of America**

Explanation:

About Ria Money Transfer:

Ria Money Transfer, a global leader in the cross-border money transfer industry and a subsidiary of Euronet Worldwide, Inc.

Headquarters - Buena Park, California, United States of America (USA)

Founded - 1987

66. Who is the current (as of June '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mastercard?

- 1) Rafael Mariano Grossi
- 2) Helena Leurent
- 3) Michael Miebach
- 4) Agnès Callamard
- 5) Masatsugu Asakawa

Answer- **3) Michael Miebach**

Explanation:

About Mastercard:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Michael Miebach

Chairman of Mastercard India- Rajnish Kumar

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

Established- 1966

67. Which bank has recently (in June '24) launched the Maha Gold Loan Scheme with an interest rate of 9.30% per annum?

- 1) Central Bank of India
- 2) Bank of Baroda
- 3) Bank of India
- 4) Bank of Maharashtra
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- **4) Bank of Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The Bank of Maharashtra has launched its Maha Gold Loan Scheme with a competitive interest rate of **9.30%** per annum, along with minimal processing charges and zero prepayment penalties.

- This scheme offers a broad range of loan amounts, starting from Rs. 20,000 up to Rs. 100 lakh.

68. Who is the current (as of June '24) Managing Director (MD) of the NSE Indices Limited?

- 1) Mukesh Agarwal
- 2) Ashishkumar Chauhan
- 3) Rajesh Kumar Mediratta
- 4) Tapan Ray
- 5) Raghuvendra Tanwar

Answer- **1) Mukesh Agarwal**

Explanation:

About NSE Indices Limited:

NSE Indices Limited, India's largest Index provider, was formerly known as India Index Services & Products Ltd. (IISL).

Managing Director (MD)- Mukesh Agarwal

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded- 1998

69. Who is the current (as of June '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BharatPe?

- 1) Gurdeep Singh
- 2) Vijay Paul Sharma
- 3) Prakash Kumar
- 4) Nalin Negi
- 5) Rajesh Kumar Mediratta

Answer- **4) Nalin Negi**

Explanation:

About BharatPe:

It was co-founded by Ashneer Grover and Shashvat Nakrani in 2018.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Nalin Negi

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

70. Who is the current (as of June '24) Chairman of the Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)?

- 1) Sanjay Agarwal
- 2) Shreekant M Bhandiwad
- 3) Sarvjit Singh Samra
- 4) Rajeev Yadav
- 5) Kadambelil Paul Thomas

Answer- **2) Shreekant M Bhandiwad**

Explanation:

About Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB):

It was formed by the merger of **4 RRBs** namely, Malaprabha Grameena Bank, Bijapur Grameena Bank, Varada Grameena Bank and Netravathi Grameena Bank. It is a scheduled RRB with share capital contributed in the ratio of **50:15:35** by the Government of India (GoI), the Government of Karnataka, and the Canara Bank respectively.

Chairman- Shreekant M Bhandiwad

Headquarters- Dharwad, Karnataka

Formed- 12th September, 2005

71. According to the recent(June '24) State Bank of India (SBI) report, India's non-banking financial sector registered a growth of _____.

- 1) 11%
- 2) 10%
- 3) 7.5%
- 4) 9.1%
- 5) 8.2%

Answer- 2) 10%

Explanation:

India's **non-banking financial sector** registered a growth of **10%** however globally the sector declined by **3%**, highlights a report by the **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

- The non-banking financial institutions are typically those that do not possess a full banking licence and thus, cannot accept public deposits. These entities usually focus on lending and financing activities.
- India has the **third-largest** entities in the non-banking financial sector, following the United States of America (USA) and the United Kingdom (UK).
- Globally, the size of the non-bank financial intermediation (NBFI) sector declined by 3 per cent in 2022.

72. In June 2024, Panasonic Life Solutions India Private Limited (PLSIND) partnered with _____ (Bank) to provide financing to its solar customers.

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) Bank of Maharashtra
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Bank of India

Answer- 4) State Bank of India

Explanation:

Panasonic Life Solutions India Private Limited (PLSIND), a leading player in the distributed solar energy sector, has partnered with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to provide financing to its solar customers.

- This strategic alliance aims to support the Indian government's ambitious goal of achieving 500GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 by making solar energy solutions more accessible to individuals and businesses.

73. Who has recently (in June '24) stepped down from the post of chief executive officer(CEO) of JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s bank in India?

- 1) Nishant Pitti
- 2) Prabdev Singh
- 3) Atul Dinkar Rane
- 4) Avinash Punekar
- 5) Ashwani Kumar

Answer- 2) Prabdev Singh

Explanation:

Prabdev Singh, chief executive officer(CEO) of **JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s bank in India**, has stepped down before the end of his term.

- Previously, he received regulatory approval in January 2023 for a three-year term as CEO of JPMorgan Chase Bank India.

74. Which of the following has recently (in June '24) become the sixth Indian company to achieve a market capitalization of USD 100 billion?

- 1) HCL Technologies
- 2) Zoho Corporation
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) Tata Motors
- 5) State Bank of India

Answer- **3) ICICI Bank**

Explanation:

On 25th June 2024, **ICICI Bank** became the sixth Indian company to achieve a market capitalization of **USD 100 billion** after the stock price rose by 2.48% to close at a record high of Rs 1,199.05.

- It is the second-largest bank in India by market capitalization, after HDFC Bank.
- The other Indian companies to have crossed USD 100 billion in market capitalization are Reliance Industries Ltd, Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC Bank, and Bharti Airtel. Previously, Infosys had also achieved the milestone in January 2022.

75. Who has been recently (in June' 24) appointed as an additional director of the Bandhan Bank, for a period of one year from 24 June 2024 to 23 June 2025?

- 1) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- 2) Nageswara Rao Chatrad
- 3) Anita Sudhir Pai
- 4) Arun Kumar Singh
- 5) Pranam Wahi

Answer- **4) Arun Kumar Singh**

Explanation:

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **Arun Kumar Singh** as an **additional director** on the board of the **Bandhan bank**, for a period of one year from 24 June 2024 to 23 June 2025 or till further orders.

- Arun Kumar Singh was the chief general manager (retired) at the RBI.

76. Who has been recently (in June' 24) reappointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Limited for a three-year term?

- 1) A Balasubramanian
- 2) Shamsheer Singh
- 3) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 4) Anuradha Rao
- 5) Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer- **1) A Balasubramanian**

Explanation:

Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Limited reappointed A **Balasubramanian** as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) for a three-year term effective July 25, 2024.

- Prior to assuming the role of the CEO in 2009, Balasubramanian served as chief investment officer from 2006 to 2009.

77. Who is the current(as of June '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank Limited?

- 1) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 2) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 3) Atul Kumar Goel
- 4) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- 5) Nidhu Saxena

Answer- **4) Sashidhar Jagdishan**

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank Limited:

It was **incorporated in** August **1994** and commenced operations as a Scheduled Commercial Bank in January 1995.

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

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline– We understand your world

78. In which year was Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) established?

- 1) 1908
- 2) 1922
- 3) 1936
- 4) 1948
- 5) 1956

Answer- **1) 1908**

Explanation:

About Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB):

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) – Swarup Kumar Saha

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1908

Tagline– Where Service is a way of life

79. Which insurance company has recently (in June'24) partnered with Truecaller to combat digital fraud in India with 'Fraud Insurance'?

- 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited
- 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 3) General Insurance Corporation of India
- 4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited
- 5) Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited

Answer- **4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited**

Explanation:

In June 2024, **HDFC ERGO** General Insurance Company Limited partnered with **Truecaller** to combat digital fraud in India with '**Fraud Insurance**'.

- It aims to empower users with enhanced protection against the rising threat of digital communication fraud.
- The Fraud Insurance offers a coverage of up to **Rs 10,000** for both Android and iOS users across India.
- As per a recent report by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, over the past three years, digital financial frauds have resulted in a staggering loss of Rs 1.25 lakh crore.

80. Who is the current (as of June '24) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL)?

- 1) Sumant Kathpalia
- 2) Baldev Prakash
- 3) B. Ramesh Babu
- 4) Rishi Anand
- 5) Nikhil Mohan

Answer- **4) Rishi Anand**

Explanation:**About Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL):**

i.AHFL (Formerly known as DHFL Vysya Housing Finance Limited) was established in 2010 and commenced operations in February 2011.

ii.It was formed with the merger of DHFL Vysya and the Aadhar Housing Finance. In 2017, it was amalgamated with DHFL Vysya and renamed Aadhar Housing Finance Limited(AHFL).

iii.Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Rishi Anand

81. Who is the current (as of June '24) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

- 1) Rakesh Sharma
- 2) Debadatta Chand
- 3) Prashant Kumar
- 4) Murali Ramakrishnan
- 5) Nikhil Mohan

Answer- **2) Debadatta Chand**

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

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

Headquarters – Vadodara, Gujarat

Established – July 20, 1908

Tagline – India's International Bank

82. Who is the current (as of June '24) Managing Director(MD) of the International Finance Corporation (IFC)?

- 1) Inger Andersen
- 2) Makhtar Diop

- 3) Steve Simon
- 4) Andrea Gaudenzi
- 5) Arkady Dvorkovich

Answer- **2) Makhtar Diop**

Explanation:

About International Finance Corporation (IFC):

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in developing countries. It helps in advancing economic development, creates jobs and improves the lives of people.

