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**121. Name the former vice-chairman (VC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) who passed away in August 2024.**

- 1) Nikhil Mohan
- 2) B. Ramesh Babu
- 3) Baldev Prakash
- 4) A. Manimekhalai
- 5) H. Devaraj

Answer- **5) H. Devaraj**

**Explanation:**

**H. Devaraj**, former **Vice- Chairman (VC)** of the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) passed away at the age of 71.

- He has served as the Vice-Chairman of the UGC from 2013 to 2016.

**122. Which actor has recently (in August 24) received the Pardo alla Carriera award-Locarno Tourism or Career Leopard, for his contribution to cinema at the 77th Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland?**

- 1) Shah Rukh Khan
- 2) Hrithik Roshan
- 3) Aamir Khan
- 4) Ranbir Kapoor
- 5) Salman Khan

Answer- **1) Shah Rukh Khan**

**Explanation:**

**Shah Rukh Khan** received the Pardo alla Carriera award-Locarno Tourism or Career Leopard, for his contribution to cinema at the 77th Locarno Film Festival in **Switzerland**.

- He was the first Indian personality to be honoured with a **lifetime achievement award** at the Locarno Film Festival.

**123. In which country, the secretariat of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) is situated?**

- 1) San Marino
- 2) Liechtenstein
- 3) Monaco
- 4) Malta
- 5) Seychelles

Answer- **3) Monaco**

**Explanation:**

**About International Hydrographic Organization (IHO):**

IHO is an intergovernmental organization established in 1921.

**Secretary-General**- Dr Mathias Jonas (Germany)

**Secretariat**- Monaco

**Members states**- 100 (including India)

**124. In Which year, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) was established?**

- 1) 1924
- 2) 1919
- 3) 1947
- 4) 1935
- 5) 1954

Answer- **2) 1919**

**Explanation:**

**About International Labour Organisation (ILO):**

**Director-General (DG)** – Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo

**Headquarter**– Geneva, Switzerland

**Member nations**– 187

**Established**– 1919

**125. 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.

**126. In Which state, the Churdhar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?**

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Assam

Answer- **3) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh (HP):**

**Chief Minister (CM)** – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

**Governor** – Shiv Pratap Shukla

**National Parks** – Khirganga National Park, Inderkilla National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – ChandraTal Wildlife Sanctuary,  
Churdhar Wildlife Sanctuary

**127. Who has been recently (in August '24) appointed as the chairman of the newly-established Young India Skills University in Telangana?**

- 1) Anand Mahindra
- 2) Nita Ambani
- 3) Sudha Murty



4) Roshni Nadar

5) Sajjan Jindal

Answer- **1) Anand Mahindra**

**Explanation:**

Chairman of Mahindra Group **Anand Mahindra** was appointed as the chairman of the newly-established Young India Skills University in Telangana.

- It will offer certificate courses to degrees through multiple schools offering multi-disciplinary courses.

**128. St Martin's Island in Bay of Bengal is part of \_\_\_\_\_(Country).**

1) Bangladesh

2) India

3) Myanmar

4) Sri Lanka

5) Thailand

Answer- **1) Bangladesh**

**Explanation:**

**St Martin's Island** is **Bangladesh's** only coral island, with reefs stretching 10-15 km to the west-northwest.

- It is nine kilometres from the southernmost point of Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar-Teknaf peninsula.

**129. The Panama Canal connects which two major water bodies?**

1) Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean

2) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean

3) Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean

4) Caribbean Sea and Mediterranean Sea

5) Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean

Answer- **2) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean**

**Explanation:**

The 82-km long Panama canal is a shortcut for ships travelling between the **Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans** by cutting through the Isthmus of Panama in Central America.

- It saves approximately 12,600 km in a trip between New York and San Francisco, and is one of the most important shipping lanes in the world.

**130. Who has been recently (in August' 24) appointed as the Union Home Secretary?**

1) Giriraj Singh

2) Pralhad Joshi

3) Neelesh Garg

4) Mahesh Misra

5) Govind Mohan

Answer- **5) Govind Mohan**

**Explanation:**

**Govind Mohan**, Senior Indian Administrative Service (**IAS**) officer has been appointed as the **Union Home Secretary**, succeeding **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**.

- Govind will take over the position upon the completion of Ajay Kumar Bhalla's tenure on **August 22nd 2024.**

**131. Which state has recently (in August '24) become the third state in India to provide menstrual leave for the working women?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **1) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, the **Odisha** government announced one-day menstrual leave for the working women in both private and government sectors.

- Odisha is the third state after Kerala and Bihar to bring in a menstrual leave policy for working women.

**132. Which sports channel has secured broadcast rights for the Big Cricket League (BCL)?**

- 1) Fox Sports
- 2) ESPN
- 3) Sony Six
- 4) Star Sports
- 5) Prasar Bharati

Answer- **5) Prasar Bharati**

**Explanation:**

The **Big Cricket League (BCL)**, a franchise-based Twenty20(T20) event has joined hands with the national broadcaster **Prasar Bharati** in a long-term deal.

- The inaugural edition of BCL will be held in September 2024 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- BCL will be broadcast live on DD Sports across India, and Prasar Bharati will also be promoting the league across its network.

**133. Where is the headquarters of Boeing located?**

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Chicago, United States of America
- 5) Copenhagen, Denmark

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

**Explanation:**

**About Boeing:**

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Robert K. “Kelly” Ortberg**

**Headquarters- Chicago, United States of America (USA)**

**134. When was the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) established?**

- 1) 1969
- 2) 1954
- 3) 1971
- 4) 1949
- 5) 1981

Answer- **1) 1969**

**Explanation:**

**About the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):**

**Chairman** - Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

**Headquarters** - Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Established** - 1969

**135. Who is currently (as of August' 24) serving as the President of Israel?**

- 1) Fumio Kishida
- 2) Li Yuanchao
- 3) Keir Starmer
- 4) Andrzej Duda
- 5) Isaac Herzog

Answer- **5) Isaac Herzog**

**Explanation:**

**About Israel:**

**President** - Isaac Herzog

**Prime Minister (PM)** - Benjamin Netanyahu

**Capital** - Jerusalem

**Currency** - New Israeli Shekel (NIS)

**136. Who is the currently (as of August' 24) serving as the President of the Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA)**

- 1) Chintamani Nadkarni
- 2) Rajamani Krishnamurti
- 3) Anshul Swami
- 4) Harsha Bangari
- 5) Rajkiran Rai G

Answer- **2) Rajamani Krishnamurti**

**Explanation:**

**About the Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA):**

It is a non-profit organisation, registered under Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013, committed to the growth and development of the stainless steel industry in India.

**President** - Rajamani Krishnamurti

**Headquarters** - Gurugram, Haryana

**Founded** - 1989



**137. Who is currently (as of August' 24) serving as the Director of the Indian Institute Of Technology-Madras (IIT-Madras)?**

- 1) Kamakoti Veezhinathan
- 2) Ashwani Kumar
- 3) Sumant Kathpalia
- 4) Baldev Prakash
- 5) Satish Kumar Kalra

Answer- **1) Kamakoti Veezhinathan**

**Explanation:**

**About the Indian Institute Of Technology-Madras (IIT-Madras):**

**Director - Professor Kamakoti Veezhinathan**

**Located - Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)**

**Established - 1959**

**138. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was formed in the year**

\_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) 1949
- 2) 1986
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1990
- 5) 1967

Answer- **3) 1958**

**Explanation:**

**About the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):**

DRDO was formed in **1958**.

**Chairman-** Dr Samir V Kamat

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**139. Who is the current (as of August' 24) Union Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)?**

- 1) Annpurna Devi
- 2) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 3) C R Patil
- 4) Bhupender Yadav
- 5) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer- **4) Bhupender Yadav**

**Explanation:**

**About the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC):**

**Union Minister-** Bhupender Yadav (Constituency- Alwar, Rajasthan)

**Minister of State (MoS)-** Kirti Vardhan Singh (Constituency- Gonda, Uttar Pradesh)

**140. Where is the headquarters of the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC India) located?**

- 1) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer- **3) New Delhi, Delhi**

**Explanation:**

**About the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC India):**

It is the premier trade and investment promotion organisation in India, sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), Government of India (GoI).

**Chairman** – Arun Kumar Garodia

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Founded** – 1955

**141. Which state has recently (in August '24) launched a new portal and an app called GCMS (Government Consumer Management System) in partnership with Tata Power Limited?**

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

Answer- **5) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The **Odisha** Government, in partnership with **Tata Power Limited**, has launched a new portal and an App called **GCMS (Government Consumer Management System)**.

- This initiative aims to simplify the process of paying electricity bills for Gram Panchayats across the state.
- The GCMS portal, integrated with the e-Gram-Swaraj online platform, allows Panchayats to access, approve, and pay electricity bills within a day using a secure OTP system.

**142. Which institute has recently (in August '24) set up the Centre for Narmada River Basin Management (cNARMADA) to conduct the Condition Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) of the Narmada river basin?**

- 1) IIT Gandhinagar
- 2) IIT Mandi
- 3) IIT Patna
- 4) IIT Roorkee
- 5) IIT Indore

Answer- **1) IIT Gandhinagar**

**Explanation:**

Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) **Gandhinagar** has set up the Centre for Narmada River Basin Management (**cNARMADA**) at its campus to conduct the Condition Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) of the **Narmada river basin**.

- This center will work with IIT Indore and is supported by the Ministry of Jalshakti, responsible for water resources in India.
- It will assess and identify existing conditions affecting the river ecosystem.



