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22. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)?

- 1) Shailendra Kumar Mishra
- 2) Ritesh Shukla
- 3) Aprajita Sharrma
- 4) Neeraj Mittal
- 5) Ajay Kanwal

Answer- **2) Ritesh Shukla**

Explanation:

About NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL):

NIPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Ritesh Shukla

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in– 2020

23. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established in the _____ (year).

- 1) 1935
- 2) 1920
- 3) 1941
- 4) 1955
- 5) 1970

Answer- **1) 1935**

Explanation:

About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

Governor – Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors – Swaminathan Janakiraman, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar

Establishment– 1st April 1935

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharasht

24. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Worldline ePayments India?

- 1) Ramesh Narasimhan
- 2) Niranjana Sankar
- 3) S Ravindran
- 4) Deepak Saigal
- 5) Rajendra Prasad Goyal

Answer- **1) Ramesh Narasimhan**

Explanation:

About Worldline ePayments India

i. It is a part of Worldline Group, which is a financial services company that provides services like in-store and online secure payment processing.

ii. The platform worked with various merchants from different segments such as: e-commerce, retail, utilities, education, travel and hospitality for digital payments.

Chief Executive Officer(CEO)(India)– Ramesh Narasimhan

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

25. In which state, the Keetham 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 (UP):

Airport- Kushinagar International Airport, Gorakhpur airport, Agra Airport (Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport)

Heritage site – Agra fort (1983) , Taj Mahal (1983), Fatehpur Sikri (1986)

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

26. In which state Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister- M. K. Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuary- Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary

Festival- Chithirai Thiruvizha, Karthigai Deepam

27. In which state Dandeli Anshi Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

Dandeli Anshi Tiger Reserve is located in the Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka. The tiger reserve gets its name from the town of Dandeli in the Western Ghats region. The reserve is known for its rich biodiversity and wildlife, including the endangered Bengal tiger.

28. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Governor of Manipur?

- 1) Anusuiya Uikey
- 2) Lakshman Acharya
- 3) N. Indrasena Reddy
- 4) Gulab Chand Kataria
- 5) Phagu Chauhan

Answer- **1) Anusuiya Uikey**

Explanation:

About Manipur:

Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

Chief Minister (CM) – Nongthombam Biren Singh

National Park – Sirohi National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – Yangoupokpi-Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary

29. Nepalese _____ is the currency of Nepal.

- 1) Taka
- 2) Rupee
- 3) Renminbi
- 4) Sterling
- 5) Dinar

Answer- **2) Rupee**

Explanation:

About Nepal:

Capital: Kathmandu

President: RamChandra Paudel

Prime Minister: Pushpa Kamal Dahal “Prachanda”

Currency: Nepalese Rupee(NPR)

30. Which country has recently (in May' 24) introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Generated Spokesperson for Foreign Ministry?

- 1) Russia
- 2) India
- 3) United States of America
- 4) Japan
- 5) Ukraine

Answer- **5) Ukraine**

Explanation :

Ukraine has an Artificial Intelligence **(AI)-generated spokesperson** called **Victoria** who will make official statements on behalf of its foreign ministry.

- For the first time in history, a digital spokesperson is used to read its statements, which will still be written by humans.

31. According to the data released in May 2024, India's fossil fuel-based power generation capacity increased _____ to 243.22 Gigawatt (GW) in FY24

- 1) 5.01%
- 2) 3.74%
- 3) 4.77%
- 4) 2.44%
- 5) 3.90%

Answer- **4) 2.44%**

Explanation:

India's fossil fuel-based power generation capacity increased 2.44% to 243.22 Gigawatt (GW) in FY24 from 237.27 GW in March 2023, according to official figures.

- There was a 10.79% rise in non-fossil fuel based capacity (renewable energy sources) addition at 190.57 gigawatt (GW) in 2023-24 over 172.01 GW in 2022-23.
- In FY24, India's total power generation capacity rose 6.22% to 441.97 GW over 416.06 GW,

32. Which state has recently (in May' 24) become the first state in India to present a separate agriculture budget?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

Chief minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik said that **Odisha was the first state** in India to bring an **Agriculture Budget** and promised to bring a separate Youth Budget in the state.

- The Mission Shakti SHG (self-help group) mothers are getting loans at zero percent interest.

33. Who is the current (as of May' 24) chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- 1) Doreen Bogdan-Martin
- 2) Aprajita Sharrma
- 3) Bernard Arnault
- 4) Abhijit Banerjee
- 5) Madhabi Puri Buch

Answer- **5) Madhabi Puri Buch**

Explanation:

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

SEBI is a statutory body and a market regulator, that controls the securities market in India.

It was constituted as a non-statutory body on 12th April 1988 and was established as a statutory body in 1992.

Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

34. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was established in the _____ (year).

- 1) 1948
- 2) 1966
- 3) 1973
- 4) 1990
- 5) 1987

Answer- **2) 1966**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President- Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters- Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Establishment- 1966

Members- 68 members (49 are within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside)

35. Which company has recently (in May' 24) launched the latest version of its 'lightweight' Artificial intelligence (AI) model, the Phi-3-Mini?

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

Answer- **1) Microsoft**

Explanation:

Microsoft unveiled the latest version of its 'lightweight' Artificial intelligence (AI) model – the **Phi-3-Mini**. Microsoft has described the Phi-3 as a family of open AI models that are the most capable and cost-effective small language models (SLMs) available.

- Phi-3-Mini is believed to be first among the three small models (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini) that Microsoft is planning to release.
- These models are trained on existing data to solve common language problems such as text classification, answering questions, text generation, document summarisation, etc.

36. Where was the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations(FAO) located?

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

Answer- **3) Rome, Italy**

Explanation:

About Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations(FAO):

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Established in- 1945

37. In which state Kalesar National Park is located?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **4) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

Zoological Park – Mini Zoo and Rohtak Zoo

National Park- Sultanpur National Park, **Kalesar National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuary – Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary

38. Who has been recently (in May' 24) appointed as the chairperson of Grappling Committee for Jammu & Kashmir?

- 1) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- 2) Girish Bapat
- 3) Saniyaa Kadree
- 4) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- 5) Santosh Gangwar

Answer- **3) Saniyaa Kadree**

Explanation:

Saniyaa Kadree has been appointed as the **Chairperson of The Grappling Committee** for **Jammu & Kashmir**, following the recommendation of Subham Choudhary, Chairman (North India) Grappling Committee of India.

- Kadree's appointment marks a crucial step towards promoting and nurturing the talent pool of grapplers in Jammu & Kashmir.

39. Which of the following companies has recently (in May' 24) received a tender worth Rs 60,000 crore from the Indian Navy for building six highly advanced submarines?

- 1) Cochin Shipyard Limited and Mazagon Dockyards Limited
- 2) Larsen and Toubro and Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- 3) Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited
- 4) Hindustan Shipyard Limited and Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited
- 5) Mazagon Dockyards Limited and Larsen and Toubro Limited

Answer- **5) Mazagon Dockyards Limited and Larsen and Toubro Limited**

Explanation:

The **Indian Navy** has begun trials for building six highly advanced submarines in the country in a **Rs 60,000 crore** tender, as it is working towards the modernisation of its **conventional submarine fleet**.

- The Indian Navy has issued a tender to Indian shipyards **Mazagon Dockyards Limited and Larsen and Toubro Limited** for building six submarines in partnership with foreign vendors.

40. In May 2024, the Indian Air Force's (IAF) _____ (aircraft) airdropped an indigenously developed heavy platform that can carry a maximum load of over 22 tonnes.

- 1) C 17 Globemaster III
- 2) An-32
- 3) C 130 J
- 4) Hawk Mk 132
- 5) Avro-748

Answer- 1) C 17 Globemaster III

Explanation:

C17 Globemaster III transport **aircraft of the Indian Air Force** airdropped an indigenously developed heavy platform that can carry a maximum load of over 22 tonnes.

- The Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE) is a premier defence research laboratory.
- According to the Indian Air Force, capable of carrying multiple such platforms, the combat capabilities of C-17 **Globemaster III** aircraft will be further enhanced in its varied missions to air-deliver critical loads to troops on the ground.

41. Name the university that has recently (in May 24) became the first Indian university to sign an MoU with Harvard University to start a collaborative online Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

- 1) Delhi University
- 2) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 3) Anna University
- 4) Mahatma Gandhi University
- 5) Chandigarh University

Answer- 5) Chandigarh University

Explanation:

Chandigarh University has become the **first Indian university** to start a Harvard University collaborative business management program by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United States based prestigious university to provide aspiring business students international exposure and perspective.