IFC is owned by **186** member countries.

Managing Director(**MD**)- Makhtar Diop

Headquarters -Washington, D.C., United States of America (USA)

Established - 1956

83. According to a recently (in July' 24) released report by the State Bank of India (SBI), India has formalised _____ of its economy between FY16 and FY23.

- 1) Rs 14 trillion
- 2) Rs 31 trillion
- 3) Rs 26 trillion
- 4) Rs 34 trillion
- 5) Rs 19 trillion

Answer- **3) Rs 26 trillion**

Explanation:

India has formalised **Rs 26 trillion** of its economy between **FY16 and FY23**, as the share of the informal economy fell to 23.7 percent from 25.9 percent during the seven-year period, according to a report released by the **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

- The report estimates that the total informal Gross Value Added (GVA) increased from Rs. 18.6 trillion in FY16 to Rs. 58.4 trillion in FY23, with informal agriculture contributing the largest share at Rs. 43 trillion.. While the share of informal industry and services has declined, informal agriculture in total GVA has increased from 94.8% in FY11 to 95.9% in FY23.

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1. According to a recent report by the Wildlife Institute of India, 4000 Gangetic dolphins (Mamals) exist in the Gangetic River basin.

The National Mission for Clean Ganga observes National Ganga River Dolphin Day on .

- 1) April 5
- 2) June 5
- 3) May 5
- 4) February 5
- 5) October 5

Answer- **5) October 5**

Explanation:

According to a recent report by the **Wildlife Institute of India**, 4000 Gangetic dolphins (Mamals) exist in the Gangetic River basin. It is also known as Ganges susu, Hihu's scientific name Platanista Gangetica & blind dolphin.

- **2000** are found in Uttar Pradesh alone in the **Chambal River**.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga observes every **5th October** as National Ganga River Dolphin Day.

i. They cannot breathe in water, so they have to surface every **30-120 seconds** to breathe. They use **sonars** for prey by emitting ultrasonic sound waves that bounce off fish and other prey.

ii. It is listed in **Schedule -I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972**

iii. **Vikramshila Dolphin Sanctuary** in Bhagalpur, Bihar, was set up to protect the species.

2. In May 2024, _____ became the First Indian male boxer to secure a Paris 2024 Olympics quota in the men's 71kg category.

- 1) Yashwardhan Singh
- 2) Neeraj Goyat
- 3) Sachin Siwach
- 4) Nishant Dev
- 5) Sanjeet Kumar

Answer- **4) Nishant Dev**

Explanation:

In May 2024, Haryana (Karnal district) Indian boxer **Nishant Dev** won the Paris 2024 Olympics quota in the men's 71kg quarterfinals of Boxing World Qualifiers held in Bangkok. He became the **first Indian** male boxer to secure a Paris Olympics ticket.

i. He defeated Moldova's Cebotari in **5-0** at the World Boxing Qualifiers to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

ii. Also, He became the fourth Indian pugilist (Professional Boxer) to qualify for the Paris Olympics after Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti (54kg), and Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg).

3. Which sports association /organization has recently (in June '24) adopted paid maternity leave of 14 weeks for players and coaches?

- 1) International Cricket Council
- 2) International Tennis Federation
- 3) Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- 4) International Olympic Committee
- 5) Fédération Internationale de Natation

Answer- **3) Fédération Internationale de Football Association**

Explanation:

On 1st June 2024, Zurich (Switzerland) headquartered **Fédération Internationale de Football Association** (FIFA) adopted a rule to sanction **14 weeks** of paid maternity leave and a minimum of eight weeks of paid leave for those who adopt a child younger than 2 years.

- This extends to both players and coaches.

4. Who is the current (As of June '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairperson of Global Environment Facility (GEF)?

- 1) Dr.Emmanuelle Soubeyran
- 2) Carlos Manuel Rodríguez
- 3) Gilbert F. Houngho
- 4) Qu Dongyu
- 5) Geoffrey Metz

Answer- **2) Carlos Manuel Rodríguez**

Explanation:

About Global Environment Facility (GEF):

GEF is a multilateral family of funds established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.

GEF Assembly is composed of all 186 member countries, or participants.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairperson– Carlos Manuel Rodríguez

Headquarters– Washington, D.C., the United States of America (USA)

5. Kali Tiger Reserve is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- **1) Karnataka**

Explanation:

Kali Tiger Reserve, earlier known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve is located in Uttara Kannada District of **Karnataka**. This belt of Uttara Kannada district is a part of the Western Ghats.

- The Tiger Reserve comprises two important protected areas of the region viz., Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary and Anshi National Park.

6. Name the fintech Company that has recently (in May '24) partnered with Google Wallet to launch gift cards in India.

- 1) Pine Labs
- 2) PhonePe
- 3) Paytm
- 4) Razorpay
- 5) BharatPe

Answer- **1) Pine Labs**

Explanation:

In May 2024, Aiming to offer gift cards on an online platform in India, Google Wallet has partnered with fintech firm **Pine Labs**. It is featured with refund issuances, credit notes, and promotional offers for brands in the country and to store their private information such as loyalty cards, transit passes, and IDs.

- It is provided with the remainder.

i. In May 2024, Google launched the Google Wallet app for Android users in India

7. In which state 'Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS)' is located?

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

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

In 2022, the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS) in Maharashtra was designated as a Ramsar site.

i. The Ramsar Convention, which came into existence in 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

ii. The convention got its name Ramsar Convention from the city of Ramsar in Iran where it was signed in 1971 and came into force in 1975. India joined the convention in 1982.

8. In which state Kallanai Dam is located?

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

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Kallanai Dam (Oldest Dam in India) is built (in running water) across the Kaveri river flowing from Tiruchirapalli District to Thanjavur district, **Tamil Nadu**, India.

i. It was built by Karikala Cholan of the Chola dynasty.

9. When was Telangana State Formation Day, or Telangana Statehood Day celebrated?

- 1) June 1
- 2) May 29
- 3) June 3
- 4) June 2
- 5) May 30

Answer- **4) June 2**

Explanation:

Telangana State Formation Day, or **Telangana Statehood Day**, is celebrated annually on **June 2**.

i. Telangana was officially established as a state on **2nd June 2014** through Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act.

ii. The Act extended **Hyderabad** as a common capital for both Telangana & Andhra Pradesh for **10 Years** starting from 2nd June 2014.

10. In June 2024, India sent 90 tonnes of nine Made in India Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) to _____ (Country) from Mundra Port, Gujarat.

- 1) Canada
- 2) Slovenia

3) Germany

4) Italy

5) Cuba

Answer- **5) Cuba**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Govt. of India (GOI) sent 90 tonnes of nine Made in India Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) to the **Republic of Cuba** from Mundra Port, Gujarat.

i. This APIs will be used for producing tablets, tonics, injections, etc.

ii. It marks India as a "**Pharmacy of the World**"

11. Which team has recently (in June '24) won the 2024 UEFA Champions League title for the 15th time by defeating Borussia Dortmund in the finals?

1) Borussia Dortmund

2) Real Madrid

3) Liverpool FC

4) Bayern Munich

5) FC Barcelona

Answer- **2) Real Madrid**

Explanation:

In June 2024, the Spanish professional football club Real Madrid Club de Fútbol also known as **Real Madrid** won the 2024 **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Champions League** title by beating the German professional sports club Borussia Dortmund. The match was held at the Wembley Stadium (London, UK).

i. This marks Madrid as the crown of Europe for making a record for the **15th time**.

12. When was the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO) established?

1) 1945

2) 1950

3) 1953

4) 1960

5) 1963

Answer- **1) 1945**

Explanation:

About Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO):

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Established in 1945

13. Who is the current (as of June '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Pakistan?

1) Azam Nazeer Tarar

2) Shehbaz Sharif

3) Imran Khan

4) Asif Ali Zardari

5) Ishaq Dar

Answer- **2) Shehbaz Sharif**

Explanation:

About Pakistan:

President– Asif Ali Zardari

Prime Minister (PM)– Shehbaz Sharif

Capital– Islamabad

Currency- Pakistani Rupee (PKR)

14. UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Virupaksha Temple' is located in _____ (State).

- 1) Verul, Maharashtra
- 2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 3) Veraval, Gujarat
- 4) Hampi, Karnataka
- 5) Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

Answer- 4) Hampi, Karnataka

Explanation:

On 21st May 2024, on Account of torrential rain, a portion of the **Virupaksha temple** in **Hampi, Karnataka** collapsed. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is believed to date back to the 7th Century.

i. According to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Only three meters of the 19-metre-long pavilion, consisting of four pillars, are damaged due to heavy rain.

Note: The temple is constructed in **Dravidian** type architecture. It underwent expansion in the **14th** century during the Vijayanagara Empire (1336 to 1646).

15. Where is the headquarters of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) located

- 1) New York, United States
- 2) Berlin, Germany
- 3) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Moscow, Russia

Answer- 4) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Secretary General– Celeste Saulo

Members- 193 Members, (187 Member States and 6 Territories)

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

16. As of June 2024, How many consultative parties were in the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM)?

- 1) 29
- 2) 20
- 3) 25
- 4) 27
- 5) 28

Answer- 1) 29

Explanation:

About Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM):

Antarctic Treaty is a multilateral agreement of 56 Contracting Parties signed in 1959.

Parties: 29 consultative parties and 28 non-consultative parties.