**143. The archaeological site 'Gobekli Tepe' is situated in \_\_\_\_\_ (country).**

- 1) Iraq
- 2) Egypt
- 3) Israel
- 4) Yemen
- 5) Türkiye

Answer- **5) Türkiye**

**Explanation:**

**Gobekli Tepe** is a archaeological site in the Southeastern Anatolia Region of **Türkiye**.

- Martin Sweatman, a scientist at the University of Edinburgh(United Kingdom), reinterpreted markings on a stone pillar at Gobekli Tepe in southern Turkey.
- Sweatman explained that the detailed carvings at Gobekli Tepe tell the story and date of the comet fragments, which struck Earth around 10,850 BC.
- He believes the carvings to be the **earliest lunisolar calendar**.

**144. In August 2024, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) signed a MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ to evaluate groundwater potential and quality in the Yamuna floodplains.**

- 1) Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority
- 2) Ahmedabad Metropolitan Development Authority
- 3) Haridwar Metropolitan Development Authority
- 4) Delhi Metropolitan Development Authority
- 5) Lucknow Metropolitan Development Authority

Answer- **1) Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority**

**Explanation:**

The Indian government has initiated a comprehensive study to evaluate groundwater potential and quality in the Yamuna floodplains, aimed at ensuring water supply in Faridabad, Haryana.

- An Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) signed between the Central Ground Water Board (**CGWB**) and the Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (**FMDA**). The study is part of efforts to meet Faridabad's projected water supply gap by 2031.
- The study, concluding by March 31, 2025, will create an extensive groundwater management plan, involving artificial recharge and resource development strategies within Faridabad.

**145. When did Aviation Security Culture Week 2024 take place?**

- 1) 1st August to 6th August
- 2) 22nd July to 28th July
- 3) 7th August to 13th August
- 4) 29th July to 4th August
- 5) 5th August to 11th August

Answer- **5) 5th August to 11th August**

**Explanation:**

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (**BCAS**) successfully concluded the Second Aviation Security Culture Week 2024, which took place from **August 5 to August 11**, 2024, with enthusiastic participation from all airports across India.

- This year's theme, '**Divestment of Restricted Articles by Passengers at Security Checkpoints**', aimed to foster a deeper understanding of security protocols among non-security personnel and passengers alike.

**146. Who has recently (in August' 24) launched the ASEAN-India Fellowship for Higher Education in Agriculture and Allied Science at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Pusa in New Delhi, Delhi?**

- 1) Kiren Rijiju
- 2) Chirag Paswan
- 3) Manohar Lal Khattar
- 4) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 5) Pushkar Singh Dhama

Answer- **4) Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the **ASEAN-India Fellowship** for Higher Education in Agriculture and Allied Science at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Pusa in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Currently, around 135 international students are pursuing their degrees at various agricultural universities.

**147. Which is the capital of Fiji?**

- 1) Moroni
- 2) Suva
- 3) Victoria
- 4) Antananarivo
- 5) Port Louis

Answer- **2) Suva**

**Explanation:**

**About Fiji:**

**President-** Ratu Wiliame Maivalli Katonivere

**Currency-** Fijian Dollar (FJD)

**Capital-** Suva

**148. In Which state, the Bor Tiger Reserve is situated?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Goa
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Maharashtra:**

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

**Governor** – C. P. Radhakrishnan



**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Malvan (marine) Wildlife Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserves** – Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve

**149. In which state, Raimona National Park is located?**

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

Answer- **2) Assam**

**Explanation:**

The **Raimona National Park** (Assam) is within the Bodoland Territorial Region. The area of the park includes the northern part of the notified Ripu Reserve Forest, which forms the western-most buffer to the Manas National Park that straddles the India-Bhutan border

**150. Who is the current Prime Minister (PM) of New Zealand?**

- 1) Christopher Luxon
- 2) Katalin Novák
- 3) Ignazio Cassis
- 4) Magdalena Andersson
- 5) Andrzej Duda

Answer- **1) Christopher Luxon**

**Explanation:**

**About New Zealand:**

**Prime Minister (PM)**- Christopher Luxon

**Currency**- New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

**Capital**- Wellington

**151. In Which state, the ‘Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary’ is situated?**

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

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Uttar Pradesh (UP):**

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

**Governor** – Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary, Sandi bird sanctuary

**Zoological Parks** – Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden,  
Kanpur Zoological Park



**152. Uzbekistani \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Uzbekistan.**

- 1) Dinar
- 2) Peso
- 3) Som
- 4) Manat
- 5) Kyat

**Answer- 3) Som**

**Explanation:**

**About Uzbekistan:**

**President-** Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev

**Capital-** Tashkent

**Currency-** Uzbekistani Som

**153. In which state, Kulik bird sanctuary is located?**

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

**Answer- 4) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**Raiganj Wildlife sanctuary** also popularly known as Kulik bird sanctuary. It is located near Raiganj in Uttar Dinajpur district in the state of West Bengal. The bird sanctuary is home to 164 species of birds and some 90,000 to 1,00,000 migratory birds visit the sanctuary every year.

**154. Where is the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) situated?**

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Brussels, Belgium
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5) Bonn, Germany

**Answer- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About the International Olympic Committee (IOC):**

**Established-** June 23, 1894.

**President-** Thomas Bach

**Headquarters-** Lausanne, Switzerland

**155. In August 2024, The Manyachiwadi village became the first 'Solar Village' in \_\_\_\_\_ (State).**

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**Eknath Shinde**, Chief Minister of Maharashtra inaugurated the **first 'Solar Village' in Maharashtra.**

- The Manyachiwadi village in the Patan Taluka of Satara district has become the first 'Solar Village' in Maharashtra.
- The Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MSEDCL) has announced an ambitious plan to provide up to 100% solar-powered electricity to two villages in each district.

**156. Name the company that has recently (in August' 24) set up a biofuel blend High Flash High-Speed Diesel (HFHSD) bunker at Mumbai Port.**

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 2) Reliance Industries Limited
- 3) Indian Oil Corp Limited
- 4) Hindustan Petroleum Corp Limited
- 5) Adani Enterprises Limited

Answer- **1) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, a public sector oil marketing company, has set up a biofuel blend High Flash High-Speed Diesel (HFHSD) bunker at Mumbai Port in Maharashtra.

- It is the first-of-its-kind in India, provides shipping companies with a cleaner, biodegradable alternative to traditional fuels.

**157. Which state government has recently (in August' 24) launched a new initiative 'Rattierer Saathi - Helpers of the Night' to enhance safety for women working night shifts?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **1) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

The **West Bengal** government has introduced a new initiative named '**Rattierer Saathi - Helpers of the Night**', aimed at enhancing **safety for women** working **night shifts**.

- The new guidelines will be enforced in medical colleges, hospitals, and hostels where similar provisions are not already in place.
- Under these guidelines, separate designated restrooms with toilets for women will be set up and women volunteers will be assigned on duty during nighttime shifts.

**158. Who has been recently (in August '24) suspended by the Sri Lanka Cricket Association following allegations of an anti-doping violation during the Lankan Premier League?**

- 1) Chamika Karunaratne
- 2) Niroschan Dickwella
- 3) Avishka Fernando
- 4) Janith Liyanage
- 5) Dasun Shanaka



Answer- **2) Niroshan Dickwella**

**Explanation:**

Sri Lankan wicket keeper-batter **Niroshan Dickwella** has been suspended by **Sri Lankan Cricket Association** following allegations of an anti-doping violation during the Lanka Premier League.

- Dickwella failed a doping test conducted by the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency under World Anti-Doping Agency guidelines during the Lanka Premier League.

**159. Which company has recently (in August' 24) received the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) nod to acquire stakes in the Vodafone Shared Operations Ltd (VSOL)?**

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

Answer- **5) Accenture**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, The Competition Commission of India(CCI) approved the proposed combination involving the acquisition of shares of Vodafone Shared Operations Ltd (VSOL) by Accenture.

**160. In August 2024, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) of \_\_\_\_\_ munition to Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA).**

- 1) Glock
- 2) Nipun
- 3) Himars
- 4) Shivalik
- 5) Khukri

Answer- **2) Nipun**

**Explanation:**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) has handed over the Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) of '**Nipun**' munition to Directorate General of Quality Assurance (**DGQA**) at Armament Research & Development Establishment (**ARDE**), Pashan, Pune, Maharashtra.

- NIPUN is a Soft Target Munition designed and developed by the ARDE in association with High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune.

**161. Which state has recently (in August '24) signed an MoU with the Geological Survey of India(GSI) for implementation of experimental regional Landslide Early Warning System?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **1) Assam**



**Explanation:**

The **Assam** State Disaster Management Authority has signed an **MoU** with the **Geological Survey of India(GSI)** for implementation of an experimental regional Landslide Early Warning System for combating the problem of landslides.

**162. Which postal circle has recently (in August' 24) released a Special Cover commemorating the achievements of Indian winners in 2024 summer Olympics?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

On 15th August 2021, **Tamilnadu** Postal Circle released a Special Cover commemorating the achievements of Indian winners in 2024 summer Olympics held in Paris,France.

- Alongside a unique scented Picture Postcard bearing the iconic India Post logo with the new by-line "Dak Sewa-Jan Sewa" was also released.