- The Chandigarh University signed this MoU with Harvard University in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to transform the education landscape in India through collaborations with foreign universities under New Education Policy

42. In which state Talle Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 4) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

About Arunachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Pema Khandu

Governor- Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

National parks- Mouling National Park, Namdapha National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Talle Wildlife Sanctuary, Eagle Nest Wildlife Sanctuary

43. In which state Bondla Zoological Park is located?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Goa
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **4) Goa**

Explanation:

About Goa:

Chief Minister (CM) – Dr Pramod Sawant

Governor- PS Sreedharan Pillai

Zoological Park – Bondla Zoological Park

Airport – Goa International Airport

44. As of 6th May 2024, Who is the president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) Dilma Vana Rousseff
- 2) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 3) Ajay Banga
- 4) Achim Steiner
- 5) Kennedy G. Bungane

Answer- **2) Masatsugu Asakawa**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank(ADB):

President- Masatsugu Asakawa(Japan)

Headquarters- Mandaluyong City, Manila, The Philippines

Members Nations- 68(49 members nations are from Asia-Pacific region)

Established in 1966

45. As per the latest International Cricket Council (ICC) annual ranking update that was released on 3rd May 2024, India was ranked ____ at the men’s Twenty20 International(T20I) ranking.

- 1) 3rd
- 2) 5th
- 3) 2nd
- 4) 1st
- 5) 4th

Answer- **4) 1st**

Explanation:

India was ranked **1st** in the men’s Twenty20 International(**T20I**) ranking list, as per the latest International Cricket Council (**ICC**) annual ranking update released on 3rd May 2024. Australia and England ranked second and third place, respectively.

- Australia ranked first in the ICC men's **test** team ranking. India and England were ranked second and third place respectively.
- In the ICC men's One Day International (**ODI**) team ranking, India ranked first while Australia and South Africa were ranked second and third, respectively.

46. In which state/UT, the 'Wular Lake' is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Jammu & Kashmir
- 5) Assam

Answer- **4) Jammu & Kashmir**

Explanation:

About Jammu & Kashmir (J&K):

Lieutenant Governor –Manoj Sinha

Ramsar sites- Wular Lake, Surinsar-mansar Lakes, Hokera Wetland

Dances - Wuegi-Nachun, Bacha Nagma, Bhand Jashan

47. When was the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. established?

- 1) 1995
- 2) 1968
- 3) 1978
- 4) 1972
- 5) 1955

Answer- **5) 1955**

Explanation:

About National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC):

It is an ISO 9001-2008 certified Government of India Enterprise under the MoMSME.

It also runs a B2B(business-to-business) e-commerce marketing platform **MSME Global Mart** for MSME

CMD- Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya

Established in 1955

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

48. Which entities are authorized by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to act as intermediaries between the subscribers and the NPS Trust?

- 1) Financial Intelligence Unit
- 2) Points of Presence
- 3) Annuity Service Providers
- 4) Central Recordkeeping Agencies
- 5) None of the above

Answer- **2) Points of Presence**

Explanation:

Points of Presence (POPs) are entities that have been authorized by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) act as intermediaries between the subscribers and the National Pension System(NPS) Trust.

49. Who is the present (as of May '24) managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank Ltd?

- 1) Ashwani Kumar
- 2) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- 3) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 4) Shanti Lal Jain
- 5) Rajneesh Karnatak

Answer- 2) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank Ltd:

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

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated in August 1994

Tagline- We Understand Your World

50. In which state, the 'Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 5) Meghalaya

Explanation:

About Meghalaya:

Chief Minister- Conrad K Sangma

Governor- Phagu Chauhan

Wildlife Sanctuary- Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary; Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary

51. Which international treaties are administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)?

- 1) Geneva Conventions
- 2) Kyoto Protocol
- 3) Paris Convention
- 4) Vienna Convention
- 5) Montreal Protocol

Answer- 3) Paris Convention

Explanation:

WIPO administers various international treaties related to intellectual property (IP). One such treaty is the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, which provides minimum standards for the protection of patents, trademarks, and industrial designs.

52. Where is the Headquarters of the Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited situated?

- 1) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited (Ujjivan SFB):

Part-Time Chairman- Banavar Anantharamaiah Prabhakar

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established in- 2017

Tagline- Build a Better life

53. The Indian men's and women's _____ relay teams secured Paris 2024 Olympic quotas at the World Athletics Relays 24 in Nassau, Bahamas, on 5th May 2024.

- 1) 4x800m
- 2) 4x400m
- 3) 4x300m
- 4) 4x100m
- 5) 4x200m

Answer- **2) 4x400m**

Explanation:

On 5th May 2024, the Indian men's and women's **4x400m** relay teams secured **Paris 2024 Olympic quotas** at the World Athletics Relays 24 in Nassau, Bahamas.

- The women's team, comprising Rupal Chaudhary, M R Poovamma, Jyothika Sri Dandi, and Subha Venkatesan, finished second in their second-round heat with a time of 3 minutes and 29.35 seconds, behind Jamaica.
- The men's team, comprising Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv, and Amoj Jacob, also finished second in their heat with a collective timing of 3 minutes and 3.23 seconds, trailing the USA.

54. When was the Securities Exchange Board of India established?

- 1) 1975
- 2) 1992
- 3) 1985
- 4) 1998
- 5) 1982

Answer- **2) 1992**

Explanation:

About Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1992

55. In which state 'Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve' is located?

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

Answer- **5) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister (CM) – Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary; Kaila Devi Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves – Ranthambore Tiger Reserve; **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve**

56. Name the Indian wrestler who has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on 23rd April 2024 for refusing dope test.

- 1) Deepak Punia
- 2) Bajrang Punia
- 3) Vinesh Phogat
- 4) Sakshi Malik
- 5) Ravi Kumar Dahiya

Answer- **2) Bajrang Punia**

Explanation:

Bajrang Punia was handed a provisional suspension on 23rd April 2024 by the National Anti Doping Agency (**NADA**) and asked to send his reply by 7th May 2024 to avoid further disciplinary action.

- He was handed a provisional suspension for refusing to give his sample for the dope test during recent trials.

57. In which state, the Nameri National Park is located?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Assam

Answer- **5) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Governor – Gulab Chand Kataria

Chief Minister – Himanta Biswa Sarma

National Parks – Manas National Park, **Nameri National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary

58. Which bank recently (in may '24) allowed its Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers to use their international mobile numbers for making instant UPI payments in India?

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

Answer- 4) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

On 6th May 2024, **ICICI Bank** announced that it has enabled payment convenience for Non-Resident Indian (**NRI**) customers to use their international mobile numbers for making instant Unified Payments Interface(**UPI**) payments in India.

- NRIs can make payments using the **iMobile Pay app** from ten countries, including the United States of America (USA), United Kingdom(UK), United Arab Emirates(UAE), Canada, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

59. Panamanian _____ is the currency of Panama.

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Balboa
- 3) Peso
- 4) Rand
- 5) Pound

Answer- 2) Balboa

Explanation:

About Panama:

Capital: Panama City

President-elect: Jose Raul Mulino

Currency: Panamanian **Balboa**(PAB)

60. Which software company along with Cisco recently (in may '24) launched 'Pervasive Wireless Mobility-as-a-Service' for secured connectivity across enterprises?

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

Answer- 4) HCL Technologies

Explanation:

HCL Technologies and Cisco have announced the launch of '**Pervasive Wireless Mobility-as-a-Service**' that brings secured and seamless enterprise-wide connectivity for a diverse set of industries.

- This offers visibility and mobility for operations and experiences in industrial and mission-critical environments.
- It offers vehicle connectivity in factory areas, mobile worker connectivity in mining areas, remote patient care, real-time data access at retail stores and fleet connectivity at terminals.

61. In which state 'Amrabad Tiger Reserve' is located?

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

Answer- **3) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister – Revanth Reddy

Governor – C. P. Radhakrishnan

Tiger Reserve – Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve

National Parks– KBR National Park, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park

62. As of May 2024, Who is the current Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

- 1) Catherine M. Russell
- 2) Li Junhua
- 3) Audrey Azoulay
- 4) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- 5) Rebeca Grynspar

Answer- **3) Audrey Azoulay**

Explanation:

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

Director-General– Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters– Paris, France

Establishment– 1945 (came into force in 1946)

Members– 194 Members and 12 Associate Members

63. Which Indian cricket player has recently (in May '24) joined as an investor, partner, and brand ambassador of an eyewear company 'QUE'?

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Shikhar Dhawan
- 3) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) Rishabh Pant

Answer- **2) Shikhar Dhawan**

Explanation:

Indian cricketer **Shikhar Dhawan** has joined as an investor, partner, and brand ambassador of an eyewear company '**QUE**'.

- QUE, co-founded by Shashank Saurabh, Abhishek Deep, and Kumar Vagish, is gearing up for its launch with a promise to captivate the market with its premium, exciting range.

64. In which state, Madhav National Park is located?

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

Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

Chief Minister (CM)- Mohan Yadav

Governor- Mangubhai C. Patel

Tiger Reserves- Kanha Tiger Reserve, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Panna Tiger Reserve

National Parks- Madhav National Park, Kanha national park, Sanjay National Park

65. Which bank has recently (in may '24) announced the publication of a sale notification containing 92 Non-Performing Assets (NPA) loan accounts collectively amounting to an aggregate book outstanding of Rs 13,471.68 crore?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) Bank of India
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Indian Overseas Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer- 4) Indian Overseas Bank

Explanation:

In May 2024, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)-based Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) announced the publication of a sale notification containing 92 Non-Performing Assets (NPA) loan accounts collectively amounting to an aggregate book outstanding of Rs 13,471.68 crore.