Executive Secretary– Albert Lluberas

Secretariat– Buenos Aires, Argentina

17. Who is the current (As of June '24) Chairperson of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- 1) Sandeep Batra
- 2) Apurva Chandra
- 3) Rashesh Shah
- 4) Sanjeev Mantri
- 5) Anup Bagchi

Answer- **2) Apurva Chandra**

Explanation:

About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has been established under Food Safety and Standards Act 2006.

Chairperson – Apurva Chandra

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – G. Kamala Vardhana Rao

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

18. Where is the headquarters of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) located?

- 1) Gurugram, Haryana
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

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

Explanation:

About Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

The APEDA was established by the Government of India (GoI) under the APEDA Act passed by the Parliament in December, 1985.

Chairman – Abhishek Dev

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

19. In which state 'Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **2) West Bengal**

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister– Mamata Banerjee

Governor– CV Ananda Bose

National Park– Buxa National Park; Gorumara National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary– Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary; Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary

20. Which airline company has recently (in June '24) signed a codeshare agreement with IndiGo to provide more travel options to travellers?

- 1) Japan Airlines
- 2) Qatar Airways
- 3) Cathay Pacific Airways
- 4) Lufthansa Airlines
- 5) Etihad Airways

Answer- **1) Japan Airlines**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Aiming to provide more travel options between Japan and India, **Japan Airlines (JAL)** signed a codeshare agreement with IndiGo. This collaboration opens **14** domestic destinations in India to JAL.

- i. The codeshare agreement will initially cover domestic routes within India that connect to JAL's flights from Delhi and Bengaluru.
- ii. Through this partnership, JAL, which currently operates daily services between Tokyo Haneda and Delhi and thrice-weekly services between Tokyo Narita and Bengaluru, will be able to connect across India.

21. Name the country that was selected to host the 81st annual general meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in 2025.

- 1) China
- 2) India
- 3) France
- 4) Singapore
- 5) Germany

Answer- **2) India**

Explanation:

In June 2024, The **81st** annual general meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) will be hosted by India's **Indigo** airline company. Previously, India had hosted the AGM in 1983 and 1958.

- After a gap of 42 years, India will host the event in New Delhi in 2025.
- i. The decision was taken at Dubai's 80th IATA AGM meeting.
 - ii. The World Air Transport Summit will occur in Delhi between June (8-10) 2025.

Note: IATA represents over 330 airlines worldwide.

22. In June 2024, Russia planned to construct Central Asia's first nuclear power plant in _____ (Country)

- 1) Turkmenistan
- 2) Tajikistan
- 3) Kazakhstan
- 4) Uzbekistan
- 5) Kyrgyzstan

Answer- 4) Uzbekistan

Explanation:

In June 2024, Russia Planned to build Central Asia's first nuclear power plant in **Uzbekistan**.

- i.** The construction of the nuclear power plant will be finalized based on the referendum.
- ii.** The decision was taken after a meeting held between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

23. Who is the Current (As of June '24) Chief of Air staff (CAS)?

- 1) Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 2) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 3) Milind Barve
- 4) Ajay Singh
- 5) Apurva Chandra

Answer- 1) Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

Chief of Air staff (CAS) – Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Founded – 1932

24. Where is the headquarters of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) located?

- 1) Berlin, Germany
- 2) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 3) New York, United States
- 4) Doha, Qatar
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- 5) Paris, France

Explanation:

About Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD):

The forerunner of the OECD was the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC).

The Convention transforming the OEEC into the OECD was signed on 14 December 1960 and entered into force on 30 September 1961.

Secretary-General– Mathias Cormann

Headquarters– Paris, France

25. In May 2024, Kilauea volcano in _____ (country) was erupted after 50 years.

- 1) Papua New Guinea
- 2) Ethiopia
- 3) Japan
- 4) Hawaii
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- 4) Hawaii

Explanation:

In June 2024, According to a Fox Weather report, the Aviator Color Code in **Kilauea** (the most active volcano in **Hawaii**) was changed from orange **to red** due to the severity of the volcano.

- Earlier **Kilauea** erupted in 1974, which is a **50-year** gap.

26. Who has recently (in June '24) become a brand ambassador of Greenday's 'Better Nutrition'?

- 1) Kiara Advani
- 2) PV Sindhu
- 3) Smriti Mandhana
- 4) Sonali Raut
- 5) Alia Bhatt

Answer- 2) PV Sindhu

Explanation:

In June 2024, **PV Sindhu** invested in Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' and also became a brand ambassador for **Better Nutrition**, targeting both consumer health and farmer prosperity.

i. Better Nutrition is currently fulfilling micronutrient deficiencies in India through biofortified foods.

27. Which space agency has recently (in June '24) collaborated with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to develop a standardized time system for the lunar system under the Artemis program?

- 1) ROCOSMOS
- 2) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 3) European Space Agency
- 4) JAXA
- 5) Canadian Space Agency

Answer- 3) European Space Agency

Explanation:

In June 2024, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) collaborated with the **European Space Agency (ESA)** to develop a standardized time system for the lunar system under the Artemis program.

i. It aims to develop a unified timekeeping system for better coordination in dealing with the mission in any part of the earth.

28. Singapore _____ is the currency of Singapore

- 1) Franc
- 2) Peso
- 3) Lek

4) Dollar

5) Manat

Answer- **4) Dollar**

Explanation:

About Republic of Singapore:

Capital: Singapore

Prime Minister: Lawrence Wong

Currency: Singapore Dollar (SGD)

29. What is the capital of Iceland?

1) Bridgetown

2) Luanda

3) Tirane

4) Reykjavík

5) Nassau

Answer- **4) Reykjavík**

Explanation:

About Iceland

Prime Minister (PM) – Bjarni Benediktsson

Capital – Reykjavík

Currency – Icelandic Króna (IKR)

30. Which court has recently (in June '24) become the first Indian High Court to provide “2-3” days of menstrual leave per month to its women staff?

1) Tamil Nadu

2) Sikkim

3) Karnataka

4) Kerala

5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **2) Sikkim**

Explanation:

In June 2024, High Court of Sikkim introduced a menstrual leave policy for female employees. Sikkim high court becomes the first in India to provide menstrual leave.

i. It allows women staff to avail “2-3 days of menstrual leave” per month.

ii. Recommended through High Court medical officer is necessary for taking leave.

iii. The leave is not counted in the overall leave.

31. Which company has recently (in June '24) collaborated with Infosys to expand healthcare access in Japan?

1) CVS Health

2) Elevance Health

3) UnitedHealth Group

4) Novartis AG

5) Nihon Chouzai

Answer- **5) Nihon Chouzai**

Explanation:

In June 2024, **Infosys** collaborated with Japan's dispensing pharmacy chain **Nihon Chouzai (TSE)** to expand healthcare access in **Japan** with enhanced online medication guidance services and payment solutions.

- i. Launched '**NICOMS**', a telemedicine service app that serves patients to receive guidance through mobile rather than visiting clinics.
- ii. It has planned to integrate the existing 1,800,000, registered users data with **OkusuriTechoPlus** (Nihon Chouzai's digital medication notebook).

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

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

Answer- **2) Goa**

Explanation:

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

- i. Nanda Lake wetland from Goa, India was added to the Ramsar Sites in 2022.

33. Who has been recently (in June '24) named as the Chairperson of the Deendayal Port Authority up to 31st January 2027?

- 1) Anish Kapoor
- 2) Sandeep Batra
- 3) Ankesh Chaudhary
- 4) Ruchira Kamboj
- 5) Sushil Kumar Singh

Answer- **5) Sushil Kumar Singh**

Explanation:

In June 2024, **Sushil Kumar Singh** who currently serving as a joint secretary was named as the Chairperson of the Deendayal Port Authority up to 31st January 2027 by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

- He succeeds S K Mehta.
- i. Sushil Singh, an Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME) officer (1993 batch).
 - ii. Deendayal Port, India's second biggest state-owned commercial port by volumes.

34. Which company has recently (in June '24) introduced the 'Sarathi Suraksha Policy', an insurance policy to protect their drivers?

- 1) Ashok Leyland Limited
- 2) Mahindra & Mahindra Limited
- 3) Tata Motors
- 4) Bharat Benz
- 5) Force Motors Limited

Answer-1) Ashok Leyland Limited.

Explanation:

In June 2024, To protect the health of drivers who handle Ashok Leyland vehicles **Ashok Leyland Limited.** has introduced a Comprehensive Insurance Policy '**Sarathi Suraksha Policy**'.

i.It offers insurance coverage of up to Rs 10 lakh.

ii. The policy holds no individual names but is classified as an 'Unnamed GPA (Group Personal Accident) policy' that covers any driver who operates an Ashok Leyland vehicle.

35. The 18th Lok Sabha elections were held across India from 19th April to 1st June 2024.

India created a world record for the highest number of participants in the election with _____ voters.

- 1) 72.9 crore
- 2) 64.2 crore
- 3) 54.1 crore
- 4) 59.7 crore
- 5) 60.8 crore

Answer- 2) 64.2 crore

Explanation:

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections (18th) the number of people who cast their votes reached **64.2 crore** votes. Women consisting of about 31.2 crore cast their votes.

- This made India receive the **world record** for the highest number of participants in the election.

i. As per the Election Commission of India (ECI), 68,000 monitoring teams and 1.5 crore polling and security personnel were involved in this electoral process.