**163. In Which year, the World Economic Forum (WEF) was established?**

- 1) 1985
- 2) 1974
- 3) 1991
- 4) 2002
- 5) 1967

Answer- **3) 1991**

**Explanation:**

**About World Economic Forum (WEF):**

**Founder-** Prof. Klaus Schwab

**Managing Director (MD)-** Saadia Zahidi

**Headquarters-** Cologny, Switzerland

**Established** – 1971

**164. In Which state, the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is situated?**

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

Answer- **1) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**About Tamil Nadu (TN):**

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

**Governor** – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary Block A and Block B, Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserves** – Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

**165. Which Indian armed forces has recently (in August '24) partnered with Indian Air Force (IAF) to carry out a first-of-its-kind precise para-drop operation of the Aarogya Maitri Health Cube?**

- 1) Central Reserve Police Force
- 2) Indian Coast Guard
- 3) Border Security Force
- 4) Indian Army
- 5) Central Industrial Security Force

Answer- **4) Indian Army**

**Explanation:**

**Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **Indian Army** have jointly carried out a first-of-its-kind precise para-drop operation of the **Aarogya Maitri Health Cube** at a high-altitude area close to 15,000 feet.

- These critical trauma care cubes have been indigenously developed under Project BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri)
- The IAF utilised its advanced tactical transport aircraft C-130J Super Hercules to airlift and precisely para-drop the cube.

**166. Which company has recently (in August' 24) launched 'Reignite,' an initiative to support women returning to the workforce after a career break?**

- 1) Wallester
- 2) Marqeta
- 3) Payhawk
- 4) Oracle
- 5) CARD91

Answer- **5) CARD91**

**Explanation:**

**CARD91** has launched '**Reignite,**' an initiative to **support women** returning to the workforce after a career break.

- The program offers personalised onboarding, skill refreshment modules, mentorship, and a collaborative environment.
- It is open to women with a 3-6 year career gap and minimum 4 years prior experience.

**167. Who is the current (As of August '24) Under-Secretary-General (USG) of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)?**

- 1) Tom Cardamone
- 2) Charles Michel
- 3) António Costa
- 4) Helena Leurent
- 5) Joyce Msuya

Answer- **5) Joyce Msuya**



**Explanation:**

**About the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA):**

Under-Secretary-General (USG)- Joyce Msuya

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

**Established** - 1991

**168. Which company has recently (in August' 24) signed an MoU with the Directorate of Marine Engineering, Indian Navy(IN) to develop advanced marine applications?**

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) GAIL Limited
- 3) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 5) BEML Limited

Answer- **5) BEML Limited**

**Explanation:**

**BEML Limited**, formerly Bharat Earth Movers Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the Directorate of Marine Engineering, **Indian Navy(IN)**, for indigenous design, development, manufacture, testing, and product support of critical marine equipment and systems.

- This landmark agreement is a pivotal step in enhancing bilateral cooperation for the indigenous design, development, manufacture, testing, and product support of critical marine equipment and systems.
- It aims to strengthen self-reliance in defence production and minimise reliance on foreign imports.

**169. Name the former Director-General(DG) of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) who passed away in August 2024.**

- 1) Girish Sahni
- 2) G.Thyagarajan
- 3) Vardarajan
- 4) Husain Zaheer
- 5) Atma Ram

Answer- **1) Girish Sahni**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, the Former Director-General(**DG**) of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**), **Girish Sahni**, passed away at the age of 68.

- He served as the CSIR director-general from 2015 to 2018.

**170. Which state forest department has recently (in August 24) partnered with the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) to tag horseshoe crabs?**

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

Answer- **2) Odisha**



**Explanation:**

The **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** and the **Odisha Forest Department** have joined hands to tag horseshoe crabs along the coast to understand the population and habitat utilisation for its conservation and management

- Horseshoe crabs are one of the oldest living creatures on the Earth.
- India is home to two species of horseshoe crabs including *Tachypleus gigas* and *Carcinoscorpius rotundicauda* (mangrove).
- The blue blood of crabs can clot in the presence of bacteria, rendering them harmless.
- Their clotting ability has been extensively utilised in testing injectable medicines, vaccines, and sterile medical equipment.

**171. Which company has recently (in August '24) decreased its shareholding in Hindustan Copper from 8.171% to 6.086%?**

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) General Insurance Corporation of India
- 3) Punjab National Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) Life Insurance Corporation of India

Answer- **5) Life Insurance Corporation of India**

**Explanation:**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) has decreased its shareholding in the **Hindustan Copper** from 8.171% to 6.086%.

- LIC sold its stakes at an average cost of Rs 221.64 through open market sale.

**172. In which country will the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 be held from 3rd to 20th October 2024?**

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Nepal
- 4) India
- 5) South Africa

Answer- **1) United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has moved the ninth edition of the **Women's T20 World Cup (2024)** to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Bangladesh, while the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will continue as the official host of the event.

- It will take place across the two venues in the UAE, Dubai, and Sharjah, from 3rd to 20th October 2024.

**173. Who has been recently (in August '24) won the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year award for 2024?**

- 1) Declan Rice
- 2) Ollie Watkins
- 3) Martin Odegaard
- 4) Phil Foden

5) Erling Haaland

Answer- **4) Phil Foden**

**Explanation:**

Manchester City's England midfielder **Phil Foden** won the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year award 2024.

- Phil Foden played a crucial role in Man City winning a record fourth consecutive Premier League title last season (2023/24).

**174. Which country has recently (in August' 24) conducted the successful training launch of its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II?**

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) India
- 5) United States of America

Answer- **1) Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

**Pakistan** has conducted the successful training launch of its **surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II**.

- The training launch was aimed at training of troops, validating various technical parameters and performance evaluation of different sub-systems incorporated for improved accuracy and enhanced survivability

**175. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director General (DG) of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)?**

- 1) Pravin Kumar Purwar
- 2) Sanjay Sharan
- 3) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- 4) Yadubir Singh Rawat
- 5) Janardan Prasad

Answer- **3) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra**

**Explanation:**

**About the India Meteorological Department (IMD):**

Director General (DG) – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1875

**176. UAE \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

- 1) Dirham
- 2) Real
- 3) Dollar
- 4) Shilling
- 5) Dinar

Answer- **1) Dirham**



**Explanation:**

**About The United Arab Emirates (UAE):**

**President**– Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**Capital**– Abu Dhabi

**Currency**– UAE Dirham

**177. In Which state, the Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?**

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **1) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:**

**About Jharkhand:**

Chief Minister(**CM**) – Hemant Soren

**Governor** – Santosh Gangwar

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, Hazaribagh Wildlife Sanctuary

**178. Who authored the book ‘Govyatil Dharmantar: Katha Ani Vyatha’?**

- 1) Ranga Hariji
- 2) Kalipatnam Ramarao
- 3) Sajil Sreedhar
- 4) Subhash Chandran
- 5) Kamala Suraiyya

Answer- **1) Ranga Hariji**

**Explanation:**

On August 20 2024, Pramod Sawant, the Chief Minister (CM) of Goa launched the book titled **Govyatil Dharmantar: Katha Ani Vyatha**, written by **Ranga Hariji** and translated by Sunetra Jog.

- The book would bring the history of the oppressive rule of colonizers to light and reiterated that the Goa government is committed to extending all support to highlight this history.

**179. Name the Indian badminton player who recently (in August ‘24) announced her retirement.**

- 1) Ashwini Ponnappa
- 2) Aakarshi Kashyap
- 3) Malvika Bansod
- 4) Unnati Hooda
- 5) Ashmita Chaliha

Answer- **1) Ashwini Ponnappa**

**Explanation:**

Indian badminton player **Ashwini Ponnappa** announced her retirement after facing straight loss in the women’s doubles competition of the 2024 Paris Games.

- Ponnappa partnered with Tanisha Crasto(India) and competed in the women’s doubles competition at Paris 2024.



- Ponnappa, partnering with Jwala Gutta, won the gold medal in women's doubles at the 2010 Commonwealth Games held in Delhi.
- In 2011, Ponnappa and Gutta made history by becoming the first Indian pair to win a medal at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Championships, securing a bronze.

**180. Name the train that was the first train of Indian railways to be equipped with an advanced Water Level Monitoring System.**

- 1) Duronto Express
- 2) Brahmaputra Mail Express
- 3) Tejas Express
- 4) Garib Rath Express
- 5) Humsafar Express

Answer- **2) Brahmaputra Mail Express**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) inaugurated an advanced Water Level Monitoring System on the **Brahmaputra Mail Express train** at Kamakhya Railway Station in Assam.

- The Brahmaputra Mail Express train was the first train to be equipped with an advanced Water Level Monitoring System.
- This advanced solution offers continuous and accurate monitoring of water levels in the train's water tanks.
- It utilizes long-range radio(LoRa) and General Packet Radio Service (GPRS)-based communication, enabling long-range, low-power wireless transmission of data, making it particularly suitable for remote locations.
- The system features programmable real-time data logging and storage, with data captured and transmitted through a Hydrostatic Pressure Sensor that measures water levels with an accuracy of 0.5% across a range of 1meter(m) to 5m, even in temperatures from 0°C to 70°C.

**181. What is the denomination of the coins that feature King Charles III released by the United Kingdom(UK) for the first time in August 2024?**

- 1) Five pounds
- 2) Twenty pounds
- 3) Fifty pounds
- 4) Ten pounds
- 5) One pound

Answer- **5) One pound**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, the United Kingdom(UK) released the first **one-pound coins** featuring **King Charles III**, which include a design showcasing **British bees**. The design pays homage to over 250 bee species found in UK, including bumblebees, mason bees, and mining bees.

- The Royal Mint revealed that the bee-themed coin is one of eight new designs being introduced across different denominations, ranging from one penny to two pounds.
- Other designs include depictions of the Hazel Dormouse, Puffin, and Atlantic Salmon.