- It has made concerted efforts for a reduction in Non-Performing Accounts and has adopted a multi-pronged approach to ensure a maximum recovery from such accounts.
- As a result, IOB has yielded a decline in Gross NPA to 3.90 % as of December 31, 2023, from 11.69 % recorded as of March 31, 2021.

66. Which state's Tourism Development Board has recently (in may '24) launched 'Nakshatra Sabha' India's first-ever annual campaign dedicated exclusively to promoting astro-tourism?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- 1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

In May 2024, The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board partnered with Starscapes, an astro-tourism company, to launch 'Nakshatra Sabha' - India's first-ever annual campaign dedicated exclusively to promoting **astro-tourism**.

- It is scheduled to commence in June '24 at George Everest, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.

- The campaign will cover dark sky potential sites in the districts of Uttarkashi, Pithoragarh, Nainital, and Chamoli, in addition to seminars and webinars with experts.

67. As of May 2024, who is the current Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Airbus Defence and Space S.A.?

- 1) Guillaume Faury
- 2) David Calhoun
- 3) Michael Schoellhorn
- 4) Ashish Rajvanshi
- 5) Yoav Turgeman

Answer- **3) Michael Schoellhorn**

Explanation:

Airbus Defence and Space S.A.:

Chief Executive Officer(CEO): Michael Schoellhorn

Established: 2014

68. Who has been recently (in may '24) appointed as country manager (India) of the digital payments platform 'Visa'?

- 1) Imran Khan
- 2) Ashutosh Gupta
- 3) Sanjay Gupta
- 4) Shruti Bhatia
- 5) Sujai Raina

Answer- **5) Sujai Raina**

Explanation:

Digital payments platform 'Visa' has appointed **Sujai Raina** as the country manager for India.

- He will oversee operations in India and other markets in the subcontinent, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives.
- Raina joined Visa in 2020 and previously served as Vice President and Head of Business Development, India.

69. When was the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) established?

- 1) 2016
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2018
- 4) 2020
- 5) 2015

Answer- **4) 2020**

Explanation:

About International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA):

It is the unified regulator for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions such as GIFT International Financial Services Centre in India. It was established under the International Financial Services Authority(**IFSCA) Act, 2019.**

Chairman: K. Rajaraman

Headquarters: GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Established: 2020

70. In which state, Chhari Dhand Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 2) Gujarat

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister(CM) - Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

Governor - Acharya Devvrat

Bird Sanctuary - Chhari Dhand Bird Sanctuary, Thol Bird Sanctuary, Khijadia Bird Sanctuary

Lakes - Kankaria Lake, Nal Sarovar , Sursagar Lake

71. As of May 2024, who is the current Chief of the Air Staff(CAS)?

- 1) Manoj Pande
- 2) Anil Chauhan
- 3) Dinesh K. Tripathi
- 4) Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 5) Anish Dayal Singh

Answer- 4) Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force(IAF):

Chief of the Air Staff(CAS): Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 1932

72. In which state, 'Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- 1) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the South-Eastern part of Lohit District of **Arunachal Pradesh**. The name comes from the river Kamlang, which flows through the Sanctuary and joins Brahmaputra.

i. The Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary lies in between Lang River on the North side and famous Namdapha National Park on its south.

73. Ghanaian ____ is the currency of Ghana.

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Cedi
- 3) Shekel
- 4) Pound
- 5) Manat

Answer- 2) Cedi

Explanation:

About Ghana

President – Nana Akufo-Addo

Capital – Accra

Currency – Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)

74. Which drone manufacturer has recently (in may '24) signed an agreement with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) for spraying agricultural products on up to 30 lakh acres of farmland?

- 1) Drone Destination
- 2) Paras Defence And Space
- 3) ideaForge Technology Ltd
- 4) Skylark Drones
- 5) Bharat Forge

Answer- 1) Drone Destination

Explanation:

Drone company **Drone Destination** has signed an agreement with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (**IFFCO**) for spraying agricultural products on up to 30 lakh acres of farmland.

- It marks India's largest drone-spray services project.
- As part of the agreement, Drone Destination will undertake drone spray in 12 states including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.
- The drones will spray IFFCO Nano Urea, Nano DAP, Sagarika, IFFCO MC Agro-Chemicals and other IFFCO and IFFCO joint venture's agri products.

75. Which steel company has recently (in May '24) supplied 3 mm special alloy steel sheets for structural application in the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system?

- 1) Tata Steel Ltd
- 2) Essar Steel India Ltd
- 3) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd
- 4) Jindal Stainless Ltd
- 5) Steel Authority of India Limited

Answer- 4) Jindal Stainless Ltd

Explanation:

Jindal Stainless Ltd announced it has supplied 3 mm special alloy steel sheets for structural application in the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (**SMART**) system, aimed at enhancing the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities.

- The sheets, developed by Jindal Stainless' vertical, Jindal Defence and Aerospace, are engineered to withstand high pressure and temperature conditions during flight.
- SMART system, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**), is the next-generation missile-based light-weight torpedo delivery system.

76. As of May 2024, who is the present Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Citi Group (Citi)?

- 1) James P. Gorman
- 2) David Solomon
- 3) Jane Fraser
- 4) Bill Winters
- 5) Jamie Dimon

Answer- 3) Jane Fraser

Explanation:

About Citi Group (Citi):

Chief Executive Officer(CEO)– Jane Fraser

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

77. India shares the _____ longest border with Nepal.

- 1) 5th
- 2) 4th
- 3) 1st
- 4) 2nd
- 5) 3rd

Answer- 2) 4th

Explanation:

India shares boundaries with 7 neighbouring countries. They are Bangladesh 4,096.7 (Km), China 3,488 (Km), Pakistan 3,323 (Km), Nepal 1,751 (Km), Myanmar 1,643 (Km), Bhutan 699 (Km) and Afghanistan 106 (Km).

- India shares the **4th** longest border with Nepal.
- Indian states that share boundaries with Nepal are Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, Bihar and West Bengal.

78. In which state Lakh-Bahosi Bird Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

Chief Minister– Yogi Adityanath

Governor– Anandiben Patel

Bird Sanctuary– Parwati Arga Bird Sanctuary; Lakh-Bahosi Bird Sanctuary

Festival– Janmashtami; Taj Mahotsava

79. In May 2024, the Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Institute (IRMRI) and _____ announced the successful completion of India's first initiative to incorporate blockchain innovations across the rubber sector.

- 1) Capgemini India Pvt Ltd
- 2) Monkhub Innovations Pvt Ltd
- 3) Antier Solutions Pvt Ltd
- 4) Emertech Innovations Pvt Ltd
- 5) Sofocle Technologies Pvt Ltd

Answer- 4) Emertech Innovations Pvt Ltd

Explanation:

The Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Institute (**IRMRI**) and **Emertech** Innovations Pvt. Ltd. announced the successful completion of India's first initiative to incorporate blockchain innovations across the rubber sector.

- Blockchain technology enhances the rubber industry by ensuring the verifiability and security of certification credentials and streamlining the validation process for skilled professionals.

80. In which place is the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) situated?

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

Answer- 3) Paris, France

Explanation:

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

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

UNESCO's Constitution was adopted in London (United Kingdom) in 1945, it entered into force in 1946.

81. In which state Takhni-Rehmapur Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 2) Punjab

Explanation:

About Punjab:

Chief Minister - Bhagwant Singh Mann

Governor - Banwarilal Purohit

Wildlife Sanctuary - **Takhni-Rehmapur** Wildlife Sanctuary, Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Park - Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park, Tiger safari zoo

82. As of May 2024, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has ____ member countries.

- 1) 68
- 2) 89
- 3) 92
- 4) 54
- 5) 76

Answer- **1) 68**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President- Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters- Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Establishment- 1966

Members – 68 members (49 from the region)

83. Weightlifting Player Oleksandr Pielieshenko participated in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Olympics in the 85kg light-heavyweight category and finished fourth.

He is from _____ (country).

- 1) Turkmenistan
- 2) Azerbaijan
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) Uzbekistan
- 5) Russia

Answer- **3) Ukraine**

Explanation:

Oleksandr Pielieshenko, two-time European weightlifting champion and former Olympian from **Ukraine**, has passed away in the ongoing war against Russia.

- He represented Ukraine in the 2016 Rio Olympics in 85kg light-heavyweight category and finished fourth.

84. In which state Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **5) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister (CM) – Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary; Kaila Devi Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves – Ranthambore Tiger Reserve; **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve**

85. In which state Kanger Valley National Park is located?

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

Answer- **3) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

Kanger Valley National Park is located in Jagdalpur, in the Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state. It is located on the banks of the **Kholaba River** (tributary of the Godavari River).

- The National Park derives its name from the Kanger River, which flows in its length. It got the status of a national park in 1982.

86. What is the Tagline of the Bank of India?

- 1) Always You First
- 2) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 3) We value you
- 4) We Understand Your World
- 5) Support All the Way

Answer- **2) Relationship Beyond Banking**

Explanation:

About Bank of India:

Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) – Rajneesh Karnataka

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in – 1906

Tagline – Relationship Beyond Banking

87. Which company has recently (in May' 24) signed a five-year broadcasting deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for New Zealand market?