36. When was National Cancer Survivors Day 2024 observed to raise awareness about the development of medicines for cancer?

- 1) 30th May 2024
- 2) 31st May 2024
- 3) 29th May 2024
- 4) 2nd June 2024
- 5) 1st June 2024

Answer- 4) 2nd June 2024

Explanation:

National Cancer Survivors Day is observed annually on **June 2** to raise awareness about the development of medicines for cancer and to empower patients who survived cancers.

i. The National Cancer Survivor's Day was first observed on **5th June 1988**.

37. Which sports association has recently (in June '24) signed a Multi-Year Partnership with the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund (PIF) to encourage more participation of women and girls in tennis?

- 1) International Tennis Federation
- 2) Asian Tennis Federation
- 3) United States Tennis Association
- 4) Women's Tennis Association

5) World Tennis Associations

Answer- **4) Women's Tennis Association**

Explanation:

In June 2024, the **Women's Tennis Association (WTA)** signed a Multi-Year Partnership with the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund (PIF) to encourage more participation of women and girls in tennis.

i. The Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF) became the first-ever naming partner of the WTA's rankings.

38. Who has been recently (in June '24) awarded the International Buddha Peace Award at the 'Mahasaddhammajotikadhaja' Title conferring Ceremony.

- 1) BK Shivani
- 2) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- 3) Malala Yousafzai
- 4) Ramsha Sultana
- 5) Dr. Rashmi Saluja

Answer- **5) Dr. Rashmi Saluja**

Explanation:

Recognizing **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, who contributed to promoting peace and global harmony, he was awarded the **International Buddha Peace Award** at the '**Mahasaddhammajotikadhaja**' title conferring ceremony.

- She has been holding the position of Executive Chairperson, at Religare Enterprises; and Chairperson at GTTCI (Global Trade & Technology Council of India).

i. The ceremony was celebrated at the Myanmar Embassy in **New Delhi**. It was presided over by **Mr. Moe Kyaw Aung**, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to India.

39. According to the recent (in June '24) report submitted by the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) and Karnataka Forest Department, _____ Lion-tailed Macaque (LTM) spotted in the Sharavathi Valley Lion-tailed Macaque (LTM) sanctuary .

- 1) 730
- 2) 800
- 3) 900
- 4) 700
- 5) 850

Answer- **1) 730**

Explanation:

In June 2024, According to the report submitted by the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (**SACON**) and **Karnataka Forest Department** to the Govt. of Karnataka, **the Sharavathi Valley Lion-tailed Macaque (LTM) sanctuary** was inhabited by around **730** Lion-tailed Macaque (LTM) consisting of **41** groups.

i. The sanctuary is spread across **930.16 sq km** across Sirsi Forest Division and Canara Circle and Shivamogga Wildlife Division of Shivamogga Circle, covering eight forest ranges.

ii. The study recommended the appointment of **Village Forest Committees** to control the over-harvesting of **Garcinia gummigutta** and **Myristica malabarica**, As it is a staple food for the macaque.

40. Where is the headquarters of the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) located?

- 1) Vadodara, Gujarat
- 2) Jalandhar, Punjab
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gurugram, Haryana

Answer- 1) Vadodara, Gujarat

Explanation:

About Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)

GSV was established in 2022 by the Act of Parliament.

Chancellor – Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister of Railways)

Headquarters – Vadodara, Gujarat

41. Who is the current (As of June '24) Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA)?

- 1) Mathias Cormann
- 2) Bjarni Benediktsson
- 3) Albert Lluberas
- 4) Celeste Saulo
- 5) Dr. Josef Aschbacher

Answer- 5) Dr. Josef Aschbacher

Explanation:

About European Space Agency (ESA):

It is an intergovernmental organisation, created in 1975 that provides Europe's gateway to space.

Director General– Dr. Josef Aschbacher

Headquarters– Paris, France

42. Mexican _____ is the currency of Mexico.

- 1) Lev
- 2) Manat
- 3) Peso
- 4) Pula
- 5) Riel

Answer- 3) Peso

Explanation:

About Mexico:

President- Andrés Manuel López Obrador

Capital- Mexico city

Currency- Mexican Peso (MXN)

43. Which Airlines has recently (in June '24) unveiled Sama 2.0, the world's first AI-powered digital flight attendant?

- 1) Austrian Airlines
- 2) Qatar Airways
- 3) Singapore Airlines
- 4) Air Arabia

5) Air France

Answer- **2) Qatar Airways**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Doha (Qatar) headquartered **Qatar Airways** unveiled **Sama 2.0**, the world's first AI-powered digital flight attendant. It was developed in collaboration with **UneeQ**, an AI interface company in Auckland, Australia.

- SAMA denotes the Arabic word for sky.

44. In June 2024, the Supreme Court of India ordered _____ to submit a 'Self-Declaration Certificate' before publishing or broadcasting any advertisement.

- 1) Coaching centres
- 2) Real Estate Agency
- 3) Private Hospitals
- 4) Early childhood educator
- 5) Advertising Agencies

Answer- **5) Advertising Agencies**

Explanation:

In June 2024, the Supreme Court of India ordered all advertisers/ **Advertising Agencies** to submit a **'Self-Declaration Certificate'** before publishing or broadcasting any advertisement. This applies to all new advertisements that are to be broadcast from **18th June 2024**.

- A buffer period of **2** weeks was permitted for adoption to agencies.
- i. A portal will be activated from 4th June 2024 under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for uploading the certificate.
 - ii. The self-declaration contains (i) does not contain misleading claims, and (ii) complies with all relevant regulatory guidelines, including those stipulated in Rule 7 of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 and the Norms of Journalistic Conduct of Press Council of India.

45. Which cricket league has recently (in June '24) got 'List-A' status by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in its 2nd edition?

- 1) Big Bash League
- 2) Legends League Cricket
- 3) Major League Cricket
- 4) Pakistan Super League
- 5) Bangladesh Premier League

Answer- **3) Major League Cricket**

Explanation:

In June 2024, United States-based **Major League Cricket (MLC)** got official **List-A** status by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in its 2nd edition.

- i. Following the UAE's International League T20, an Associate country that achieved List-A classification is MLC

46. Which company has recently (in June '24) partnered with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to inaugurate Propellant Tank Production and CNC Machining facilities?

- 1) Mahindra Aerospace Pvt. Limited
- 2) Tata Advanced Systems Limited

- 3) AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 5) Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited

Answer- **4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**

Explanation:

In June 2024, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) partnered with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** to inaugurate Propellant Tank Production and CNC Machining facilities at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Aerospace Division.

- The current capacity allows for only two LVM3 launches annually, whereas the new initiative could allow **six launches annually**.

i. It will fulfill the needs of ISRO in Launch Vehicle Mark-3.

47. Name the company that is recently (in June '24) set to launch India's first electric sports car.

- 1) McLaren
- 2) Aston Martin
- 3) Mean Metal Motors
- 4) Zuperspeed Automotive
- 5) Vazirani Automotive

Answer- **4) Zuperspeed Automotive**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Bengaluru (Karnataka) based **Zuperspeed Automotive** is set to launch Hyperflux, India's first electric sports car.

i. It is designed to produce **zero emissions** and high-speed acceleration.

48. Which constituency has received 2,18,674 None of The Above (NOTA) votes in the Lok Sabha election held in May 2024?

- 1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Kurukshetra, Haryana
- 3) Hassan, Karnataka
- 4) Inner Manipur, Manipur
- 5) Mayurbhanj, Odisha

Answer- **1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

In the recently concluded Lok Sabha election for the Indian parliament, the **Indore** constituency in Madhya Pradesh created a record for the **highest None of The Above (NOTA)** votes. Totally 2,18,674 votes casted for NOTA.

49. Who has recently (in June '24) won the Paris Olympic quota in the men's 51 kg boxing by defeating China's Liu Chuang at the World Boxing Qualifiers in Bangkok, Thailand?

- 1) Dingko Singh
- 2) Amit Pangal
- 3) Nishant Dev
- 4) Sachin Siwach
- 5) Vijender Singh

Answer- **2) Amit Pangal**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Pugilist **Amit Pangal** (Haryana) won the Paris Olympic quota in the men's 51 kg category by defeating China's Liu Chuang at the World Boxing Qualifiers in Bangkok, Thailand.

i. Amit became the **fifth Indian boxer** to qualify for the Paris Olympics, following Nishant Dev, Nikhat Zareen, Preeti Pawar, and the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain.

ii. Jaismine Lamboria (Haryana) for women's 57kg and Sachin Siwach for men's 57kg also won the Paris Olympic quota.

50. Which Indian Navy Ship (INS) has recently (in June '24) celebrated its silver jubilee?

- 1) INS Car Nicobar
- 2) INS Delhi
- 3) INS Mumbai
- 4) INS Mysore
- 5) INS Visakhapatnam

Answer- **4) INS Mysore**

Explanation:

In June 2024, The Indian Navy Ship (**INS**) **Mysore** celebrated its silver jubilee by marking 25 years of service to the nation. It is the front-line destroyer of the Eastern Fleet

i. It is the second of the **Delhi class destroyers**. It is affiliated with the Madras Regiment of the Indian Army.