**182. Which cricketer set a new world record by scoring 39 runs in a single over during a T20 International match against Vanuatu in August 2024?**

- 1) Azmatullah Omarzai
- 2) Karim Jannat
- 3) Darius Visser
- 4) Akila Dananjaya
- 5) Nalin Nipiko

Answer- **3) Darius Visser**

**Explanation:**

Samoa's **Darius Visser** created a new world record for **most runs in an over** in Twenty20 International (T20I) matches by **scoring 39 runs** in an over bowled by Vanuatu's Nalin Nipiko.

- He set this record during the T20 World Cup East Asia-Pacific Region Qualifier against Vanuatu, which took place in **Apia, Samoa**(a country in the central South Pacific Ocean).
- India's Yuvraj Singh was the first-ever batter to hit six sixes in an over, during India's Super 8 game versus England, in Durban, during the inaugural T20 World Cup in South Africa.

**183. In August 2024, Ilkay Gundogan of \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) announced his retirement from international football.**

- 1) France
- 2) Portugal
- 3) Brazil
- 4) Germany
- 5) Spain

Answer- **4) Germany**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, **German** men's football team captain **Ilkay Gundogan** announced his retirement from international football.

- He played 82 international matches for Germany since his debut in 2011.

**184. Deendayal Port is situated in \_\_\_\_\_(state).**

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

Answer- **1) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, TK Ramachandran, Secretary, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) undertook a comprehensive review of ongoing projects and operational efficiencies at Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in **Kandla, Gujarat**.



**185. In August 2024, renowned American actress Gena Rowlands known for her groundbreaking work in cinema, passed away.**

**In which year did she receive the honorary Oscar Award?**

- 1) 2015
- 2) 2012
- 3) 2000
- 4) 2007
- 5) 2013

**Answer- 1) 2015**

**Explanation:**

**In August 2024, Gena Rowlands**, the renowned actress known for her powerful performances and groundbreaking work in cinema, has passed away at the age of 94.

- She received Oscar nominations for her performances in *A Woman Under the Influence* (1974) and *Gloria* (1980).
- she was honoured with an **honorary Oscar** in **2015**.

**186. Who has recently (in August' 24) released the book titled 'World of Vaccinology 2024'**

- 1) Arif Mohammed Khan
- 2) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- 3) Vinai Kumar Saxena
- 4) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- 5) Acharya Devvrat

**Answer- 1) Arif Mohammed Khan**

**Explanation:**

**Arif Mohammed Khan**, the **Governor of Kerala** has released the book titled '**World of Vaccinology 2024**'.

- It was co-authored by M.I. Sahadulla, chairman and managing director, KIMSHEALTH, and Sayenna Uduman, Professor Emeritus, Department of Paediatrics & Paediatric Infectious Diseases, United Arab Emirates University (UAEU).

**187. Where is the headquarters of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) situated?**

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

**Answer- 5) Kolkata**

**Explanation:**

**About Geological Survey of India (GSI):**

**Director General**– Asit Saha

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

**Establishment**– 1851



**188. Who is the current (As of August '24) Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)?**

- 1) Jacob Silverman
- 2) Vladimir Voronkov
- 3) Michael Miebach
- 4) François Davenne
- 5) Chris Jansen

Answer- **2) Vladimir Voronkov**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT):**

The UNOCT was established on 15 June 2017

**Under-Secretary-General**– Mr. Vladimir Voronkov

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

**189. In Which state, the Pin Valley National Park is situated?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- **4) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh(HP):**

**Chief Minister(CM)** – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

**Governor** – Shiv Pratap Shukla

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanawar Wildlife Sanctuary

**National Parks** – Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park

**190. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) situated?**

- 1) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2) Ebène, Mauritius
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 5) Bangkok, Thailand

Answer- **2) Ebène, Mauritius**

**Explanation:**

**About the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA):**

The IORA, formerly known as the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation (IOR-ARC), is an inter-governmental organisation.

IORA became an observer to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and the African Union (AU) in 2015.

**Secretary-General**– Salman Al Farisi

**Headquarters**– Cyber City, Ebène, Mauritius

**Members**– 23 Member States and 12 Dialogue Partners

**Establishment**– 7 March 1997

**191. In Which year, the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) was established?**

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

Answer- **4) 2015**

**Explanation:**

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

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – B.V.R. Subrahmanyam

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Established** – 2015

**192. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations (UN) situated?**

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

Answer- **3) New York, United States of America**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations (UN):**

**Secretary – General (SG)** – António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres

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

**Founded** – 24 October 1945

**193. Name the institute that has recently (in August '24) signed a MoU with Hindustan Zinc Limited to develop new variants of zinc materials and propel the commercialization of zinc-based batteries.**

- 1) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
- 2) Indian Institute of Science
- 3) CSIR- Central Drug Research Institute
- 4) Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research
- 5) Central Electrochemical Research Institute

Answer- **1) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research**

**Explanation:**

On August 21, 2024, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (**JNCASR**), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with Hindustan Zinc Limited (**HZL**) to develop new variants of **zinc materials** and propel the commercialization of zinc-based batteries.

- The collaboration will focus on developing new variants of zinc materials, essential for enhancing the performance and commercial viability of zinc-ion batteries.
- The partnership aims to address these challenges through material innovations at the electrode, electrolyte, and interface levels.



**194. With which organisation did the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) sign an MoU for the transfer of selected CSIR technologies to Micro and Small Entrepreneurs in August 2024?**

- 1) National Small Industries Corporation
- 2) Indian Small and Medium Enterprises Association
- 3) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- 4) Laghu Udyog Bharati
- 5) Indian Industries Association

**Answer- 4) Laghu Udyog Bharati**

**Explanation:**

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the transfer of selected CSIR technologies to Micro and Small Entrepreneurs.

- Laghu Udyog Bharati is a registered all India organization of Micro and Small Industries in India since 1994.

**195. Which country has recently (in August' 24) announced visa-free access for citizens from 35 countries with effect from October 1, 2024?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) India
- 3) Germany
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) The Netherlands

**Answer- 4) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

The Sri Lankan government has announced visa-free access for citizens from 35 countries, including India, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States of America (USA), starting from October 1, 2024.

- This visa-free entry will be available for a period of six months.
- The countries included in this program are Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, the UAE, the UK, and the US.

**196. Who is the current (As of August '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Nepal?**

- 1) Tshering Tobgay
- 2) Lawrence Wong
- 3) Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli
- 4) Lobsang Sangay
- 5) Sikyong Penpa Tsering

**Answer-3) Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli**

**Explanation:**

**About Nepal:**

**Prime Minister (PM) – Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli**



**President** – Ram Chandra Poudel

**Capital** – Kathmandu

**Currency** – Nepalese Rupee (NPR)

**197. Which organisation has recently (in August '24) collaborated with the Indian Army to restore Hannikallu Marsh in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu?**

- 1) Piramal Foundation
- 2) Hinduja Foundation
- 3) Adani Foundation
- 4) Tata Trusts
- 5) Reliance Foundation

**Answer- 2) Hinduja Foundation**

**Explanation:**

The **Hinduja Foundation**, in collaboration with the Indian Army, has successfully restored the **Hannikallu Marsh**, a fragile wetland habitat located in Wellington, Coonor, Nilgiris(Tamil Nadu).

- This initiative is part of the Foundation's flagship Corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme, Jal Jeevan, aimed at promoting water rejuvenation.

**198. Which state will host the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) from 20th -24th November 2024?**

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

**Answer- 3) Goa**

**Explanation:**

India will host the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Goa from 20-24 November 2024

- The first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) will be held alongside the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- The 55th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from 20-28 November 2024.

**199. Which Ministry has recently (in August '24) launched the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign on the PM-JANMAN mission?**

- 1) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Rural Development

**Answer- 1) Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

**Explanation:**

The **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** launched a nationwide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign and Beneficiary Saturation Camps for the **Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya**

**Maha AbhiyaN (PM-JANMAN)**, to reach out the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) habitations and PVTG families in 194 districts across India.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the PM-JANMAN mission on **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas** (November 15, 2023), from the Khunti District of Jharkhand
- The PM-JANMAN mission focuses on 11 critical interventions related to nine key aligned Ministries with a budgetary outlay of Rs 24,104 crore from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26, under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes.

**200. Name the Indian table tennis player who recently (in August '24) announced his/her decision to quit professional table tennis.**

- 1) Manika Batra
- 2) Sreeja Akula
- 3) Mouma Das
- 4) Archana Kamath
- 5) Sutirtha Mukherjee

Answer- **4) Archana Kamath**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, Indian women's **table tennis player Archana Kamath** announced his decision to quit professional table tennis and focus on her academic career.

- Archana was part of the Indian women's table tennis team that reached the quarter-finals at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

**201. Name the airport that has been recently (in August' 24) recognized as the Best Airport at the India Travel Awards for the third consecutive year.**

- 1) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- 2) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- 3) Ahmedabad Airport
- 4) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- 5) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport

Answer- **2) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport**

**Explanation:**

The **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA)** in Hyderabad, Telangana, has been recognized as the **Best Airport** at the **India Travel Awards** for the **third** consecutive year.

- In 2023, RGIA was honoured with Skytrax's 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024' award in Frankfurt, Germany.