- 1) Viacom18 Media Pvt. Ltd.
- 2) Sky Network Television Limited
- 3) Supersport
- 4) Star Sports
- 5) FOX Broadcasting Company

Answer- **2) Sky Network Television Limited**

Explanation:

In May 2024, The International Cricket Council (**ICC**) has secured a five-year broadcasting deal with **Sky Network Television Limited** for the **New Zealand** market, covering all ICC men's and women's events until the end of 2028.

- Under the new partnership, Sky will broadcast 16 international events, including the ICC Men's and Women's Cricket World Cups, the ICC Men's and Women's T20 World Cups, the ICC Champions Trophies, the World Test Championship Finals, and the U19 World Cups.

88. Which company has recently (in May' 24) partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to host India House at Paris Olympics 2024?

- 1) Adani Enterprises Limited
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 4) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 5) Reliance Industries Limited

Answer- 5) Reliance Industries Limited

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) through its Reliance Foundation announced a long-term partnership with **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**, which would involve the setting up of first-ever **India House at Paris Olympics 2024** slated for July 26 to August 11 2024.

- Reliance Foundation, one of the largest non-profit organisations, and the philanthropic arm of RIL.

89. Where is the headquarters of the International Organization for Migration(IOM) located?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Berlin, Germany
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Montreal, Canada

Answer- 1) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About International Organization for Migration(IOM):

Director General: Amy Pope

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Established: 1951

Member states – 175 member states and 8 observers

90. Name the country that has recently (in May' 24) begun a decontamination process to dismantle its first commercial nuclear reactor.

- 1) France
- 2) South Korea
- 3) United States of America
- 4) China
- 5) India

Answer- 2) South Korea

Explanation:

South Korea has started the decontamination process to dismantle the defunct first commercial **Kori-1 nuclear reactor**.

- Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. (KHNP), began the chemical decontamination process to remove radioactive materials from the reactor, which is deemed a crucial first step of its decommissioning procedures, though the KHNP is required to win approval by the Nuclear Safety and Security Commission for its dismantlement.

- After some 40 years of service from April 1978, the unit 1 reactor of the Kori nuclear power plant in the southeastern city of Busan was permanently closed in June 2017.
- The United States of America (**USA**), **China and France** are the top 3 countries having nuclear reactors in the world.

91. Which is the capital of Scotland?

- 1) Minsk
- 2) Tallinn
- 3) Edinburgh
- 4) Podgorica
- 5) Tbilisi

Answer- **3) Edinburgh**

Explanation:

About Scotland

First Minister – John Ramsay Swinney

Capital – Edinburgh

Currency – Pound Sterling

92. Which country has recently (in May' 24) launched the biggest banknote of 10,000 Peso worth USD 10?

- 1) Cuba
- 2) Philippines
- 3) Argentina
- 4) Mexico
- 5) Uruguay

Answer- **3) Argentina**

Explanation:

Argentina has launched a new largest banknote, the **10,000 peso**, which is five times the size of the previous top bill but still only worth around USD10 as the South American country grapples with the world's highest inflation rate that is nearing 300 per cent.

- The new 10,000 peso notes was printed by China's state-owned China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation. Argentina has been using China, Brazil and Spain to print notes as its national mint has been unable to cope with the demand for cash.

93. Which Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) has recently (in May' 24) collaborated with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Driven Surveillance?

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

Answer- **4) IIT Bhubaneswar**

Explanation:

Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) will collaborate with Indian Institute of Technology(**IIT Bhubaneswar**) for artificial intelligence (**AI driven surveillance**) and other projects.

- IIT Bhubaneswar will work on the sanctioned projects, which would be beneficial in electronics warfare, AI-driven surveillance, power systems, radar systems etc.

94. Who is the present (as of May '24) Director-General of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?

- 1) Nitin Agarwal
- 2) Anish Dayal Singh
- 3) Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan
- 4) Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- 5) Lt Gen Daljit Singh

Answer- **3) Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan**

Explanation:**About Border Roads Organisation (BRO):**

Director-General- Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Motto- Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam (Everything is achievable through hard work)

95. Which bank/regulatory body has recently (in May' 24) barred Add-Shop E-Retail Limited (ASERL), White Organic Agro Limited (WOAL) and 10 other entities from securities markets for flouting regulatory norms?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) National Securities Depository Limited
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) National Housing Bank

Answer- **4) Securities and Exchange Board of India**

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restrained 12 entities, including Add-Shop E-Retail Limited (**ASERL**) and White Organic Agro Ltd (**WOAL**), as well as their promoters - Dineshbhai Pandya and Darshak Rupani, from securities markets for flouting regulatory norms.

- Also, SEBI has directed Add-Shop E-Retail Ltd and White Organic Agro Ltd to constitute new audit committees with enhanced oversight of related party transactions.

96. Name the company that has recently (in May' 24) set to raise a USD 1 billion loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Export-Import Bank of Korea (Korea Eximbank).

- 1) NTPC Limited
- 2) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 3) REC Limited
- 4) GAIL Limited
- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited

Answer- **3) REC Limited**

Explanation:

REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), is planning to take a blended loan of up to **USD1 billion** from Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) and Export-Import Bank of Korea (**Korea Eximbank**).

- REC Limited is also aiming to take another term loan of USD 500 million from KfW Development Bank.
- In FY25, REC aims to reduce its cost of funds by 12 basis points to around 7%. The company aims to increase its external commercial borrowing this fiscal year and is initially targeting to raise USD2 billion via green bonds.

97. Who is the present (as of May '24) Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Financial Planning Standards Board(FPSB) India?

- 1) Pramod Agrawal
- 2) Krishan Mishra
- 3) Sudhir Mankad
- 4) Debasish Panda
- 5) Dilma Vana Rousseff

Answer- **2) Krishan Mishra**

Explanation:**About Financial Planning Standards Board(FPSB) India:**

It is the leading planning body in India which establishes, upholds and promotes professional standards in financial planning across India.

Chief Executive Officer(CEO): Krishan Mishra

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

98. In Which city, did the 5th Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between India and Bhutan held on May 6th-7th 2024?

- 1) Leh, Ladakh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Gangtok, Sikkim
- 4) Patna, Bihar
- 5) Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **1) Leh, Ladakh**

Explanation:

The 5th Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between **India and Bhutan** was held on May 6th-7th 2024 in Leh, Ladakh. The main objective of the meeting was to strengthen bilateral ties and address various issues related to **customs and trade** facilitation.

- India is Bhutan's top trade partner, both in terms of imports and exports. Trade between the two countries has significantly increased since 2014, reaching USD1,615 million in 2022-23

99. As of May '24, Who is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited?

- 1) Vibha Padalkar
- 2) Neerja Kapur
- 3) Anuj Mathur

4) Siddhartha Mohanty

5) Amit Jhingran

Answer- **3) Anuj Mathur**

Explanation:

About Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) – Anuj Mathur

Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana

Established – 2008

100. Name the city that was recently (in May '24) granted the hosting rights of BWF World Junior Championship 2025.

1) Calcutta

2) Guwahati

3) Agartala

4) Mumbai

5) Chennai

Answer- **2) Guwahati**

Explanation:

On May 2024, The Badminton World Federation granted the hosting rights of the **2025 BWF World Junior Championship** to **Guwahati** during the BWF Annual general meeting in Chengdu, china.

i. BWF said that both team event and individual events across the five categories will be held at the Badminton Association of India's (BAI) National Centre of Excellence in the northeastern region of India. The hosting rights were confirmed at the BWF Council meeting on April 28.

101. What is the capital of Iceland?

1) Minsk

2) Nuuk

3) Stockholm

4) Oslo

5) Reykjavik

Answer- **5) Reykjavik**

Explanation:

About Iceland:

Capital: Reykjavik

Prime Minister (PM): Bjarni Benediktsson

Currency: Icelandic Krona (IKR)

102. Which company has recently (in May' 24) partnered with Epay to offer bill payment services?

1) GooglePay

2) PayU

3) Paytm

4) BharatPe

5) PhonePe

Answer- **3) Paytm**

Explanation:

Paytm has partnered with **Epay**, the digital payment unit of United States (US)-based payment services firm Euronet Worldwide, to offer bill payment services through its application.

103. When was the Coal Miner's Day 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 30th April
- 2) 25th April
- 3) 1st May
- 4) 9th May
- 5) 4th May

Answer- **5) 4th May**

Explanation:

Coal Miner's Day 2024 was observed on **May 4 2024** across the globe.

- It honours the hard work and sacrifices of **coal miners** around the world. The day reminds us of its vital role in providing energy for homes, industries, and communities.
- Coal Miner's Day started in 1952 when the Mines Act was made. This law aimed to help coal miners by giving them medical care, safety rules, and rescue places.

104. Who has recently (in May' 24) appointed as the sporting ambassador of Swiss luxury brand for watches OMEGA?

- 1) Milkha Singh
- 2) Neeraj Chopra
- 3) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 4) Yuvaraj Singh
- 5) Saina Nehwal

Answer- **2) Neeraj Chopra**

Explanation:

The Olympic and world championships gold medal-winning javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** has been roped in as the **sporting ambassador** of **Swiss luxury** brand for watches **OMEGA**, which is also the Official Timekeeper for Paris Olympics 2024.