51. Where is the headquarters of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) located?

- 1) Ontario, Canada
- 2) Gland, Switzerland
- 3) Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 4) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 5) Berlin, Germany

Answer- **2) Gland, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):

Director-General (DG)- Dr. Grethel Aguilar

Headquarters- Gland, Switzerland

Establishment- 1948

52. When was the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) founded?

- 1) 1972
- 2) 1980
- 3) 1988
- 4) 1982
- 5) 1970

Answer- **1) 1972**

Explanation:

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

Executive Director- Inger Andersen

Headquarters- Nairobi, Kenya

Founded - 1972

53. Which country has recently (in June '24) recognized 'Palestine' as a state?

- 1) India
- 2) Poland
- 3) Estonia
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) Slovenia

Answer- 5) Slovenia

Explanation:

In June 2024, the **Slovenia** Parliament formally recognized Palestine as a state, After the majority of votes were cast in favor of independent statehood.

i. In May 2024, Spain, Ireland, and Norway formally recognized Palestinian statehood.

About Slovenia

Prime Minister: Robert Golob

President: Nataša Pirc Musar

Capital: Ljubljana

Currency: Euro

54. Who is the current (As of June '24) Director-General of the International Labor Organization (ILO)?

- 1) Inger Andersen
- 2) Dr. Grethel Aguilar
- 3) Gilbert Fossoun Hounbou
- 4) Mark Rutte
- 5) Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Answer- 3) Gilbert Fossoun Hounbou

Explanation:

About International Labor Organization (ILO):

Director-General- Gilbert Fossoun Hounbou

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Founded - 1919

55. _____ is the currency of the Netherlands.

- 1) Riel
- 2) Peso
- 3) Lev
- 4) Euro
- 5) Pula

Answer- 4) Euro

Explanation:

About Netherlands:

Prime Minister (PM) – Mark Rutte

Capital – Amsterdam

Currency – Euro (EUR)

56. Who is the current (As of June '24) Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- 1) Ashish Vijayakar
- 2) Abhishek Dev
- 3) Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 4) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 5) Ravneet Kaur

Answer- **5) Ravneet Kaur**

Explanation:

About Competition Commission of India (CCI):

CCI was established on 14 October 2003 under the Competition Act of 2002 and was duly constituted in 2009.

Chairperson – Ravneet Kaur

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

57. In Which state, the Rajaji National Park is located?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Environmentalists **Jai Dhar Gupta** and **Vijay Dhasmana** created India's first biosphere, "Rajaji Raghathi Biosphere (RRB)" in Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

- Rajaji Raghathi Biosphere (RRB) is a 35-acre private forest. It is Situated within the Rajaji National Park in **Uttarakhand**.

i. Jai Dhar Gupta worked on the air pollution think tank of the Delhi Government and strived hard in the odd-even rule for vehicles.

ii. Vijay Dhasmana is known for restoring the Aravalli landscapes.

58. Who is the current (As of June '24) Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)?

- 1) Doreen Bogdan-Martin
- 2) Celeste Saulo
- 3) Albert Lluberas
- 4) Robert Fauber
- 5) Umar Kremlev

Answer- **1) Doreen Bogdan-Martin**

Explanation:

About International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

ITU was initially established in 1865 as the “International Telegraph Union” and was later renamed as International Telecommunication Union in 1934.

Secretary-General- Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

59. Where is the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) located?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Rome, Italy
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Berlin, Germany
- 5) New York, United States

Answer- **2) Rome, Italy**

Explanation:

About Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):

It is a specialized agency of the UN that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Founded in 1945

60. Mount Kanlaon is located in _____ (Country)

- 1) Guatemala
- 2) Mexico
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Hawaii

Answer- **3) Philippines**

Explanation:

In June 2024, According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), **Mount Kanlaon (Canlaon)** of the **Philippines** erupted for **six minutes**. It discharged a three-mile tall (five-kilometer) ash column into the sky.

i. The Philippines’s Mount Kanlaon is a stratovolcano. It is located in the north-central portion of the island of Negros.

Note: Cold lava is a moving mixture of scalding hot water, ash, rock debris, and volcanic sediment flowing down the slopes of a volcano.

61. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)?

- 1) Srinath Ravichandran
- 2) Ritesh Shukla
- 3) Gurpreet Chhatwal
- 4) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 5) Nidhu Saxena

Answer- **2) Ritesh Shukla**

Explanation:

About NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Ritesh Shukla

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated on – 3rd April 2020

62. In June 2024, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) directed Food Business Operators (FBOs) to stop and remove all their Misleading Advertisements regarding 100 percent juice content in their cool drinks before _____

- 1) 7th September 2024
- 2) 20th September 2024
- 3) 4th September 2024
- 4) 1st September 2024
- 5) 10th September 2024

Answer- 4) 1st September 2024

Explanation:

In June 2024, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**) directed all Food Business Operators (**FBOs**) to stop and remove all their Misleading Advertisements and Labels that show bottled cool drinks contain 100 percent fruit juices.

i. Also, FSSAI instructed all FBOs to destroy all existing pre-printed packaging materials before **1st September 2024**.

ii. As per the directive, the FBOs must mention the word '**reconstituted**' against the name of the juice reconstituted from the concentrate.

63. Which space agency has recently (in June '24) developed the Zero Debris Charter to limit the creation of orbital debris?

- 1) Canadian Space Agency
- 2) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 5) European Space Agency

Answer- 5) European Space Agency

Explanation:

In June, the **European Space Agency (ESA)** and 12 countries signed the Zero Debris Charter. Nine countries are designated full members whereas Lithuania and Slovakia are associate members; Cyprus has a cooperation agreement with the agency.

- The purpose of the charter is to limit the creation of orbital debris.

i. Zero Debris Charter was developed by the ESA.

64. Where was the 10th World Water Forum conducted from 18th to 25th May 2024?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Bali, Indonesia
- 3) Madrid, Spain
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Canberra, Australia

Answer- 2) **Bali, Indonesia**

Explanation:

The **10th World Water Forum** was conducted from 18th to 25th May 2024 in **Bali (Indonesia)** with the theme of “**Water for Shared Prosperity**”. It will be conducted every 3 years. The aim of this forum is to conserve water and explore ways forward for the Water Action Agenda (WAA).

i. The Water Action Agenda emerged from the UN 2023 Water Conference as a response to the global water crisis.

ii. Indonesian Public Works and Housing Minister **Basuki Hadimuljono**, has been appointed as Honorary Ambassador of the Asia Water Council (AWC) in the 20th Board of Council Meeting.

65. Who is the current (As of June '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)?

- 1) Rajkumar Upadhyay
- 2) Sumant Kathpalia
- 3) Ved Mani Tiwari
- 4) Jethabhai Ahir
- 5) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Answer- 1) **Rajkumar Upadhyay**

Explanation:

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

C-DOT was established in August 1984 as an autonomous Telecom Research and Development (R&D) centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India (GoI).

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Rajkumar Upadhyay

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

66. Peruvian _____ is the currency of Peru

- 1) Koruna
- 2) Pula
- 3) Sol
- 4) Ngultrum
- 5) Manat

Answer- 3) **Sol**

Explanation:

About the Republic of Peru:

Prime Minister (PM) – Gustavo Lino Adrianzén Olaya

Capital – Lima

Currency – Peruvian sol

67. Who is the current (As of June '24) Director General (DG) of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)?

- 1) Arvind Kumar
- 2) Ravneet Kaur
- 3) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 4) Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 5) Milind Barve

Answer- **1) Arvind Kumar**

Explanation:

About Software Technology Parks of India (STPI):

STPI, established on 5th June 1991, is registered as an autonomous society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Director General (DG)- Arvind Kumar

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

68. Which of the following programs is associated with BIMReN (BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network), a program that gives access to PhD students from BIMSTEC countries to conduct doctoral research in India?

- 1) BIMReN Split-Site Doctoral Fellowships
- 2) Twinning Research Projects
- 3) Crystal Twinning Projects
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- **4) Only 1 & 2**

Explanation:

In June 2024, the Government of India launched **BIMReN** (BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network) to give access to PhD students from BIMSTEC countries to conduct doctoral research in India. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Bay of Bengal Programme-Inter Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO).

- Members include Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

i. It also offers **BIMReN Split-Site Doctoral Fellowships** to students with a Research Grant of up to **INR 1 million** and to pursue studies at Indian research labs for 6-12 months.

ii. Twinning Research Projects. Students along with institutions can work together on research programs of regional interest, with an associated grant of up to INR 5 million per project for 24 months.

iii. Entries will be open until **30th June 2024**.

iv. According to the Indian High Commission in Colombo, Under this initiative, **Sri Lankan** students can get opportunities to conduct doctoral research in the blue economy.

69. Name the world's highest polling station located in Himachal Pradesh.

- 1) Tashigang
- 2) Hikkim
- 3) Chhitkul
- 4) Komic
- 5) Dhankar

Answer- **1) Tashigang**

Explanation:

Tashigang, the highest polling station in the world, is located in Himachal Pradesh at an altitude of **15,256 feet** near the India-China border in the Spiti Valley.

- i.** The polling station serves the **Mandi Lok Sabha** constituency.

70. Which country has recently (in June '24) become the first to evacuate an island community over climate impact?

- 1) Barbados
- 2) Panama
- 3) Nauru
- 4) Guam
- 5) Puerto Rico

Answer- 2) Panama

Explanation:

Panama became the first nation to evacuate the island community over climate impact as people in the Gardi Sugdub island relocated to another place due to concerns over rising sea levels.