**202. What is the name of the Artificial Intelligence(AI) model recently (August 2024) launched by the artificial intelligence company 'xAI,' founded by SpaceX founder Elon Musk?**

- 1) Gemma 2
- 2) Llama 3
- 3) BERT
- 4) Claude
- 5) Grok-2

Answer- **5) Grok-2**

**Explanation:**



**xAI**, the Artificial Intelligence(AI) company owned by SpaceX founder Elon Musk, has unveiled its latest AI models, Grok-2 and Grok-2 Mini.

- These advanced AI models are set to redefine the landscape of conversational
- AI, coding, and complex reasoning tasks.

**203. Which department of the Government of India(GoI) has recently (in August '24) launched the 'Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana' scholarship scheme?**

- 1) Department of Biotechnology
- 2) Department of Posts
- 3) Department of School Education and Literacy
- 4) Department of Science and Technology
- 5) Department of Sports

Answer- **2) Department of Posts**

**Explanation:**

**Department of Posts** has launched a philately scholarship scheme **Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** for the promotion of aptitude and research in stamps as a hobby for generating interest regarding philately amongst students.

- **Philately** is the **study of postage stamps** and postal history.
- It is proposed to grant a scholarship of ₹ 6,000/- per annum to those meritorious students of classes 6 to 9, whose academic records are good as well as who have adopted Philately as a hobby.
- This scholarship will be provided at all India level and each Postal circle will provide a maximum of 40 scholarships to 10 students of classes 6, 7, 8, and 9 each.
- The amount of the scholarship will be Rs 6000/- per annum at the rate of Rs 500/- per month, which will be payable on quarterly basis. **23. The Electronics city in Bengaluru is set to be renamed as \_\_\_\_\_.**

**204. The Electronics city in Bengaluru is set to be renamed as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Chengalaraya Urs Electronic City
- 2) Yedyurappa Urs Electronic City
- 3) Harsimrat Urs Electronic City
- 4) Devaraj Urs Electronic City
- 5) Rajnath Urs Electronic City

Answer- **4) Devaraj Urs Electronic City**

**Explanation:**

Siddaramaiah, Karnataka's Chief Minister (CM) announced that Electronics City would be renamed '**Devaraj Urs Electronic City**', addressing the **109th birth anniversary D Devaraj Urs**.

- Devaraj Urs served two terms as the first Chief Minister of Karnataka (1972-77, 1978-80).
- He laid the foundation stone for Electronics City, which was established in 1978.

**205. In Which year, the Airports Authority of India(AAI) was established?**

- 1) 1991
- 2) 1995
- 3) 1998
- 4) 1994



5) 1996

Answer- **2) 1995**

**Explanation:**

**About Airports Authority of India(AAI):**

**Chairman** – M Suresh

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Establishment** – 1995

**206. In August 2024, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released recommendations on \_\_\_\_\_ Spectrum.**

1) TeraHertz

2) ZettaHertz

3) Megahertz

4) Gigahertz

5) PetaHertz

Answer- **1) TeraHertz**

**Explanation:**

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (**TRAI**) has released recommendations on the **TeraHertz Spectrum**.

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications (MoC) requested the Authority on December 8 2022 to provide recommendations, under Section 11(1)(a) of **TRAI Act, 1997** (as amended), on 'Open and De-licensed use of Unused or Limited used Spectrum Bands for Demand Generation for Limited period in TeraHertz Range'.
- It recommended the introduction of a new experimental authorization for spectrum in 95 GHz to 3 TeraHertz range.
- The purpose of 'Tera Hertz Experimental Authorisation' or THEA should be to promote Research and Development (R&D), indoor and outdoor testing, technology trial, experimentation, and demonstration in the 95 GHz to 3 THz range

**207. Who is the current (As of August '24) Union Minister of Labour & Employment?**

1) Jial Oram

2) Mansukh Mandaviya

3) Annpurna Devi

4) Pankaj Chaudhary

5) Pralhad Joshi

Answer- **2) Mansukh Mandaviya**

**Explanation:**

**About the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E):**

**Union Minister** – Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Constituency – Porbandar, Gujarat)

**Minister of State (MoS)** – Shobha Karandlaje (Constituency – Bangalore North, Karnataka)

**208. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) situated?**

1) Geneva, Switzerland

2) Vienna, Austria

- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- **4) Paris, France**

**Explanation:**

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

**Director-General(DG)**- Audrey Azoulay

**Headquarters**- Paris, France

**Established** - 1945

**209. Who is the current (As of August '24) Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy?**

- 1) Sarbananda Sonowal
- 2) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 3) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 4) Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi
- 5) Rajiv Ranjan Singh

Answer- **4) Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi**

**Explanation:**

**About the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE):**

**Union Minister**- Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi (Constituency- Dharwad, Karnataka)

**Minister of State (MoS)**- Shripad Yesso Naik (Constituency- North Goa, Goa)

**210. In which state Palamu Tiger Reserve is located?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:**

**Palamau Tiger Reserve (PTR)** is located in Jharkhand which is spread over an area of about 1,230 sq km, was made a tiger reserve in 1973 and had a good number of the animal, which came down to three in the 2014 census and zero in the latest report.

**211. In which country, the world's second-largest 2,492-carat diamond has been recently (in August '24) discovered at a mine owned by Canadian firm 'Lucara Diamond'?**

- 1) Botswana
- 2) Palestine
- 3) India
- 4) United States of America
- 5) Russia

Answer- **1) Botswana**

**Explanation:**

The **world's second-largest** 2,492-carat diamond has been discovered in **Botswana** at a mine owned by **Lucara Diamond**, a Canadian firm.



The largest diamond – 3,106-carat – was found in South Africa in 1905, also known as the Cullinan Diamond. It was cut into pieces and later incorporated into the British Crown Jewels. It was discovered at the Karowe Diamond Mine in northeastern Botswana using X-ray technology. The gigantic stone could fetch upwards of USD 40 million.

**212. In August 2024, The Animal Care Organization (TACO) signed an MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide surveillance centres and dwelling units for frontline workers.**

- 1) Indira Gandhi Zoological Park
- 2) Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve
- 3) Ranthambore National Park and Tiger Reserve
- 4) Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve
- 5) Kanha Tiger Reserve

**Answer- 4) Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve**

**Explanation:**

On August 22 2024, The Animal Care Organization (**TACO**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve**.

The agreement includes the construction of a **surveillance centre** and dwelling units for frontline workers involved in the park's conservation efforts.

As part of TACO's wildlife conservation project 'Mission Vanraksha', the collaboration aims to strengthen the protection of the park's wildlife especially endangered species such as the greater one-horned rhinos, Asiatic elephants and Bengal tigers.

The MoU outlines a grant of Rs 6 crores to be utilised over a period of three years for this collaboration.

**213. Which country is set to host the 2026 Asian Games?**

- 1) Japan
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Singapore
- 4) India
- 5) Maldives

**Answer- 1) Japan**

**Explanation:**

Harish Muthu reached the quarter-finals of the Asian Surfing Championships 2024 in the men's open event.

The third edition of the **Asian Surfing Championships** held in Thulusdhoo, **Maldives**, is a qualifying event for the **2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**.

Both the Indian men's and women's surfing teams have secured their first-ever quota for the 2026 Asian Games.

**214. Who has recently (in August' 24) launched the 'Create in India Challenge-Season One' in New Delhi, Delhi in the run-up to the World Audio Visual and Entertainment (WAVE) Summit?**

- 1) Pramod Sawant
- 2) Mohan Yadav
- 3) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 4) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia



5) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer- **5) Ashwini Vaishnaw**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) launched the **'Create in India Challenge-Season One'** in New Delhi, Delhi in the run-up to the World Audio Visual and Entertainment **(WAVE) Summit**.

WAVES is poised to become a significant event, with these 25 challenges playing a crucial role in it.

**215. Shiveluch Volcano is located in \_\_\_\_\_ (Country).**

- 1) Russia
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Iceland
- 4) Japan
- 5) China

Answer- **1) Russia**

**Explanation:**

**Shiveluch Volcano** is located around 280 miles from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, a coastal city that lies in **Russia's** eastern region of Kamchatka.

In August 2024, Shiveluch Volcano erupted after an earthquake of 7.0 magnitude struck off the eastern Russian coast.

**216. Who has recently (in August '24) become the first Indian woman to win a national car racing championship in the saloon category?**

- 1) Aishwarya Pissay
- 2) Humaira Mushtaq
- 3) Bani Yadav
- 4) Diana Pundole
- 5) Kalyani Potekar

Answer- **4) Diana Pundole**

**Explanation:**

**Diana Pundole** has become the first Indian woman to win a national car racing championship, clinching the saloon category title at the **MRF Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024**.

**217. The Danish \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Denmark.**

- 1) Peso
- 2) krone
- 3) Dollar
- 4) Pound
- 5) Franc

Answer- **2) krone**

**Explanation:**

**About Denmark:**

**Prime Minister (PM)** – Mette Frederiksen

**Capital** – Copenhagen

**Currency** – Danish krone (DKK)

**218. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director-General (DG) of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)?**

- 1) Rajeev Kumar Mital
- 2) Kushvinder Vohra
- 3) Rajesh Gera
- 4) Anurag Jain
- 5) Debasish Panda

**Answer- 1) Rajeev Kumar Mital**

**Explanation:**

**About the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG):**

**Director-General (DG)** –Rajeev Kumar Mital

**Headquarters** – New Delhi, Delhi

**Launched** – 2014

**219. Who has been recently (in August 2024) appointed as Additional Director General(ADG) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?**

- 1) Dalit Singh Chaudhary
- 2) Rahul Rasgotra
- 3) Neeraj Tiwari
- 4) Jaspal Singh
- 5) Sanjeev Raina

**Answer- 5) Sanjeev Raina**

**Explanation:**

**Sanjeev Raina**, a 1987-batch officer of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), has been appointed **Additional Director General (ADG)** of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

The ITBP's primary role is to patrol the 3,488-kilometer India-China border from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

**220. Which state has recently (in August 2024) opened South India's 1st Adivasi Library 'Kaanu'?**

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

**Answer- 3) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

On 25 August, 2024 South India's 1st Adivasi library, '**Kaanu**', was inaugurated at Biligiriranga (BR) Hills in Chamarajanagar, **Karnataka**. 'Kaanu' means evergreen forest in Soliga language. It will be the first South Indian Adivasi Knowledge Centre.