- Neeraj Chopra is the **first Asian athlete** to win an **Olympic gold medal** in **javelin** and the first Asian to win gold in his event at the **World Championship**.

105. Name the AI-controlled aircraft that has recently (in May' 24) completed the test flight with Frank Kendall, the United States (US) Air Force Secretary onboard.

- 1) F-22 Raptor
- 2) J-20 Mighty Dragon
- 3) F-4 Phantom
- 4) F-16 Falcon
- 5) FC-31 Gyr Falcon

Answer- **4) F-16 Falcon**

Explanation:

An experimental orange and white **F-16 Falcon fighter jet**, controlled solely by artificial intelligence (AI), completed a successful test flight with Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall onboard.

- The United States (US) Air Force is aggressively pursuing AI integration, aiming to deploy a fleet of over 1,000 unmanned warplanes by 2028.
- The F-16 fighter jet was being controlled by an AI called '**Vista**' as it flew at a speed of over 550 miles per hour (mph).

106. When was the Indian Coast Guard(ICG) established?

- 1) 1976
- 2) 1979
- 3) 1978
- 4) 1975
- 5) 1977

Answer- **5) 1977**

Explanation:

About Indian Coast Guard(ICG):

ICG came into being on 1st February 1977.

Director-General: Rakesh Pal

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

107. Name the Chinese aircraft carrier that has recently (in May '24) completed its 8-day maiden sea trial and returned to Shanghai Jiangnan Shipyard.

- 1) Fujian
- 2) Liaoning
- 3) Yunshu
- 4) Nanning
- 5) Shandong

Answer- **1) Fujian**

Explanation:

On 8th May 2024, **China's** third aircraft carrier, **Fujian**, has successfully completed its 8-day maiden sea trial and returned to Shanghai Jiangnan Shipyard. During the eight-day sea trials, the Fujian tested its propulsion and electrical systems and other equipment, and achieved the expected results.

i. Fujian is an **80,000-tonne** supercarrier with **electromagnetic catapults** for launching aircraft, making China the second country after the U.S. to field a supercarrier with this technology.

ii. It can launch more aircraft because of its **larger displacement** and electromagnetic catapults, allowing the carrier to launch more effectively.

iii. These systems, more effective than **ski jumps**, alleviate strain during takeoff, enabling the launch of larger fixed-wing aircraft with heavier payloads and increased fuel capacity.

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

- 1) Siddharth Rungta
- 2) Dilip Asbe
- 3) Shailendra Trivedi
- 4) Padmini Khare Kaicker
- 5) D. Manjunath

Answer- **2) Dilip Asbe**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

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

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated in 2008

109. Name the Indian Naval ship(INS) that has recently (in May' 24) completed its visit in Singapore along with INS Delhi and INS Shakti, as a part of the operational deployment of the eastern fleet to the South China Sea.

- 1) INS Pralaya
- 2) INS Gharial
- 3) INS Kolkata
- 4) INS Kirpan
- 5) INS Kiltan

Answer- 5) INS Kiltan

Explanation:

Indian Naval Ships (INS) **Delhi, Shakti, and Kiltan** visited **Singapore** from 6th to 9th May 2024, aimed at undertaking bilateral engagements and discussing areas of mutual interest and cooperation, and reaffirming the commitment to enhance maritime security and stability in the region.

- This visit is part of the Operational Deployment of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet to the **South China Sea**.

110. Where is the Headquarters of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism?

- 1) Berlin (Germany)
- 2) London (United Kingdom)
- 3) Paris (France)
- 4) New York (United States)
- 5) Berne (Switzerland)

Answer- 4) New York (United States)

Explanation:

About United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism:

Secretary General – Vladimir Voronkov

Established – 2017

Headquarters – New York, United States

111. Name the company that has recently (in May' 24) launched 'The Complete Home Loan'?

- 1) L&T Finance Limited
- 2) Aditya Birla Finance Limited
- 3) Tata Capital Finance Service Limited
- 4) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited
- 5) Power Finance Corporation Limited

Answer- 1) L&T Finance Limited

Explanation:

L&T Finance Limited (LTF) has launched '**The Complete Home Loan**' in Bengaluru, which can be availed of by their customers through a completely digital process with the help of a dedicated relationship manager.

- The launch of a complete home loan package comes at a time when the retail financing arm of L&T Group has seen a significant reduction in inventory overhang with a superior demand for homes over the construction of new projects.

112. Where was the headquarters of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) located?

- 1) Morelia (Mexico)
- 2) Vancouver (Canada)
- 3) Washington D.C. (United States of America)
- 4) Manaus (Brazil)
- 5) Ciudad del Este (Paraguay)

Answer- 3) Washington D.C. (United States of America)

Explanation:**About Pan American and Health Organisation (PAHO):**

Director: Jarbas Barbosa

Headquarters: Washington D.C., United States of America (U.S.A.)

Member states: 35 member states and 4 associate members in the Americas

Formation: 1902

113. Who has recently (in May '24) climbed "Mount Everest" for the 29th time?

- 1) Sunil Kumar
- 2) Sherpa Pasang Dawa
- 3) Pinkhi Haris Chhed
- 4) Kami Rita Sherpa
- 5) Yashi Jain

Answer- 4) Kami Rita Sherpa

Explanation:

On 12th May 2024, **Nepali** climber and guide **Kami Rita Sherpa**, popularly known as '**Everest Man**', broke his own record by climbing the world's highest peak, Mount Everest, for the **29th** time. This ascent earns Kami Rita the title of 'Most Successful Ascent of Mt. Everest by an Individual'.

i. Kami Rita Sherpa, a native of **Thame village** in Solukhumbu, **Nepal**, working as Senior Guide at Seven Summit Treks, has dedicated his life to mountaineering, and has become synonymous with the world's highest peak.

114. Name the wrestler who has recently (in May '24) won the first Paris 2024 Olympic quota for Team India in men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling.

- 1) Aman Sehrawat
- 2) Sushil Kumar
- 3) Vijender Singh Beniwal
- 4) Yogeshwar Dutt
- 5) Deepak Punia

Answer- 1) Aman Sehrawat

Explanation:

On 12th May 2024, **Aman Sehrawat** wins the first Paris 2024 Olympic quota for Team India in men's 57kg freestyle wrestling.

- It marks India's **sixth quota** in wrestling for Paris 2024.
- India's **Nisha Dahiya** also qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympics to compete in the women's 68kg category.

115. The currency of Russia is Russian _____.

- 1) Euro
- 2) Ruble
- 3) Kuna
- 4) Krone
- 5) Hryvnia

Answer- **2) Ruble**

Explanation:**About Russia:**

Capital: Moscow

President: Vladimir Putin

Currency: Russian Ruble

116. In May 2024, Colin Munro of _____ (country), the hard-hitting top-order batsman, has announced his retirement from international cricket.

- 1) England
- 2) West Indies
- 3) South Africa
- 4) Australia
- 5) New Zealand

Answer- **5) New Zealand**

Explanation:

On May 2024, **Colin Munro**, the hard-hitting **New Zealand** top-order batsman, has announced his retirement from international cricket after being overlooked for the upcoming T20 World Cup.

i. Munro featured in 123 matches for New Zealand across all formats

117. In May 2024, Jim Simons, a renowned mathematician and investor passed away at the age of 86.

Which country does he belong to?

- 1) Italy
- 2) United Kingdom
- 3) France
- 4) United States of America
- 5) Germany

Answer- **4) United States of America**

Explanation:

On May 10 2024, A renowned mathematician and investor **Jim Simons**, United States of America (USA) passed away at the age of 86.

- Simon, known as the "**Quant King**", taught mathematics at a number of prominent universities and was a code-breaker during the Vietnam War before founding quantitative hedge fund Renaissance Technologies.
- He served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Renaissance from 1982 until 2010.

118. Name the company that has recently (in May'24) partnered with Kochi Metro Rail Limited to enhance the digital ticketing options for metro users.

- 1) Oracle
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Apple
- 4) Tech Mahindra Limited
- 5) Google

Answer- **5) Google**

Explanation:

Google and Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has announced its partnership between **Google Wallet and KMRL** in enhancing the **digital ticketing options for metro users**.

- The integration of services between Google Wallet and KMRL is powered by Prudent Technologies.
- The arrival of Google Wallet in India marks an important milestone in Android's India journey.
- This collaboration represents a leap forward in enhancing the travel experience for metro users, providing them with a streamlined and convenient way to access tickets and navigate our transit network.

119. In May 2024, the researchers from the University of Kashmir captured four snow leopards on camera in _____ (national park).

- 1) Kishtwar National Park
- 2) Hemis National Park
- 3) Salim Ali National Park
- 4) Kazinag National Park
- 5) Dachigam National Park

Answer- **1) Kishtwar National Park**

Explanation:

A team of four scientists from the **University of Kashmir**, Srinagar and the National Development Foundation, Jammu have captured four snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*) on camera in **Kishtwar High Altitude National Park** of the Union territory (**UT**) of **Jammu and Kashmir's Chenab Valley** region.