71. Who has been recently (in June '24) awarded the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) Fellow Award?

- 1) PB Aneesh
- 2) Sheshu Madhav Maganti
- 3) Gagandeep Kang
- 4) Adepu Srikanth
- 5) Harsh Vardhan

Answer- 2) Sheshu Madhav Maganti

Explanation:

In June 2024, **Dr. Sheshu Madhav Maganti** (Warangal, Telangana) was awarded the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) Fellow Award for his outstanding contribution to agricultural sciences.

- He is currently serving as a Director of the ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Tobacco Research Institute)

i. The award ceremony coincides with the Foundation Day of NAAS.

ii. Dr. Madhav has bred **six rice varieties**; Released under the Central Varietal Release Committee (CVRC).

iii. Along with other researchers, he cloned two major rice blast resistance genes **Pi54** and **Pi68(t)**, and mapped the **Xa33 gene**, which provides resistance to bacterial leaf blight (BLB).

72. Who is the current (as of June 2024) Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization (WMO)?

- 1) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- 2) Celeste Saulo
- 3) Rebeca Grynspan
- 4) Gilbert Houngbo
- 5) Klaus Schwab

Answer- 2) Celeste Saulo

Explanation:

About World Meteorological Organization (WMO):

WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) responsible for promoting international cooperation in atmospheric science and meteorology.

Secretary-General– Professor Celeste Saulo

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Established in 1950

73. Where was the headquarters of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) New York, The United States of America

Answer- 5) New York, The United States of America

Explanation:

About the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF):

UNICEF was established in 1946 as the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF). It was renamed as United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in 1953

Executive Director– Catherine M. Russell

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

74. Which is the capital of Slovakia?

- 1) Budapest
- 2) Sofia
- 3) Nicosia
- 4) Bratislava
- 5) Minsk

Answer- 4) Bratislava

Explanation:

About Slovakia:

Prime Minister: Robert Fico

Currency: Euro

Capital: Bratislava

75. Who is the current (as of June 2024) Prime Minister (PM) of Singapore?

- 1) Prithvirajsing Roopun
- 2) Lawrence Wong
- 3) Anwar Ibrahim
- 4) Srettha Thavisin
- 5) Mohamed Muizzu

Answer- 2) Lawrence Wong

Explanation:

About the Republic of Singapore:

Prime Minister (PM)- Lawrence Wong

Capital- Singapore City

Currency- Singapore Dollar (SGD)

76. In which state 'Kawal Tiger Reserve' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

Kawal Tiger Reserve is located in the North Eastern part of **Telangana** (Old Adilabad district), with the Godavari River on one side and the Maharashtra border on the other.

i. It forms part of the Deccan peninsula-central highlands. Rivers: The reserve is the catchment for the rivers Godavari and Kadam, which flow towards the south of the sanctuary

77. In which state, 'Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area located in the Western Ghats of India, in the Kollam district of **Kerala**. This Sanctuary derives its name from Chenkuri (Gluta travancorica), a species endemic to this region. It comes under the control of Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve

78. In which state Anshi National Park is located?

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

Answer- **3) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Chief Minister- Siddaramaiah

Governor- Thaawar Chand Gehlot

National Park- **Anshi National Park**, Bandipur National Park

Wild Life Sanctuary- Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary; Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

79. The Keibul Lamjao National Park is located on the _____ (Lake).

- 1) Chilika Lake
- 2) Loktak Lake
- 3) Wular Lake
- 4) Kolleru Lake
- 5) Vembanad Lake

Answer- 2) Loktak Lake

Explanation:

The **Keibul Lamjao National Park** located on the **Loktak** Lake is the last natural habitat of the "Sangai" the dancing deer of Manipur.

- It is the world's only floating national park. It is located in the Bishnupur district in Manipur. The park is located in the southwestern part of the famous Loktak Lake, which is well known for the floating biomass called phumdis.
- Sangai is a subspecies of Eld's deer endemic to Manipur. It also has immense cultural relevance to Manipur.
- It is listed in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

80. In which state/UT, Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Goa
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 2) Goa

Explanation:

The **Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary** is located on western tip of the Island of Chorao along the Mandovi River in **Goa**. The sanctuary is an estuarine mangrove habitat and is named after Salim Ali, the famous Indian ornithologist.

i. The sanctuary is host to little bittern, black bittern, red knot, jack snipe, pied avocet, striated heron, western reef heron, mudskippers, fiddler crabs, etc

81. In June 2024, William Anders, the former astronaut who took the iconic 'Earthrise' photo showing the planet as a shadowed blue marble from space, passed away.

In which year did he capture the photo?

- 1) 1950
- 2) 1975
- 3) 1999
- 4) 1968
- 5) 2002

Answer- 4) 1968

Explanation:

William Anders, the former Apollo 8 astronaut who took the iconic "**Earthrise**" photo showing the planet as a **shadowed blue marble** from space in **1968**, has passed away in the San Juan Islands in Washington state, the United States of America (USA).

- Anders circled the moon with Apollo 8 in December 1968, in the first human spaceflight to leave Earth's orbit.

82. When was the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established?

- 1) 1952
- 2) 1947
- 3) 1960

4) 1945

5) 1958

Answer- **4) 1945**

Explanation:

About the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):

Established in 1945 under the UN Charter, the UNGA is the main policy-making organ of the UN.

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

83. In which state is Lonar Lake located?

1) Kerala

2) Ladakh

3) Maharashtra

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Manipur

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

i. Lonar Lake is Well known as a soda saline lake.

ii. It was formed by the impact of meteor in the times of Pleistocene Epoch

Chief Minister(CM)- Eknath Shinde

Governor- Ramesh Bias

Wildlife sanctuaries- Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary; Bhamragarh Wildlife Sanctuary

Lakes - Powai Lake, **Lonar Lake**, Venna Lake

84. In which state 'Deomali Elephant Reserve' is located?

1) Mizoram

2) Odisha

3) West Bengal

4) Assam

5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Deomali Elephant Reserve is located in Arunachal Pradesh. It was established in 2002. It is surrounded by hills, tea gardens, forests, and the Burhi-Dihing River

85. In which state "Raimona National Park" is located?

1) Odisha

2) Maharashtra

3) Assam

4) Gujarat

5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor - Gulab Chand Kataria

Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma

National Parks – Orang National Park, Dihing Patkai National Park, Raimona National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary, Panidihing Wildlife Sanctuary

86. Kali Tiger Reserve is located in _____ (state).

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

Answer- **1) Karnataka**

Explanation:

i. Kali Tiger Reserve, earlier known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve is located in Uttara Kannada District of Karnataka State. This belt of Uttara Kannada district is a part of the Western Ghats.

ii. The Tiger Reserve comprises two important protected areas of the region viz., Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary and Anshi National Park.

87. In which state Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **1) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh (HP):

Chief Minister– Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor– Shiv Pratap Shukla

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary, Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary

Festivals– Nalwari Fair (March), Deotsidh Fair (March & April)

88. As of June 2024, How many Public Sector Banks (PSB) are in India?

- 1) 13
- 2) 8
- 3) 10
- 4) 9
- 5) 12

Answer- **5) 12**

Explanation:

India currently has 12 Public Sector Banks (PSB)- State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab and Sind Bank, Indian Bank, UCO Bank, and Bank of Maharashtra.

89. Which country has recently (in June' 24) launched its space agency to lead policy and industrial development in its aerospace sector?

- 1) Canada
- 2) France
- 3) India
- 4) South Korea
- 5) Luxembourg

Answer- 4) South Korea

Explanation:

South Korea has officially launched its space agency, the **Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA)**, to lead policy and industrial development in its aerospace sector.

- The establishment was made possible after South Korea's national assembly passed a special law in January 2024 to unify government organisations in charge of space policy and projects.
- The new agency is based in Sacheon, South Gyeongsang Province, with an annual budget of 758.9 billion won (USD 556 million).
- KASA will subsequently establish a roadmap for Korea's space exploration, aiming to promote reusable launch vehicles, development of South Korea's global positioning system (GPS) and a lunar lander program. Furthermore, the agency has plans to land its **lunar lander on the moon in 2032** and to design and develop engines to enter the commercial launch service market.

90. In June 2024, Amol Kale, the president of _____ passed away due to cardiac arrest in New York.

- 1) Punjab Cricket Association
- 2) Mumbai Cricket Association
- 3) Badminton Association of India
- 4) Hockey India
- 5) Vidarbha Cricket Association

Answer- 2) Mumbai Cricket Association

Explanation:

Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) president **Amol Kale** has passed away due to cardiac arrest in New York.

- Kale had travelled to the United States (US) and watched the India vs Pakistan match live from the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium along with MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik and apex council member Suraj Samat.
- In 2022, Kale was elected as the MCA president following his victory against World Cup champion Sandeep Patil. During his tenure, the domestic cricket circuit witnessed massive success and Mumbai also clinched the Ranji Trophy.

91. Where is the Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- **4) Sikkim**

Explanation:

About Sikkim:

Chief Minister (CM) – Prem Singh Tamang

Governor – Lakshman Prasad Acharya

National Park – Khangchendzonga National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary, Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary

92. Name the personality who has recently (in June' 24) become the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka since Independence.

- 1) Chandrani Murmu
- 2) Shambhavi Choudhary
- 3) Priya Saroj
- 4) Sanjana Jatav
- 5) Priyanka Jarkiholi

Answer- **5) Priyanka Jarkiholi**

Explanation:

Priyanka Jarkiholi of Indian National Congress (INC), from Chikkodi became the **youngest tribal woman** to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka since Independence.