'Kaanu' has been set up at the Institute of Public Health building with 1,200 books, research papers and contemporary works on South Indian forest tribes by adivasis and non-adivasis.



This library has been set up to showcase works and promote research on Jenu Kuruba, Kadu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba, Soliga and other forest-based tribes.

**221. Which Consortium has recently (in August '24) launched a 'Black Hole Finder' app to help astronomers identify new black holes?**

- 1) British Black Hole Consortium
- 2) Japanese Black Hole Consortium
- 3) French Black Hole Consortium
- 4) Dutch Black Hole Consortium
- 5) Persian Black Hole Consortium

Answer- **4) Dutch Black Hole Consortium**

**Explanation:**

**Dutch Black Hole Consortium** launched a '**Black Hole Finder**' app to help astronomers identify new black holes

The app is available in eight languages including Dutch, English, Spanish, German, Chinese, **Bengali**, Polish, and Italian.

The app leverages real data from telescopes and other astronomical sources, enabling users to assist scientists in identifying potential black holes.

**222. Who has been recently (in August '24) named honorary ambassador of Korean Tourism for 2024?**

- 1) Anand Kumar
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Hrithik Roshan
- 4) Sachin Tendulkar
- 5) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer- **1) Anand Kumar**

**Explanation:**

Super 30 founder **Anand Kumar** was named honorary ambassador of **Korean Tourism for 2024** at a ceremony held at the Korea Tourism Organisation (KTO) headquarters in Gangwon State.

This initiative is aimed at fostering mutual understanding between the youth of India and Korea, promoting cultural and educational exchanges for growth and prosperity

**223. Which type of ship was the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mumbai?**

- 1) Aircraft carrier
- 2) Destroyer
- 3) Submarine
- 4) Frigate
- 5) Corvette

Answer- **2) Destroyer**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Navy destroyer **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mumbai** arrived in Colombo port, Sri Lanka, as part of the three-day visit.

INS Mumbai brought essential spares for the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF)-operated Dornier maritime patrol aircraft.

INS Mumbai is the third of the **Delhi-class** guided missile destroyers, indigenously built and commissioned into the Indian Navy on 22 January 2001.  
It was constructed at Mazagon Dock Limited in Mumbai.

**224. In August 2024, Chandrayaan-3 found evidence of magma on the lunar surface through the data collected from \_\_\_\_\_ Rover.**

- 1) Artemis
- 2) Pragyan
- 3) Luna
- 4) Yutu
- 5) Vikram

Answer- **2) Pragyan**

**Explanation:**

India's **Chandrayaan-3** mission has uncovered compelling evidence supporting the theory that the Moon was once covered by a vast ocean of magma

The data has backed up the **Lunar Magma Ocean (LMO) theory**, which argues that large amounts of magma cooled to form the Moon's surface around 4.5 billion years ago.

The **Pragyan rover's** data revealed a consistent presence of **ferroan anorthosite**, a crucial mineral, across the lunar south pole.

**225. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Goldman Sachs Inc.?**

- 1) Juerg Steffen
- 2) Leon Topalian
- 3) Elisa De Anda Madrazo
- 4) Cary Adams
- 5) David M. Solomon

Answer- **5) David M. Solomon**

**Explanation:**

**About Goldman Sachs Inc.:**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) – David M. Solomon

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

**Founded** – 1869

**226. Ukrainian \_\_\_\_\_ is the currency of Ukraine.**

- 1) Shekel
- 2) hryvnia
- 3) Manat
- 4) Dollar
- 5) Tenge

Answer- **2) hryvnia**

**Explanation:**

**About Ukraine:**

**President** – Volodymyr Zelenskyy

**Capital** – Kyiv



**Currency**– Ukrainian hryvnia

**227. Where is the headquarters of the Coal India Limited (CIL) located?**

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

Answer- **1) Kolkata, West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About Coal India Limited (CIL):**

CIL is a Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking(PSU) under the Ministry of Coal.

**Chairman and Managing Director(CMD)**– P.M. Prasad

**Headquarters**– Kolkata, West Bengal

**Established**– 1975

**228. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director General(DG) of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)?**

- 1) Rajkumar Upadhyay
- 2) Prakash Chauhan
- 3) Magesh Ethirajan
- 4) Geeta Singh Rathore
- 5) Janardan Prasad

Answer- **3) Magesh Ethirajan**

**Explanation:**

**About Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC):**

**Director General(DG)**- Magesh Ethirajan

**Headquarters**– Pune, Maharashtra

**Establishment**– 1988

**229. In Which state, the Dhamra Port is situated?**

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

Answer- **4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**About Odisha:**

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

**Governor** – Raghubar Das

**Ports** – Paradip Port, Dhamra Port

**Festivals** – Kalinga Mahotsav, Chandan Yatra or Gandhalepana Yatra

**230. Which is the capital of Poland?**

- 1) Minsk
- 2) Tallinn
- 3) Sarajevo
- 4) Zagreb
- 5) Warsaw

Answer- **5) Warsaw**

**Explanation:**

**About Poland:**

**Prime Minister**- Donald Tusk

**Capital**- Warsaw

**Currency**- Polish złoty

**231. Who is the current (As of August '24) union minister of Coal?**

- 1) G. Kishan Reddy
- 2) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3) Giriraj Singh
- 4) H. D. Kumaraswamy
- 5) C R Patil

Answer- **1) G. Kishan Reddy**

**Explanation:**

**About Ministry of Coal:**

**Union Minister**- G. Kishan Reddy (Constituency- Secunderabad, Telangana)

**Minister of State(MoS)**- Satish Chandra Dubey(Rajya Sabha- Bihar)

**232. Who is the founder and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of 'Telegram'?**

- 1) Sanjay Mehrotra
- 2) Pavel Durov
- 3) Andy Jassy
- 4) Sam Altman
- 5) Marc Benioff

Answer- **2) Pavel Durov**

**Explanation:**

**Pavel Durov**, founder and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of 'Telegram' was arrested in Paris, France.

He was arrested over allegations that his platform is being used for illicit activity such as drug trafficking, distribution of child sexual abuse images, refusal to communicate information to authorities, money laundering and providing cryptographic services to criminals

**233. In which State, Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) is situated?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Gujarat**



**Explanation:**

India's second indigenous **700 MW** nuclear power reactor at Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (**KAPS**) in **Gujarat** started operating at its full capacity. The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (**NPCIL**) confirmed that Unit 4 at KAPS was previously operating at **90%** capacity before reaching its full 700 MW output.

India is building 14 more 700 MW nuclear power reactors of the same design which are expected to commence operations progressively by 2031-32.

**234. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director General of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)?**

- 1) Dr. Rajeev Singh
- 2) Dr. Anish Shah
- 3) Vas Shenoy
- 4) Ameya Prabhu
- 5) Uday Shankar

Answer- **1) Dr. Rajeev Singh**

**Explanation:****About the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC):**

**Director General**- Dr.Rajeev Singh

**Headquarters**- Kolkata, West Bengal

**Founded in** 1925

**235. Which State has recently (in August 2024) taken action to declare Samanatham Tank as a Bird Sanctuary?**

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

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

**Tamil Nadu Forest Department** has taken preliminary steps to declare Samanatham Tank as a Bird Sanctuary as it is an essential stopover for migratory birds, especially **Flamingos, Eurasian spoonbills and Siberian stonechats**.

There have been documented **300** rare species of birds including Threskiornis Melanocephalus, Pelecanus Philippensis, Limosa lapponica, Sterna Aurantia, and Pandion Haliaetus.

They have also listed vulnerable species including **Clanga Hastata** and **Clanga Clanga**.

**236. Name the Artificial Intelligence-based chatbox that was recently (in August '24) developed by Eastern Railway (ER) to assist employees in staying updated with the latest rules and regulations.**

- 1) Jasper
- 2) ChatSpot
- 3) Elena
- 4) Prabodh

5) Rufus

Answer- **4) Prabodh**

**Explanation:**

The 161-year-old Kanchrapara Workshop of Eastern Railway (ER) in West Bengal has developed an Artificial Intelligence(AI)-powered chatbot named '**Prabodh**' to assist ER employees in staying updated with the latest rules and regulations.

**237. As per the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species, the Northern Bald Ibis bird species is listed as \_\_\_\_\_ (category).**

- 1) Extinct
- 2) Critically Endangered
- 3) Near Threatened
- 4) Endangered
- 5) Vulnerable

Answer- **4) Endangered**

**Explanation:**

The **Northern Bald Ibis**, which was nearly hunted to extinction by the 17th century, has been revived through breeding and rewilding efforts over the past 20 years.

The conservation efforts led to its reclassification from "critically endangered" to "**endangered**" on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (**IUCN**) **Red List** of Threatened Species.