- The least well-known large felid is an apex predator and flagship species of **High Mountain Asia**. India is home to 718 snow leopards, most of whom live in areas that are not under legal protection.
- The 2,191 sq km Kishtwar High Altitude National Park covers an altitude range of 1,800-6,000 metres (m) above the Chenab river and below the Nagin Sheer glacier.
- The Park is located in the Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. Kishtwar, along with Doda and Ramban, forms the Chenab Valley region of the UT.

120. Where is the headquarters of Kadet Defence Systems (P) Limited situated?

- 1) Kolkata (West Bengal)
- 2) Bengaluru (Karnataka)
- 3) Pune (Maharashtra)
- 4) Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
- 5) Vadodara (Gujarat)

Answer- **2) Bengaluru (Karnataka)**

Explanation:

About Kadet Defence Systems (P) Limited:

KDS is a private company that manufactures aerospace products focused primarily on Unmanned Systems.

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Avdesh Khaitan

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established in 2011

121. Match the following Tiger Reserves with their respective state:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| i. Palamau Tiger Reserve | a. Maharashtra |
| ii. Sariska Tiger Reserve | b. Uttarakhand |
| iii. Sahyadri tiger reserve | c. Jharkhand |
| iv. Rajaji Tiger Reserve | d. Rajasthan |

- 1) i-a, ii-d, iii-b, iv-c
- 2) i-c, ii-b, iii-d, iv-a
- 3) i-c, ii-a, iii-d, iv-b
- 4) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, iv-b
- 5) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b

Answer- **4) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, iv-b**

Explanation:

- Palamau Tiger Reserve- Jharkhand
- Sariska Tiger Reserve- Rajasthan
- Sahyadri tiger reserve- Maharashtra
- Rajaji Tiger Reserve- Uttarakhand

122. In which state, Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **3) 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

Wildlife Sanctuary - Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary, Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary; Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary

123. In which state, 'Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu (TN):

Chief Minister- Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor- Ravindra Narayana Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuary- **Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary**, Grizzled Giant Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve- Mudumalai Tiger Reserve; Anamalai Tiger Reserve

124. Which e-commerce company has recently (in May '24) signed an MoU with Bajaj Auto Ltd. to deliver its product to the last mile with green machines?

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

Answer- **1) Flipkart**

Explanation:

On 10th May 2024, **Bajaj Auto Ltd.** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Flipkart** to enhance the adoption of electric vehicles (EV's) in Flipkart's last-mile delivery operation with green machines.

- This partnership envisages a greener future in the Indian e-commerce Industry.

i. Complying with the MoU, Bajaj Auto will provide 1000+ electric cargo vehicles for the upcoming two years.

125. Which Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) has recently (in May '24) launched India's first comprehensive climate analytics course in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh's Climate Resilience Observatory' to fortify disaster resilience?

- 1) IIIT (Bhagalpur)
- 2) IIIT (Lucknow)
- 3) IIIT (Bhopal)
- 4) IIIT (Raichur)
- 5) IIIT (Pune)

Answer- **2) IIIT (Lucknow)**

Explanation:

On May 2024, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Lucknow launched India's first comprehensive **climate analytics course** in collaboration with **Climate Resilience Observatory** of the Government of Uttar Pradesh (U.P) to fortify disaster resilience.

i. The course offers M.Sc. in Data Science with specialization in Climate Data Analytics focussing on advanced techniques in statistical modelling, machine learning, big data analytics and data visualisation.

126. Who is the current(as of May '24) Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?

- 1) Harish Bisht
- 2) Rajendra Singh
- 3) Krishnaswamy Natarajan
- 4) Rakesh Pal
- 5) Virender Singh Pathania

Answer- **4) Rakesh Pal**

Explanation:**About Indian Coast Guard (ICG):**

ICG formed on 1st February, 1977

Director-General: Rakesh Pal

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

127. Name the personality who has recently (in May '24) won a silver medal in the Women's Individual Age group category at the 6th Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship.

- 1) Dipa Karmakar
- 2) Pranati Nayak
- 3) Budda Aruna Reddy
- 4) Srishti Khandagale
- 5) Kalpana Debnath

Answer- **4) Srishti Khandagale**

Explanation:

On 11th May 2024, India's **Srishti Khandagale** became the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at the **Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships** held in Hong Kong, China.

i. She clinched the **silver medal** in the Women's Individual Age group category at the **6th** Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship

- This achievement marks the first-ever medal win by an Indian athlete in this prestigious competition.

ii. Kazakhstan's Dolgoplova secured the gold medal, while Hong Kong's S Hung won the bronze.

128. In May 2024, _____ became the first automobile company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) Network to provide easy access to accessories in digital mode.

- 1) Suzuki Motor Corporation
- 2) Hero MotoCorp
- 3) Bajaj Auto Limited
- 4) Royal Enfield Motors Limited.
- 5) Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

Answer- **2) Hero MotoCorp**

Explanation:

On 13th May 2024, **Hero MotoCorp** has joined the government-run Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**) **Network** with a view to providing easy accessible digital mode to consumers. It is the **first automobile company** in the India to join ONDC.

- This initiatives makes consumer to access vehicle parts and accessories in digital mode.

129. In which state Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- **2) Goa**

Explanation:

About Goa:

Chief Minister- Pramod Sawant

Governor- P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

National Park- Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary

Airport- Manohar International Airport(Mopa, North Goa)

Dance Form: Dhalo, Fugdi, Kunbi

130. Who has been recently (in May '24) named as the first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya?

- 1) Sanjukta Parashar
- 2) Idashisha Nongrang
- 3) Deepak Kumar
- 4) RP Meena
- 5) Sangeeta Kalia

Answer- **2) Idashisha Nongrang**

Explanation:

On 11th May 2024, **Idashisha Nongrang**, a 1992 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, was appointed as the first woman Director General Of Police (DGP) of **Meghalaya**.

- She is currently serving as the Director General of Meghalaya Civil Defence.
- She will replace Meghalaya's current Director General Of Police (DGP), LR Bishnoi, who will retire on May 19.

131. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) situated?

- 1) Nashik (Maharashtra)
- 2) Amritsar (Punjab)
- 3) Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
- 4) Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
- 5) New Delhi (Delhi)

Answer- **5) New Delhi (Delhi)**

Explanation:

About Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Dr. U S Awasthi

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established in- 1967

132. In May 2024, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the resolution plan of _____ (company) for Reliance Broadcast Network's FM radio business, Big 92.7 FM.

- 1) Fractal One
- 2) DocASAP
- 3) Sapphire Media
- 4) Seven3 Digital Private Limited
- 5) Quik Drive

Answer- 3) Sapphire Media

Explanation:

The Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the resolution plan of **Sapphire Media** for Reliance Broadcast Network's FM radio business, **Big 92.7 FM**.

- As per the plan, Sapphire Media will pay **Rs. 261 crore** to secured and operational creditors as against the total claims of Rs. 947.5 crore.
- This approval follows a resolution process initiated in February 2023 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

133. Who is the current (As of May '24) Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- 1) Said Anli Aboubacar
- 2) Nyane Letsie
- 3) Malachie Manaouda
- 4) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- 5) António Guterres

Answer- 4) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Explanation:

About World Health Organisation (WHO):

Director General- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Established on- 7 April 1948

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

134. 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

135. In which state Changu Lake is located?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- **1) Sikkim**

Explanation:

Tsomgo Lake, also known as Changu Lake, is a glacial lake in the East Sikkim district of the Indian state of Sikkim.

136. Name the personality who has recently (in May '24) won the gold medal in women's shot put at the 27th National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2024 held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, by setting a new record of 18.41m.

- 1) Kiran Baliyan
- 2) Abha Khatua
- 3) Srishti Vig
- 4) Manpreet Kaur
- 5) Krishna Jayashankar

Answer- **2) Abha Khatua**

Explanation:

On May 2024, **Abha Khatua** won the **Gold Medal** in the 27th National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2024 conducted by the Athletics Federation of India in **Bhubaneswar**, Odisha, after setting a new national mark of **18.41m** for women's shot put by breaking Manpreet Kaur's previous record of 18.06m.

i. The **silver** medal was won by **Kiran Baliyan** with a throw of 16.54m whereas the bronze medal was won by Srishti Vig with a distance of 15.86m.

137. Where was the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) headquartered?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Vienna (Austria)
- 3) New York (united States)
- 4) Geneva (Switzerland)
- 5) Canberra (Australia)

Answer- **3) New York (united States)**

Explanation:

About United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF):

It is a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with universal membership.