- She has won from Chikkodi, defeating incumbent MP and BJP leader Annasaheb Jolle and also amongst the **youngest elected MPs** of 18th Lok Sabha Election.
- She won the election with more than 1,20,000 votes against sitting MP Annasaheb Jolle.

93. When was the Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) established?

- 1) 2004
- 2) 2002
- 3) 2006
- 4) 1997
- 5) 2001

Answer- **2) 2002**

Explanation:

About Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Technology Officer (CTO) & Chairman– Elon Musk

Headquarters– Hawthorne, California, USA

Founded in 2002

94. Where is the Gulf of Mannar Marine Park located?

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

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister– M.K. Stalin

Governor– R.N. Ravi

National Park– **Gulf of Mannar Marine Park**; Mukurthi National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary– Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary; Mundanthurai Wildlife Sanctuary

95. Where was the headquarters of the International Union of Railways (UIC) located?

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

Answer- **2) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About the International Union of Railways (UIC):

Director General– François Davenne

Headquarters– Paris, France

Established- 1922

96. In which state is Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Assam
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **4) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor – Gulab Chand Kataria

National Park– Orang National Park; Dehing Patkai National Park; Raimona National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary– Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary; Panidihing Wildlife Sanctuary

97. In Which state is the Atapaka Bird Sanctuary situated?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Goa
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **2) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Chief Minister– N. Chandrababu Naidu

Governor– S. Abdul Nazeer

National Parks– Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Papikonda National Park, Sri Venkateswara National Park (Biosphere Reserve)

Bird Sanctuaries - Atapaka Bird Sanctuary, Pulicat Bird Sanctuary, Rollapadu Bird Sanctuary

98. Which ministry has recently (in June' 24) announced the third edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS)?

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 3) Ministry of Culture
- 4) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 5) Ministry of Ayush

Answer- 2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** (MoIB) announced the **third edition** of **Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman** (AYDMS).

- Under the AYDMS, **thirty-three awards** or Sammans will be given out under three categories this year.
- The Sammans will be awarded under the Print, Television, and Radio categories in **twenty-two Indian languages and English**.
- It mentioned that the awards are open to all Media Houses and Companies engaged in Print Media, Radio, and Television having registration or permission of the Ministry. The last date for entries is July 8 2024.

99. Who has been recently (in June '24) appointed as the brand ambassador of footwear and apparel company 'Skechers'?

- 1) Mithali Raj
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Sachin Tendulkar
- 4) Sunil Chhetri
- 5) Dipa Karmakar

Answer- 4) Sunil Chhetri

Explanation:

i. Former Indian football player Sunil Chhetri was appointed as the brand ambassador of footwear and apparel company 'Skechers'.

ii. On 6th June 2024, Sunil Chhetri (39 years old), legendary Indian Footballer and the captain of the Indian National football Team (nicknamed "the Blue Tigers") since 2012, retired from international football, after India's FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier against Kuwait.

100. On 12th June 2024, Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, represents India at the High-Level Conference On 'Urgent Humanitarian Response For Gaza' in _____.

- 1) Bern, Switzerland
- 2) Stockholm, Sweden
- 3) Amman, Jordan

4) Cairo, Egypt

5) Paris, France

Answer- **3) Amman, Jordan**

Explanation:

Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary (Consular, Passport, Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs) in the Ministry of External Affairs represented India at the High-Level Conference in **Amman(Jordan)** on '**Urgent Humanitarian Response for Gaza**'.

- The Secretary highlighted India's ongoing humanitarian, capacity building and developmental efforts.
- India's development assistance to Palestine over the years has reached close to 120 million dollars.

101. When was the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India established?

1) 1982

2) 1993

3) 1996

4) 1984

5) 1995

Answer- **2) 1993**

Explanation:

About National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India:

NHRC was established under Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993 as amended by the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2006.

The NHRC consists of a **Chairperson, five full-time Members** and seven deemed Members. The statute lays down qualifications for the appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the Commission.

Acting Chairperson- Vijaya Bharathi Sayani

Headquarters-New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 12th October 1993.

102. Who is the current (as of June '24) Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)?

1) Daren Tang

2) Bishar Abdirahman Hussein

3) Audrey Azoulay

4) Rafael Grossi

5) Gilbert Fossoun Hounoubo

Answer- **5) Gilbert Fossoun Hounoubo**

Explanation:

About International Labour Organization (ILO):

Director-General- Gilbert Fossoun Hounoubo

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Founded in 1919

103. Where was the 112th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) held?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Rome, Italy
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- 3) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

The Indian tripartite delegation led by Secretary (Labour & Employment), Sumita Dawra, participated in the 112th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) of International Labour Organisation (ILO) that was held from 3rd-14th June 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.

104. Which institute has recently (in June '24) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with AVPL International to produce drones for large-scale landholders?

- 1) IIT Goa
- 2) IIT Hyderabad
- 3) IIT Kanpur
- 4) IIT Kharagpur
- 5) IIT Jodhpur

Answer- 3) IIT Kanpur

Explanation:

AVPL International, a drones major, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology -Kanpur (**IIT Kanpur**) in Uttar Pradesh to produce drones equipped with advanced technology designed to address the challenges faced by large-scale landholders.

- The MoU aims to harness drone technology for agricultural applications, addressing key issues such as seed broadcasting and agrochemical spraying.

105. Where is the headquarters of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) Munich, Germany
- 4) Madrid, Spain
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- 3) Munich, Germany

Explanation:

About the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF):

ISSF is the governing body of the Olympic shooting events in rifle, pistol and shotgun (clay target) disciplines, and of several non-Olympic shooting sports events.

President- Luciano Rossi

Headquarters- Munich, Germany

106. Who has been recently (in June '24) appointed as the Director in NITI Aayog?

- 1) Rizwan Koita
- 2) Dileep Sanghani

- 3) Nemkumar
- 4) Ashis Kumar Dash
- 5) Sanjay Bhalla

Answer- **4) Ashis Kumar Dash**

Explanation:

Ashis Kumar Dash, an Indian Trade Service (**ITrades**) service officer of 2008-batch, appointed as the Director in National Institution for Transforming India(**NITI**) **Aayog**.

- Dash has been selected for the appointment under the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) for a period of four years with effect from the date of taking over charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

107. In which state is the Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The **Madhya Pradesh** government has recently (in June '24) completed preparations for the cheetah reintroduction project at its **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary**, which is slated to be the second home for cheetahs in India after Kuno National Park.

- As of 12th June 2024, India has 23 cheetahs (13 adult and 13 cubs).

108. In which state Mrugavani National Park is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister- Revanth Reddy

Governor- C. P. Radhakrishnan

National Parks- Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park; Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park; Mrugavani National Park

109. In June 2024, Jerry West, who was a 3-time Hall of Fame selection and the inspiration for the NBA logo, passed away.

To which country does he belong?

- 1) United States of America
- 2) France
- 3) Germany
- 4) Spain

5) Argentina

Answer- **1) United States of America**

Explanation:

Jerry West, an **American Basketball player**, a **3-time Hall of Fame** selection and the inspiration for the **National Basketball Association (NBA)** logo has passed away at the age of 86.

- He was an All-Star in all 14 of his NBA seasons, a 12-time All-NBA selection, part of the 1972 Lakers team that won a championship.

110. Japan is not a member of which of the following organizations?

- 1) United Nations (UN)
- 2) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- 3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- 4) Group of Seven (G7)
- 5) World Trade Organization (WTO)

Answer- **3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

Explanation:

United Nations (UN): Japan has been a member since 1956 and actively participates in various UN bodies and missions.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC): Japan is a founding member of APEC, which aims to promote free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Group of Seven (G7): Japan is a member of the G7, an organization of the world's largest advanced economies that meets to discuss and coordinate economic policies.

World Trade Organization (WTO): Japan is a member of the WTO, which deals with the global rules of trade between nations to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably, and freely as possible.

However, Japan is not a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). NATO is a military alliance of European and North American countries established in 1949 for mutual defence against aggression. Japan, being located in East Asia, is not part of this primarily transatlantic alliance.

111. Which company has recently (in June' 24) partnered with Samsung Electronics to integrate travel and entertainment services to Samsung Wallet in India?

- 1) L&T Technology Services
- 2) Mphasis Limited
- 3) MakeMyTrip Limited
- 4) Bharti Airtel Limited
- 5) One97 Communications Limited

Answer- **5) One97 Communications Limited**

Explanation:

Samsung Electronics, India's largest consumer electronics brand has partnered with **Paytm** parent **One97 Communications Limited** to integrate travel and entertainment services to **Samsung Wallet** in India.

- Through the partnership, users of Samsung Galaxy smartphones can access Paytm's suite of services, including flight and bus bookings, movie ticket purchases, and event bookings, through the digital wallet.
- Galaxy users using the Paytm and Paytm Insider app can add their tickets directly to Samsung Wallet using '**Add to Samsung Wallet**' functionality.

- This will enable them convenient access to enter airports, bus terminals, cinema halls, event venues, etc. Samsung India and Paytm will shortly introduce exciting discount offers of up to INR 1150 on first bookings across the newly launched services.

112. Name that company that has recently (in June' 24) won the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) Smart Urban Innovation Award 2024 in the 'Sustainable Cities' category.

- 1) Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- 2) Nagarjuna Construction Company Limited
- 3) Ramky Infrastructure Limited
- 4) Larsen & Toubro Limited
- 5) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

Answer- 3) Ramky Infrastructure Limited

Explanation:

Ramky Infrastructure Limited (Ramky) receives the prestigious **FICCI** (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) **Smart Urban Innovation Award 2024** in the '**Sustainable Cities**' category.

- The prize was given during the 5th edition of the Smart Urban Innovation Awards, which coincided with the 7th edition of FICCI's Cities Summit to promote dialogue and innovative solutions for major urban infrastructure development concerns.

i. This honour recognises their important contribution to the treatment and disposal of legacy leachate in Jawahar Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana.

ii. Legacy leachate, a poisonous byproduct of waste decomposition, is a severe environmental issue, Ramky's creative solution included a 2,000 KLD leachate treatment unit to solve this issue. This project also involved the restoration and stabilisation of ponds near the waste management facility.

113. In June 2024, India emerged as the world's _____ largest source of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O), a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere far more than Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

- 1) second
- 2) fourth
- 3) fifth
- 4) third
- 5) first

Answer- 1) second

Explanation:

India has emerged as the world's **second-largest** source of **nitrous oxide** (N₂O), a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere far more than carbon dioxide (CO₂).

- Nearly 11% of such global man-made emissions in 2020 were from India, topped only by China at 16%.
- According to the data released in the Journal Earth System Science Data, the amount of N₂O in the atmosphere is rising and in 2022, it was 336 parts per billion, which is **25%** more than it was before industrialization.
- Despite N₂O being far less abundant than CO₂ in the atmosphere, its longevity and rapidly rising levels necessitate urgent attention from the scientific community.

114. Which company has recently (in June' 24) received the approval from the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to launch satellite communication (satcom) services in India?

- 1) Bharti Airtel Limited
- 2) Jio Platforms
- 3) Vodafone Idea Limited
- 4) Reliance Communications
- 5) Tata Teleservices Limited

Answer- 2) Jio Platforms

Explanation:

Jio Platforms, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries has received the approval of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to launch satellite communication (satcom) services in India.

- The approval comes as an important development in the race to offer satellite communication services, where companies like Amazon and Elon Musk's Starlink are also seeking permission.
- Jio Platforms in collaboration with Luxembourg's Satellite Communication Service Provider (SES) has secured regulatory clearance from India's space authority to operate satellites.

115. In which year the World Economic Forum (WEF) was established?

- 1) 1971
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1966
- 4) 1982
- 5) 1950

Answer- 1) 1971

Explanation:

About the World Economic Forum (WEF):

Founder & Executive Chairman – Klaus Schwab

Establishment – 1971

Headquarters – Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland

116. Which of the following points is 'INCORRECT' with respect to the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- 1) It was established in 2003.
- 2) CCI is a statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002.
- 3) The Chairperson of CCI is directly appointed by the President.
- 4) One Of the objectives is to promote & sustain competition in Indian markets.
- 5) MRTP Act of 1969 was replaced with the Competition Act, 2002 on recommendation of Raghavan committee.

Answer- 3) The Chairperson of CCI is directly appointed by the President.

Explanation:

CCI was established in **2003** under Competition Act, **2002**.

i. CCI consists of a Chairperson and Members appointed by the Central Government.

- ii. It is the duty of the Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effects on competition, promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in the markets of India.
- iii. The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 (**MRTP Act**) was repealed and replaced by the **Competition Act, 2002**, on the recommendations of the **Raghavan committee**.

117. In which state Koundinya wildlife sanctuary is located?

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

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.

118. In which state 'Satkosia Gorge sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

About Odisha:

National Park – Bhitarkanika National Park, Simlipal National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – **Satkosia Gorge sanctuary**, Nandankanan sanctuary

119. In which year "Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)" was established?

- 1) 1927
- 2) 1959
- 3) 1934
- 4) 1960
- 5) 1942

Answer- **1) 1927**

Explanation:

About Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI):

Established – **1927**

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

120. Where is the headquarters of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) located?

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

Answer- **3) Vienna, Austria**

Explanation:

About International Astronomical Union (IAU):

Established - 1919

HeadQuarters - Vienna, Austria

President - Debra Meloy Elmegreen

121. Which of the following is a Geographical Indication (GI) tagged product from Arunachal Pradesh?

- 1) Apatani
- 2) Monpa
- 3) Nyishi
- 4) Galo
- 5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)- based Geographical Indication(GI) Registry has awarded the GI tag to Apatani, Monpa, Nyishi and Galo Textile products from Arunachal Pradesh.

122. Which of the following is not a National Park in Assam?

- 1) Kaziranga National Park
- 2) Manas National Park
- 3) Nameri National Park
- 4) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- 5) Sundarbans National Park

Answer- **5) Sundarbans National Park**

Explanation:

Sundarbans National Park is located in the Indian state of West Bengal,

123. Where is the headquarters of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) located?

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

Answer- **1) New Delhi**

Explanation:

About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is headquartered in New Delhi, India. It is a non-government, industry-led organisation that works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry and government alike through advisory and consultative processes.

124. Which company recently (in June 2024) appointed Shah Rukh Khan (SRK) as its brand ambassador?

- 1) Amazon
- 2) Flipkart
- 3) Myntra
- 4) Snapdeal
- 5) Paytm

Answer- **3) Myntra**

Explanation:

Myntra, an Indian e-commerce site, has appointed Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan as its new brand ambassador. Khan will lead the 'Trend IRL' (Trend in Real Life) campaign

125. Recently in June 2024, NASA and _____ researchers are collaborating to study multi-drug resistant pathogens on the international space station?

- 1) NITI Aayog
- 2) AIIMS Delhi
- 3) Serum Institute of India
- 4) ISRO
- 5) IIT Madras

Answer- **5) IIT Madras**

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras and The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) researchers are studying multi-drug resistant pathogens on the International Space Station (ISS), which could have key applications on earth as well for the health of astronauts.

126. Which of the following ministries is not involved in India's Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)?

- 1) Ministry of Defence
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of External Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Finance
- 5) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

Answer- **5) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in India involves key ministries such as the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, and Ministry of Finance. The Ministry

of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is not a part of the CCS, which primarily focuses on national security and strategic matters.

127. Name the museum in India that has recently (in June' 24) been shortlisted among the 7 most beautiful museums in the world under the prestigious Prix Versailles Award.

- 1) National Museum
- 2) Victoria Memorial
- 3) Smritivan Earthquake Memorial
- 4) Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Museum
- 5) Shivalik Fossil Park Museum

Answer- 3) Smritivan Earthquake Memorial

Explanation:

The **Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum** in Bhuj (**Gujarat**) has been shortlisted among the 7 most beautiful museums in the world under the prestigious **Prix Versailles Award**.

- Smritivan in Kutch is a tribute to those we lost in the tragic Earthquake of **2001**. It is a reminder of human resilience and courage as well.
- The Prix Versailles is a series of architectural competitions that shine a light on the finest contemporary projects worldwide.
- The shortlisted museums will all be competing for three 2024 World Titles – **Prix Versailles, Interior and Exterior**.

128. Name the organisation has recently (in June '24) designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine" (CC IND-177)?

- 1) National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata
- 2) National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Bengaluru
- 3) National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai
- 4) National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad
- 5) Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bengaluru

Answer- 4) National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad

Explanation:

The World Health Organization (**WHO**) has designated the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (**NIIMH**), Hyderabad, a unit under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (**CCRAS**), Ministry of Ayush as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine" (CC IND-177)

- This prestigious recognition is granted for a period of four years, starting from June 3, 2024.
- Established in 1956, NIIMH, Hyderabad, is a unique institution dedicated to documenting and showcasing medico-historical research in Ayurveda, Yoga Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Homoeopathy, Biomedicine, and other related healthcare disciplines in India.

129. What is the capital of Malawi?

- 1) Bissau
- 2) Lilongwe
- 3) Maseru
- 4) Bamako
- 5) Rabat

Answer- **2) Lilongwe**

Explanation:

President - Lazarus Chakwera

Capital - Lilongwe

Currency - Malawian kwacha

130. Who has recently (in June' 24) become the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event?

- 1) Deepthi Jeevanji
- 2) Shivpal Singh
- 3) Aryan Gurav
- 4) Shruti Vora
- 5) Vruthi Jain

Answer- **4) Shruti Vora**

Explanation:

Shruti Vora becomes the **first Indian rider** to win a **three-star Grand Prix event**. Shruti along with her astride Magnanimous, scored 67.761 points in the Concours de Dressage International (CDI)-3 event in Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Dressage World Cup held in Lipica, Slovenia.

- She finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco, who scored 66.552 points.
- She has also represented India in Dressage World Championship 2022 and in the Asian Games of 2010 and 2014.

131. Dominican _____ is the currency of the Dominican Republic.

- 1) Kyat
- 2) Dinar
- 3) Shekel
- 4) Lev
- 5) Peso

Answer- **5) Peso**

Explanation:

About Dominican Republic:

President- Luis Abinader

Capital- Santo Domingo

Currency- Dominican Peso

132. The NEC Corporation India Private Limited was established in _____(Year).

- 1) 2000
- 2) 1995
- 3) 1986
- 4) 2006
- 5) 2011

Answer- **4) 2006**

Explanation:

About NEC Corporation India Private Limited:

It is a leading IT and Networking company in India.