**238. Which Advertising Platform recently (in August 2024) joined the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) AI Task Force as Co-Chair to foster U.S.-India AI collaboration?**

- 1) Amazon
- 2) AdMob
- 3) InMobi
- 4) OpenX
- 5) Adform

Answer- **3) InMobi**

**Explanation:**

On 27 August 2024, The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-India Business Council (**USIBC**) announced that **InMobi** will serve as a co-chair of the newly formed USIBC Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force.

This move reflects USIBC's dedication to advancing AI principles and fostering collaborative innovation between the U.S. and India.

InMobi's expertise in AI-driven products and consumer technology makes it a key participant in this initiative.

**Dr Subi Chaturvedi**, Global Senior Vice President (SVP), Chief Corporate Affairs and Public Policy Officer at InMobi, will serve as Co-Chair of the Task Force.

**239. Which is the Capital of Lebanon?**

- 1) North Lebanon
- 2) South Lebanon
- 3) Beirut
- 4) Bekka



5) Nabatiyah

Answer- **3) Beirut**

**Explanation:**

**About Lebanon:**

Prime Minister(**PM**) – Najib Mikati

**Capital** – Beirut

**Currency** – Lebanese Pound

**240. In which State Sanjay Gandhi National Park is located?**

1) Delhi

2) Gujarat

3) Maharashtra

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Maharashtra:**

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

**Deputy CMs**- Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar

**Governor**- CP Radhakrishnan

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

**241. In which State Daranghati and Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuaries are located?**

1) Jammu and Kashmir

2) Himachal Pradesh

3) Uttar Pradesh

4) Assam

5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**About Himachal Pradesh (HP):**

Chief Minister (**CM**) – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

**Governor** – Shiv Pratap Shukla

**Capitals** – Shimla (Summer) and Dharamshala (Winter)

**National Park** – Simbalbara National Park

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Daranghati Wildlife Sanctuary, Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary

**242. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (RFC)?**

1) Linus Chan

2) Ajoy Choudhury

3) V.K. Singh

4) Rameshwar Vaishnav

5) Vivek Kumar Dewangan

Answer- **5) Vivek Kumar Dewangan**

**Explanation:**

**About Rural Electrification Corporation Limited(REC) :**

REC(formerly Rural Electrification Corporation) is a public sector Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), Public Financial Institution (PFI), and Infrastructure Financing Company (IFC) that provides loans to entities in India to build infrastructure assets.

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**)- Vivek Kumar Dewangan

**Headquarter**- New Delhi, Delhi

**Establishment**- 1969

**243. In which State Keoladeo National Park is located?**

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Chandigarh
- 5) Odisha

Answer- **1) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

**About Rajasthan:**

Chief Minister (**CM**) - Bajan Lal Sharma

**Deputy CMs**- Diya Kumari and Prem Chand Bairwa

**Governor**- Haribhau Bagade

**National Parks (NPs)** - Ranthambore National Park, Keoladeo National Park

**244. Who has become the first Indian to qualify for the men's 3000m steeplechase final in the 2024 Summer Olympics held in Paris, France?**

- 1) Praveen Chithravel
- 2) Vishnu Saravanan
- 3) Jeswin Aldrin
- 4) Sarvesh Kushare
- 5) Avinash Sable

Answer- **5) Avinash Sable**

**Explanation:**

The **2024 Summer Olympics**, officially the Games of the XXXIII(33rd) Olympiad, was held in Paris, France from 26th July to 11th August 2024.

Avinash Sable (Maharashtra) became the first Indian to qualify for the men's 3000m steeplechase final by finishing fifth in his heat with a time of 8:12.48. He finished in 11th position in the finals.

He was also the first Indian male steeplechaser to qualify for the finals of the 2019 World Championships.

He won a silver medal at the 2019 Asian Athletics Championships and a silver medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

**245. Where is the headquarters of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) located?**

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Vienna, Austria



4) New York City, United States of America

5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **5) Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

**About the International Labour Organisation (ILO):**

**Director-General-** Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo

**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland

**Establishment-** 1919

**Members-** 187 Member States

**246. In which state Keoladeo National Park is located?**

1) West Bengal

2) Jharkhand

3) Rajasthan

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Haryana

Answer- **3) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

**About Rajasthan:**

**Chief Minister** – Bhajan Lal Sharma

**Governor** – Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde

**National parks:** Ranthambore National Park; Mukundra Hills National Park, **Keoladeo** National Park

**247. In Which state, 'Similipal Tiger Reserve' is located?**

1) West Bengal

2) Karnataka

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Kerala

5) Odisha

Answer- **5) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

**About Odisha:**

**Chief Minister** – Mohan Charan Majhi

**Governor** – Raghubar Das

**Wildlife Sanctuary** – Lakhari Valley Sanctuary, Karlapat Sanctuary

**Tiger Reserve** – **Similipal Tiger Reserve**, Satkosia Tiger Reserve

**248. In which state 'Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?**

1) Odisha

2) West Bengal

3) Bihar

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About West Bengal:**

**Chief Minister-** Mamata Banerjee

**Governor –** C.V. Ananda Bose

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

**Wildlife Sanctuaries –** Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary

**249. Which state government has recently (in August '24) approved its Digital Media Policy to provide financial incentives to social media influencers for promoting state schemes and achievements?**

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

Answer- **3) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

i. The Uttar Pradesh government has launched the Digital Media Policy, 2024, which offers incentives to social media influencers for promoting state initiatives, programs, and accomplishments across various online platforms.

ii. Influencers can receive up to Rs 8 lakh per month depending on their platform and category:

X, Facebook, Instagram: Payments of Rs 5 lakh, Rs 4 lakh, Rs 3 lakh, and Rs 2 lakh.

YouTube Videos, Shorts, and Podcasts: Payments of up to Rs 8 lakh, Rs 7 lakh, Rs 6 lakh, and Rs 4 lakh.

**250. Where is the headquarters of the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM) situated?**

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) Pune, Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM):**

It is a National Institute under the Ministry of Cooperation having a core mandate for stakeholders in farm and nonfarm sectors focusing on the livestock, dairy & fisheries sector.

**Director–** Dr. Hema Yadav

**Headquarters–** Pune, Maharashtra

**251. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chairman of the Spices Board of India?**

- 1) S.P. Chaudhary
- 2) Amardeep Singh Bhatia
- 3) Surendra Nath Panda
- 4) Sarat Kumar Sahoo



5) A D Padmasingh Isaac

Answer- **2) Amardeep Singh Bhatia**

**Explanation:**

**About Spices Board of India:**

It was constituted on 26th February 1987 under the Spices Board Act 1986 (No. 10 of 1986) with the merger of the erstwhile Cardamom Board (1968) and Spices Export Promotion Council (1960).

**Chairman**- Amardeep Singh Bhatia

**Headquarters**- Kochi, Kerala

**252. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director of ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC)?**

1) Sreedhara Somanath

2) K. Sivan

3) Vikram A Sarabhai

4) D.K. Das

5) Nilesh M. Desai

Answer- **5) Nilesh M. Desai**

**Explanation:**

**About ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC):**

The SAC is a Research and Development (R&D) centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

**Director** - Nilesh M. Desai

**Headquarters** - Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Established** - 1972

**253. In which State, the Maharaj Bagh Zoo is located?**

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Gujarat

3) Maharashtra

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

**About Maharashtra:**

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

**Governor** - C. P. Radhakrishnan

**Zoological Parks** - Jijamata Udyan Zoo, Maharajbagh Zoo

**Airports** - Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Pune International Airport

**254. Where is the headquarters of the International Cricket Council (ICC) situated?**

1) Mumbai, India

2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

3) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

4) London, United Kingdom

5) Sydney, Australia

Answer- **3) Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

**About the International Cricket Council (ICC):**

The ICC was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909. It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965 and changed as International Cricket Council in 1987.

**Chairman**– Greg Barclay

Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**)– Geoff Allardice

**Headquarters**– Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

**Founded** – 1909

**255. Which firm has recently (in August '24) signed a MoU with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing(C-DAC) to jointly work on indigenous chip technology?**

- 1) L&T Semiconductor Technologies
- 2) HCL Technologies
- 3) Sankalp Semiconductor Pvt. Ltd.
- 4) MosChip Technologies
- 5) Micron Technology

Answer- **1) L&T Semiconductor Technologies**

**Explanation:**

**L&T Semiconductor Technologies** has signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing(**C-DAC**) for jointly working to jointly work on indigenous chip technology.

The strategic collaboration is to drive indigenisation efforts and harness the collective expertise of both organisations to accelerate innovation and technological advancements in areas of mutual interest.

**256. Who has recently (in August '24) won the Bronze medal in the Women's 10000m race walk event in the World U20 Athletics Championships 2024 held in Lima, Peru?**

- 1) Unnathi Aiyappa
- 2) Pooja Singh
- 3) Laxita Sandilea
- 4) Aarti
- 5) Neeru Pathak

Answer- **4) Aarti**

**Explanation:**

**Aarti** won the Bronze medal in the **Women's 10000m** race walk event in the **World U20 Athletics Championships 2024** held in Lima, Peru.

Aarti won a bronze by surpassing her **U20 national record**, clocking 44:39.39 in the women's 10km race walk.

**257. Which country has recently (in August '24) appointed Fatemeh Mohajerani as its first female government spokesperson?**

- 1) Saudi Arabia
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Iran
- 4) Afghanistan



5) Brunei

Answer- **3) Iran**

**Explanation:**

**Iran** President Pezeshkian appointed **Fatemeh Mohajerani** as the first female government spokesperson.

Mohajerani has earlier served as the head of the Technical and Vocational Training University of Shariati (for women) in the Iranian government.