The Forum has set many milestones including the first UN Forest Instrument in 2007, the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) in 2015, and adoption of the first UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2030 and its six Global Forest Goals in 2017

Establishment- 2000

Headquarters- New York, US

138. Who has recently (in May '24) won the 2024 MotoGP French Grand Prix held at Le Mans, France?

- 1) Marc Marquez (Spain)
- 2) Francesco Bagnaia (Italy)
- 3) Enea Bastianini (Italy)
- 4) Jorge Martin (Spain)
- 5) Fabio Alain Quartararo (France)

Answer- 4) Jorge Martin (Spain)

Explanation:

On May 2024, Pramac Ducati's **Jorge Martin** from Spain won the 2024 MotoGP French Grand Prix held at Le Mans, France.

i. While Jorge Martin finished 1st, Spain's **Marc Marquez** finished **2nd** and Francesco Bagnaia of Italy finished 3rd

139. Who is the current (As of May '24) President of Iran?

- 1) Rashad al-Alimi
- 2) Mohammed bin Salman
- 3) Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
- 4) Haitham bin Tarik
- 5) Ebrahim Raisi

Answer- 5) Ebrahim Raisi

Explanation:

About Iran:

President- Ebrahim Raisi

Currency- Iranian Rial

Capital- Tehran

140. Who has recently (in May '24) finished third in a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze event held in Los Angeles, United States of America?

- 1) Nithya Ramraj
- 2) K M Deeksha
- 3) Lili Das
- 4) Apoorva Chaudhry
- 5) Annu Rani

Answer- 2) K M Deeksha

Explanation:

On 11th May 2024, India's track athlete **K M Deeksha** broke the national record in the women's **1500m** at the Sound Running Track Festival in Los Angeles (United States of America) clocking **4:04.78** to finish **third** in a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze event.

- She broke Harmilan Bain's record of **4:05.39**.

i. Kartik Kumar, a silver medallist at the 2023 Asian Games, came second in the 10,000m event whereas **Avinash Sable** clocked 13:20.37 for second place in the men's 5000m.

141. Which country will host the The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) U-17 Women's World Cup 2024?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Morocco
- 3) Peru
- 4) India
- 5) Dominican Republic

Answer- **5) Dominican Republic**

Explanation:

The International Federation of Association Football (**FIFA**) has unveiled the official emblem for the upcoming **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Dominican Republic 2024**, which is a bold and playful design that tells a story of joy, community and competition.

- With the emblem, FIFA celebrates football and the identity of the Dominican Republic, its history and its important role as the host of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2024.
- The powerful movements and the colours are inspired by '**Batún**' – a game played by Taíno people on a central court or plaza using a rubber ball – and the '**Bachata**' and '**Merengue**' dances traditional to the Dominican Republic.
- Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, New Zealand and the United States have already qualified for the tournament to join hosts Dominican Republic in the group stage.
- The tournament will be played in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic and Santiago de los Caballeros, from October 16 to November 3, with 16 teams to compete for the final glory.

142. In May 2024, the Election Commission of India (ECI) invited 75 international visitors from election management bodies (EMBs) of ____ countries to watch the Lok Sabha elections.

- 1) 10
- 2) 35
- 3) 42
- 4) 23
- 5) 19

Answer- **4) 23**

Explanation:

The Election Commission of India (**ECI**) has invited **75** international visitors from election management bodies (EMBs) of **23** countries to watch the **Lok Sabha elections** for the Indian parliament.

- The invited delegates represent various EMBs and organisations from 23 countries namely - **Bhutan, Mongolia, Australia, Madagascar, Fiji, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Moldova, Tunisia, Seychelles, Cambodia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Chile, Uzbekistan, Maldives, Papua New Guinea and Namibia.**
- Along with these 23 nations, members from the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (**IFES**), and media teams from **Bhutan and Israel** will also participate.
- The ECI continues fostering international cooperation by organising the Election Visitors' Programme (**IEVP**) during the ongoing Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

143. Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in _____

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **3) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

About Uttarakhand

Chief Minister (CM) –Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor – Gurmit Singh

Capital – Dehradun

Wildlife Sanctuary – Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary, Benog Wildlife Sanctuary.

Festival – Kangdali Festival, Uttarayani Mela or Uttarayani Fair.

144. In May 2024, The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) achieved a significant milestone by breaking through the _____ Sungal tunnel along the Jammu-Poonch National Highway.

- 1) 3.98km
- 2) 2.79km
- 3) 1.90km
- 4) 4.01km
- 5) 3.67km

Answer-**2) 2.79km**

Explanation:

The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** achieved a significant milestone by breaking through the **2.79-km** Sungal tunnel along the **Jammu-Poonch National Highway**.

- Road Akhnoor-Poonch, "**The Golden Arc Road**" is a very old and highly strategic 200 Km stretch which connects **South Kashmir / Jammu region** to the **West of Jammu Kashmir**.
- It connects important border districts of Akhnoor, Rajouri and Poonch. There are four major Tunnels in this stretch viz Kandi Tunnel, Sungal Tunnel, Naushera Tunnel and Bhimber Gali Tunnel.
- The construction of a pivotal infrastructure project National Highway 144A connecting Akhnoor to Poonch reached a significant milestone as the Breakthrough Ceremony for the Sungal Tunnel took place.

145. Which company has recently (in May' 24) surrendered the payment aggregator and wallet licence to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Zomato Payments Private Limited
- 2) Vian Growth Capital Private Limited
- 3) PhonePe Private Limited
- 4) Cashfree Payments India Private Limited.
- 5) Easebuzz Private Limited

Answer- 1) Zomato Payments Private Limited

Explanation:

Zomato, Foodtech major announced that its subsidiary **Zomato Payments Private Limited (ZPPL)** has decided to voluntarily surrender the **certificate of authorisation** and **wallet licence** obtained from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to operate as an **online payment aggregator** and under the Payment and Settlements Systems Act 2007.

- Zomato also wrote down its investment of Rs 39 crore in ZPPL, and declared it as an impairment loss.
- Zomato had incorporated a wholly-owned subsidiary ZPPL in August 2021 to comply with RBI regulations for payment aggregator services and payment gateway services.
- Zomato filed its financial report for the last quarter of FY24 or Q4 FY24. The firm reported Rs 175 crore profit after tax with a revenue of Rs 3562 crore. Overall, the company registered a 71% surge in its revenue to Rs 12,114 crore in FY24 from Rs 7,079 in FY23.

146. Name the table tennis player who has recently (in May' 24) became the first Indian woman paddler to achieve the world No. 24 in the women's singles rankings.

- 1) Ankita Das
- 2) Sreeja Akula
- 3) Poulomi Ghatak
- 4) Manika Batra
- 5) Neha Aggarwal

Answer- 4) Manika Batra

Explanation:

India's ace women's table tennis player **Manika Batra** became the **first Indian woman** paddler to achieve the **world No. 24** in the women's singles rankings.

- She also equalled G. Sathyan's five year old record for the highest rank achieved by an Indian in singles table tennis.
- Manika (Khel Ratna awardee), the **2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist** in individual and team categories, jumped 15 spots following her run in Jeddah, where she reached the quarterfinals.

147. Where was the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) located?

- 1) Montreal (Canada)
- 2) Bern (Switzerland)
- 3) Kathmandu (Nepal)
- 4) Rome (Italy)
- 5) Vienna (Austria)

Answer- **4) Rome (Italy)**

Explanation:

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

Director-General- Dr. Qu Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Established in- 1945

148. Which company has recently (in May' 24) launched India's fastest Direct Current (DC) charger with a range of connector options and power outputs from 60 kW to 400 kW?

- 1) Tata Motors Limited
- 2) Mahindra Electric Mobility Limited
- 3) Ather Energy Private Limited
- 4) Bajaj Auto Limited
- 5) Exicom Tele-Systems Limited

Answer- **5) Exicom Tele-Systems Limited**

Explanation:

Exicom Tele-Systems Limited, an electric vehicle (EV) charging and critical power solutions provider in India, launched India's fastest DC charger with a range of connector options and power outputs from 60 kW to 400 kW.

- The Direct Current (DC) Fast charger, called the Harmony Gen 1.5, is available in three frame sizes.

149. In May 2024, the Supreme Court of India prohibited mining activities within a 1 km radius of the Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) of _____.

- 1) Sariska Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)
- 2) Pakke Tiger Reserve (Arunachal Pradesh)
- 3) Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka)
- 4) Satkosia Tiger Reserve (Odisha)
- 5) Achanakmar Tiger Reserve (Chhattisgarh)

Answer- **1) Sariska Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)**

Explanation:

On 15th May 2024, The Supreme Court (SC) of India comprising Justices BR Gavai, Sandeep Mehta and SVN Bhatti in its order prohibited all the mining activities around Rajasthan's **Sariska Tiger Reserve** by strictly restraining mining activities within a **1 km** radius of the Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH), a protected zone of the Sariska Tiger Reserve.

i. Petitioner alleged that several mining companies in Rajasthan were operating without the required approvals from the **National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** and Environmental Clearance.

ii. Additional **solicitor general** Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Rajasthan government stated that only **68 mines** are working out of 110 mines and that too outside 1 Km from the sanctuary, outside the CTH.

150. Who is the current (As of May '24) Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- 1) Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- 2) Nalin Prabhat
- 3) Vivek Ram Chaudhari

- 4) Raghu Srinivasan
- 5) Pradeep Chandran Nair

Answer- **2) Nalin Prabhat**

Explanation:

About National Security Guard (NSG):

NSG, commonly known as Black Cats, is a counter-terrorism unit of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Director General- Nalin Prabhat

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1986

151. Who is the current (As of May '24) Prime Minister of Slovakia?

- 1) Gabriel Attal
- 2) Simon Harris
- 3) Ousmane Sonko
- 4) Robert Fico
- 5) Anthony Albanese

Answer- **4) Robert Fico**

Explanation:

About Slovakia:

Prime Minister: Robert Fico

Currency: Euro

Capital: Bratislava

152. Which country has recently (in May' 24) signed an agreement with India, allowing holders of diplomatic and official passports from either country to travel to the other without requiring a visa?

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Qatar
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) Moldova

Answer- **5) Moldova**

Explanation:

India and Moldova signed an agreement on visa waiver for diplomatic and official passports.

- The agreement will allow holders of diplomatic and official passports of either country to **travel to the other, without a visa.**
- Pavan Kapoor, secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ana Taban, ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Moldova signed the agreements on behalf of their governments.
- This Agreement will add further momentum to the friendly and cordial relations between India and Moldova.

Note: In January 2024, External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** congratulated Mihai Popsoi on his appointment as Moldova's Deputy Prime Minister (PM) and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

153. Which of the following companies has been recently (in May' 24) imposed penalty by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for failing to comply with specific provisions of the Know Your Customer (KYC) direction?

- 1) Belstar Microfinance Limited and Reliance Home Finance Limited
- 2) Sundaram Home Finance Limited and Belstar Microfinance Limited
- 3) Aadhar Housing Finance Limited and LIC Housing Finance Limited
- 4) LIC Housing Finance Limited and Sundaram Home Finance Limited
- 5) Reliance Home Finance Limited and Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Answer- 2) Sundaram Home Finance Limited and Belstar Microfinance Limited

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs.1.50 lakh** on **Sundaram Home Finance Limited** for non-compliance with certain provisions of the 'RBI (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Direction, 2016' issued by RBI.

- RBI also imposed **Rs 3.10 lakh** penalty on **Belstar Microfinance**.
- This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI conferred under section 52A of the National Housing Bank Act, 1987.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on Belstar Microfinance and Sundaram Home Finance for rule violations.
- The statutory inspection of the company was conducted by the National Housing Bank with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2022.

154. Which company has recently (in May' 24) launched a Trillium (chip), a 6th generation Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) that improves Artificial Intelligence (AI) data centre performance nearly five times faster?

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) Google
- 3) Oracle
- 4) Tata Consultancy Services
- 5) Infosys

Answer- 2) Google

Explanation:

Google parent Alphabet launched a **sixth generation Tensor Processing Unit (TPU)** called **Trillium** in its artificial intelligence (AI) data centre chip family which is nearly **five times as fast** as its prior version.

- Alphabet's effort to build custom chips for AI data centres represents one of the few viable alternatives to Nvidia's top-of-the-line processors that dominate the market.
- The sixth-generation Trillium chip will achieve **4.7 times better computing** performance compared with the TPU v5e.
- The Trillium processor is **67% more energy** efficient than the v5e.

155. Who is the current (As of May '24) Chairperson of the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- 1) Madhabi Puri Buch
- 2) Debasish Panda
- 3) Santosh Kumar Sarangi

4) Praveen Sood

5) Nina Singh

Answer- **1) Madhabi Puri Buch**

Explanation:

About Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment-1992

156. Who is the current (As of May '24) Chief of Air Staff?

1) Pradeep Chandran Nair

2) Vivek Ram Chaudhari

3) Anil Chauhan

4) Manoj Pande

5) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

Answer- **2) Vivek Ram Chaudhari**

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

Chief of Air Staff: Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Established: 8th October, 1932

157. In May 2024, Rupa Bayor won the bronze medal in the Poomsae category at the Asian Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Vietnam.

Which state does she belong to?

1) Sikkim

2) Karnataka

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Arunachal Pradesh

5) Meghalaya

Answer- **4) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

India's Rupa Bayor, a young athlete from **Arunachal Pradesh** has won the **bronze medal** in the 'Poomsae' category at the 8th Asian Taekwondo Poomsae Championships held in Vietnam.

- The Asian Poomsae Championship was held from May 14 to May 15 2024.
- With this win, she became the first from India to win an Asian medal in the individual recognized Poomsae Senior 1 event.

Note: Poomsae comprises sets of pre-arranged defence and attacking movements in Taekwondo.

158. In May 2024, a male White Bengal Tiger 'Abhimanyu' at Nehru Zoological Park passed away due to chronic renal failure.

In which state/UT, the Nehru Zoological Park is located?

1) Jammu & Kashmir

2) Telangana

3) Karnataka

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

Abhimanyu, a nine-year-old male **White Bengal Tiger** at **Nehru Zoological Park (Hyderabad, Telangana)** has passed away due to chronic renal failure.

159. In which state Ralamandal Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

1) Karnataka

2) Odisha

3) West Bengal

4) Jharkhand

5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **5) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

Chief Minister– Mohan Yadav

Governor– Mangubhai C. Patel

Wildlife Sanctuary– Ralamandal Wildlife Sanctuary; Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve– Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve; Kanha Tiger Reserve

160. Who is the current (As of May '24) Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme?

1) Achim Steiner

2) Ghada Fathi Waly

3) Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo

4) Audrey Azoulay

5) Jens Stoltenberg

Answer- **1) Achim Steiner**

Explanation:

About United Nations Development Programme:

UNDP was established in 1966 by the General Assembly of the United Nations. It works in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality.

Administrator – Achim Steiner

Headquarters– New York, United States

161. The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 (MRTP Act) was repealed and replaced by Competition Act, 2002, which was recommended by _____ (committee).

1) Narasimham Committee

2) Raghavan committee

3) Rajiv Mehrishi Committee

4) Pradip Shah Committee

5) Rangarajan Committee

Answer- **2) Raghavan committee**

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been established to enforce the competition law under the Competition Act, 2002.

i. It should be noted that on the recommendations of the **Raghavan committee**, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 (MRTP Act) was repealed and replaced by the Competition Act, 2002.

162. Where was the headquarters of the Societe Generale S.A. located?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Havana, Cuba
- 3) Berlin, Germany
- 4) New York, United States
- 5) Moscow, Russia

Answer- **1) Paris (France)**

Explanation:**About Societe Generale S.A.:**

Societe Generale is one of the leading financial services group in Europe.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Slawomir Krup

Founded in 1864

Headquarters- Paris, France

163. In May 2024, UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) celebrated the _____ anniversary of the 1954 Hague Convention.

- 1) 75th
- 2) 70th
- 3) 60th
- 4) 65th
- 5) 90th

Answer- **2) 70th**

Explanation:

On 14th May 2024, **UNESCO** (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) organized the International Conference "Cultural Heritage and Peace: Building on 70 years of the Hague Convention" in The Hague from 13th May 2024 to 15th May 2024 to commemorate the **70th** anniversary of **1954 Hague Convention**.

- The Kingdom of the Netherlands hosted the ceremony on 13 May 2024 at the **Peace Palace**, house of the International Court of Justice.

i. The convention was adopted after the severe destruction of cultural sites by the Second World War.

ii. The 1954 Hague Convention was adopted **to prevent cultural and heritage sites** (museums, monuments, archaeological sites, archives, libraries and as well as intangible heritage etc.) of nations from devastation during peacetime and war

iii. Blue Shield emblem, a method adopted by UNESCO to identify a cultural property and provide appropriate training to preserve the sites.

164. In May 2024, TCL India appointed _____ as its brand ambassador.

- 1) Shah Rukh Khan
- 2) Vidyut Jammwal
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) Sidharth Malhotra

Answer- **4) Rohit Sharma**

Explanation:

In May 2024, **TCL India**, a leading global brand in Television and Home Appliances headquartered in Huizhou, China engaged Indian cricket team captain **Rohit Sharma** as its Indian brand ambassador.

- He continues as the TCL India ambassador for **1 year**

165. In which state Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve is located?

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

Answer- **5) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The **Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve** comprises Sanjay National Park and the Dubri Wildlife Sanctuary, both of which cover more than 831 sq.km and are located in Sidhi District, **Madhya Pradesh**.

i. Sanjay-Dubri National Park and Tiger Reserve was established in 1975 to conserve the biodiversity rich forest area of district

166. Name the Indian Ethical Hacker who was recently (in May '24) honored with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's "Hall of Fame" title under the Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP).

- 1) Vivek Ramachandran
- 2) Rahul Tyagi
- 3) Falgun Rathod
- 4) Muneeb Amin Bhat
- 5) Ankit Fadia

Answer- **4) Muneeb Amin Bhat**

Explanation:

On May 2024, Indian Ethical Hacker **Muneeb Amin Bhat** found the vulnerabilities that prevailed in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s security system NASA's Vulnerability Disclosure Program (**VDP**).

- As a recognition of his efforts in strengthening its security, NASA has awarded the '**Hall of Fame**' title to Muneeb Amin Bhat

About Muneeb Amin Bhat:

- i. Previously, He was honored with the title of **Apple's 'Hall of Fame'**
- ii. He hails from Kulgam district of Kashmir.