**258. In August 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Dhulikhel Municipality in \_\_\_\_\_(country) as the second healthiest city in Asia.**

1) Nepal

2) Sri Lanka

3) Bhutan

4) China

5) Japan

Answer-**1) Nepal**

**Explanation:**

The World Health Organization (**WHO**) has declared **Dhulikhel Municipality** of Kavrepalanchok district as **Nepal's first 'healthy city'** and second healthiest city in **Asia**.

Dhulikhel scored 65.48 points on various indicators for healthy cities, joining the WHO Healthy City Network.

The municipality is awarded USD 5,000 for implementing various programmes under the Healthy City initiative.

**259. In August 2024, India's indigenously developed RT-PCR kit received approval from the Central Protection Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to fight against \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) COVID-19

2) Monkeypox

3) Ebola

4) Cancer

5) MERS-CoV

Answer- **2) Monkeypox**

**Explanation:**

**India** has developed its own home-grown indigenous **Real-time reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing kit** to fight against **Monkeypox**, which has been approved by the Central Protection Drugs Standard Control Organisation (**CDSCO**).

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced its second public health emergency of International concern due to Monkeypox. The new strain of this virus (Clad-1) is considered to be more transmissible and has higher mortality rates.

**260. In which state Jaldapara National Park is located?**

1) Odisha

2) West Bengal

3) Bihar

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Karnataka

Answer- **2) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

**About West Bengal:**

**Chief Minister-** Mamata Banerjee

**Governor** – C.V. Ananda Bose

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

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** – Jorpokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary

**261. In which state, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve 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

**262. Name the organisation that has recently (in August' 24) signed an MoU with Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board (UOCB) for procurement of organic cereals to provide better rates to farmers for their produce.**

1) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited

2) National Dairy Development Board

3) Organic Trade Association

4) National Co-operative Organics Limited

5) National Organic Standards Board

Answer- **4) National Co-operative Organics Limited**

**Explanation:**

National Co-operative Organics Limited (**NCOL**) and Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board (**UOCB**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) in New Delhi, Delhi for procurement of organic cereals to provide better rates to farmers for their produce.

**263. Which is the capital of Vietnam?**

1) Naypyidaw

2) Hanoi

3) Phnom Penh

4) Nicosia

5) Tbilisi

Answer- **2) Hanoi**



**Explanation:**

In August 2024, Vietnam's National Assembly approved the appointment of Nguyen Hoa Binh, Ho Duc Phoc, and Bui Thanh Son as three new deputy prime ministers for the 2021-2026 term.

**About Vietnam:**

**President** - To Lam

**Capital** - Hanoi

**Currency** - Vietnamese dong

**264. Who is the current (As of August '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Sri Lanka?**

- 1) Dinesh Gunawardena
- 2) Ranil Wickremesinghe
- 3) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- 4) Maithripala Sirisena
- 5) Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Answer- **1) Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Explanation:****About Sri Lanka:**

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

**Capital**– Colombo (Executive & Judicial), Sri Jayawardhapura Kotte (Legislative)

**Currency**– Sri Lankan Rupee

**265. In Which year, the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) was established?**

- 1) 1975
- 2) 1982
- 3) 1991
- 4) 2002
- 5) 1964

Answer-**5) 1964**

**Explanation:****About the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL):**

**Chairman**– Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi

**Established** – 1964

**266. Who is the current (As of August '24) Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises?**

- 1) Manohar Lal Khattar
- 2) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- 3) Bhupender Yadav
- 4) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 5) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer- **2) Jitan Ram Manjhi**

**Explanation:****About the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME):**

**Union Minister**– Jitan Ram Manjhi (Constituency: Gaya, Bihar)

Minister of State (**MoS**)- Sushri Shobha Karandlaje (Constituency: Bangalore North, Karnataka)

**267. Where is the headquarters of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) situated?**

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

Answer- **3) Hague, Netherlands**

**Explanation:**

**About the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP):**

**Director-General**- Kathryn Bomberger

**Headquarters**- The Hague, The Netherlands

**Established in** 1996

**268. Which e-commerce platform has recently (in August '24) launched its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered shopping assistant 'Rufus' in India?**

- 1) IndiaMart
- 2) Nykaa
- 3) Meesho
- 4) Flipkart
- 5) Amazon

Answer- **5) Amazon**

**Explanation:**

In August 2024, **Amazon** launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered shopping assistant chatbot called **Rufus** in India. It will be able to do the heavy work of researching a product the customer wants to buy.

With Rufus, Indian shoppers can get product recommendations, advice, updates, and understand their specific requirements.

**269. Name the Vice Admiral of the Indian Navy who has recently (in August '24) assumed the charge as Director General of Project Seabird.**

- 1) Tarun Sobti
- 2) Rajesh Dhankhar
- 3) Sanjay Mahindru
- 4) Krishna Swaminathan
- 5) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

Answer- **2) Rajesh Dhankhar**

**Explanation:**

Vice Admiral **Rajesh Dhankhar**, NM assumed the duties of Director General of Project Seabird, overseeing the largest defense infrastructure project at the **Karwar Naval Base** in Karnataka.

He succeeded Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti at the Headquarters of Project Seabird in New Delhi.



**270. In which state Kanha Tiger Reserve 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

**271. Which country has recently (in August '24) won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-20 Championship Football tournament?**

- 1) India
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Maldives

Answer- **3) Bangladesh**

**Explanation:**

On 28 August 2024, the **Bangladesh** men's football team won the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Under-20 Championship football tournament after defeating Nepal by 4-1 in the final. This is the first time that Bangladesh has won this Championship.

Along with Nepal and Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, the Maldives and Bhutan participated in the competition that began on August 18, 2024.

India had won SAFFU-20 in 2019, 2022 and 2023. The SAFF U-20 Championship is a biennial football championship for male footballers under the age of 20 and is organised by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF).

**272. Name the West Indies cricket player who recently (in August '24) announced his retirement from International Cricket.**

- 1) Michael Holding
- 2) Courtney Walsh
- 3) Gudakesh Motie
- 4) Andy Roberts
- 5) Shannon Gabriel

Answer- **5) Shannon Gabriel**

**Explanation:**

**On 28th August 2024**, West Indies Fast bowler **Shannon Gabriel** (36), announced his retirement from international cricket.

He had played 59 Tests, 25 (One Day International) ODIs, and two (Twenty20) T20Is finishing with 202 wickets across the three formats, since his debut in 2012.

Gabriel's last Test appearance came at his home ground in Trinidad in July 2023, against India.

**273. Which country has recently (in August '24) named the cyclone "Asna," which had formed over Saurashtra-Kutch in the north Arabian Sea?**

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Oman
- 4) India
- 5) Thailand

**Answer- 1) Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

The deep depression currently over **Saurashtra-Kutch** in Gujarat is expected to move into the northeast Arabian Sea off the Pakistan coast. The name '**Asna**' has been designated by **Pakistan** as part of the standard protocol for naming tropical cyclones in the region.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), cyclonic storms forming in August over the Arabian Sea are uncommon. There have been 28 such systems in the Bay of Bengal, but the Arabian Sea has seen fewer instances in the past 132 years.

'**Cyclone Asna**' forms, it will be only the fourth cyclone to develop in the Arabian Sea in August since 1944.

**274. Who is the current (As of August '24) Director General (DG) of the National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT)?**

- 1) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- 2) Rajesh Gera
- 3) Debkumar Chakrabarti
- 4) Debasish Panda
- 5) Nallathamby Kalaiselvi

**Answer- 3) Debkumar Chakrabarti**

**Explanation:**

**About the National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation, and Training (NTIPRIT):**

NTIPRIT is recognized by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) as a Central Training Institute (CTI).

**Director General (DG)** – Debkumar Chakrabarti

**Headquarters** – Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

**Established** – 2010

**275. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairman of ReNew Power Private Limited (ReNew)?**

- 1) Sumant Sinha
- 2) Rajesh Kumar
- 3) Praveer Sinha
- 4) Vineet Sikka
- 5) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi

**Answer- 1) Sumant Sinha**



**Explanation:**

**About ReNew Power Private Limited(ReNew):**

**Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**– Sumant Sinha

**Headquarter**– Gurugram, Haryana

**Establishment**–2011

**276. In Which year, Microsoft Corporation was established?**

1) 1967

2) 1975

3) 1998

4) 2002

5) 2005

Answer- **2) 1975**

**Explanation:**

**About Microsoft Corporation:**

**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**- Satya Nadella

**President of Microsoft India and South Asia**- Puneet Chandok

**Headquarters**- Washington, the USA

**Established**- 1975

**277. Who is the current (As of August '24) Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**

1) Arun Kumar Misra

2) Adil Zainulbhai

3) Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar

4) Ravneet Kaur

5) Preeti Sudan

Answer- **4) Ravneet Kaur**

**Explanation:**

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

**Chairperson**– Ravneet Kaur

**Headquarters**– New Delhi, Delhi

**Established**- 2003

**278. In which year the United Nations was established?**

1) 1938

2) 1945

3) 1947

4) 1955

5) 1965

Answer- **2) 1945**

**Explanation:**

**About the United Nations (UN):**

**Secretary-General**– António Guterres

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

**Established** – 1945

**279. In Which state, Hoollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?**

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **4) Assam**

**Explanation:**

**About Assam**

**Chief Minister-** Himanta Biswa Sarma

**Governor** – Lakshman Prasad Acharya

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

**Wildlife Sanctuary**– Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary; Panidihing Wildlife Sanctuary, Hoollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary