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

Answer- **5) Gujarat**

Explanation:

On 10th September 2024, The **Gujarat** government announced the formation of Gujarat State Institution for Transformation or '**GRIT**', a think tank modelled on the NITI Aayog to help realise the vision of 'Viksit' or developed state by 2047. GRIT has crafted a vision document and roadmap for '**Viksit Gujarat @ 2047**'.

- The Chief Minister will head the governing body of GRIT with the Finance Minister as vice-chairman and the ministers of agriculture, health, education and industry serving as members.
- It promotes good governance to ensure consistent policy-making and decision-making in line with the priorities outlined in the State Vision Document and recommend key focus areas for long-term, comprehensive development.

114. Which institute has recently (in September '24) secured 1st rank in Networking and 51th in LinkedIn's Top 100 MBA Programmes in the world?

- 1) Indian School of Business
- 2) XLRI - Xavier School of Management
- 3) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
- 4) Symbiosis Institute of Business Management
- 5) S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research

Answer- **3) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade**

Explanation:

Delhi-headquartered **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)** globally ranked No. 1 in Networking and 51 in LinkedIn's Top 100 MBA Programmes in the world.

- The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to contribute in the skill building for the external trade sector of India.

115. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the non-executive chairperson of the Open Network for Digital Commerce(ONDC)?

- 1) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- 2) T K Manoj Kumar
- 3) Hitesh Vaidya
- 4) RS Sharma
- 5) K. Krithivasan

Answer- **4) RS Sharma**

Explanation:

In September 2024, Open Network for Digital Commerce(**ONDC**) appointed **RS Sharma** as the non-executive chairperson.

- Sharma, a 1978 batch officer Indian Administrative Service (IAS) served as the Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

116. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in September '24) signed an MoU with Honda Cars India Limited to advance the underlying technologies of Cooperative Intelligence?

- 1) IIT Delhi
- 2) IIT Kanpur
- 3) IIT Madras
- 4) IIT Hyderabad
- 5) IIT Pune

Answer- 1) IIT Delhi

Explanation:

On 11th September 2024, **Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi**, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Honda Cars India Limited** to advance Honda CI (Cooperative Intelligence), focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies for improved human-machine interaction, aiming to enhance automated driving systems and traffic safety.

- This partnership aims to leverage IIT-Delhi's advanced research and Honda's expertise in practical applications to fast-track innovation and create solutions that benefit both customers and society across a wide range of applications.
- Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), engineers from HCIL and Honda R&D Co., Ltd., a subsidiary focused on research and development within Honda, will collaborate with researchers at IIT Delhi.

117. Which anniversary was celebrated by the Mysore Akashvani radio station on 10th September 2024?

- 1) 60th
- 2) 90th
- 3) 70th
- 4) 100th
- 5) 80th

Answer- 2) 90th

Explanation:

On 10th September 2024, The **Mysore Akashvani radio station** in Karnataka celebrated its **90th** anniversary.

- On September 10, 1935, Radio Mysore was born as India's **first private radio** broadcaster.
- The Professor of Psychology at Maharaja's College(Mysore), Dr **M V Gopaldaswamy** set up the 30-watt transmitter at his residence.

118. According to the report by Counterpoint Research, India was the world's _____ largest 5G smartphone market.

- 1) Fourth
- 2) Third
- 3) Fifth
- 4) First
- 5) Second

Answer- 5) Second

Explanation:

According to the report by Counterpoint Research, **India** is the **second** largest 5G smartphone market in the world.

- China was in the first position in the report while the United States of America(USA) stands in third.
- Overall, China has 32% share in 5G smartphones and India has 13% share of the overall market.
- According to a report, global 5G handset shipments experienced a strong 20% year-on-year growth in the first half of 2024.

119. Name the political leader whose political life is represented in the recently launched (in September '24) book 'Five Decades in Politics'.

- 1) Sushil Kumar Shinde
- 2) Devendra Fadnavis
- 3) Sharad Pawar
- 4) Eknath Shinde
- 5) Shankarrao Chavan

Answer- **1) Sushil Kumar Shinde**

Explanation:

On 9th September 2024, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge released a book '**Five Decades in Politics**' based on the political life of former Maharashtra Chief Minister **Sushil Kumar Shinde**. The author of this book is senior journalist **Rashid Kidwai**.

- The 200-page book was published by HarperCollins India.

120. Which company has recently (in September '24) collaborated with Matrix Gas & Renewables Limited to set up India's first green hydrogen valley project in Pune, Maharashtra?

- 1) Acrow India Limited
- 2) Alfred Herbert (India) Limited
- 3) Gensol Engineering Limited
- 4) Azad Engineering Limited
- 5) Batliboi Limited

Answer- **3) Gensol Engineering Limited**

Explanation:

On 11th September 2024, **Gensol Engineering**, in collaboration with **Matrix Gas & Renewables Limited**, secured an order to establish **India's first green hydrogen valley project in Pune, Maharashtra**.

- Gensol will set up the said project in collaboration with Matrix Gas & Renewables, a green hydrogen infrastructure developer and natural gas aggregator.
- Matrix will be setting up the green hydrogen production plant on a Build Own and Operate basis to supply green hydrogen to the speciality chemical sector with an offtake period of 20 years.
- This green hydrogen valley is being facilitated by the National Chemicals Laboratories (NCL) in Pune.
- The project will be developed through the electrolysis route, with Gensol and Matrix collaborating further on green hydrogen derivatives, including green steel and green ammonia.

121. Which instrument of Chandrayaan-3 has recently (in September '24) recorded more than 50 moonquakes?

- 1) Laser Doppler Velocimeter (LDV)
- 2) Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS)
- 3) Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE)
- 4) Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA)
- 5) Laser Retroreflector Array (LRA)

Answer- 4) Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA)

Explanation:

The Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (**ILSA**) aboard the Vikram Lander of the Chandrayaan-3 mission detected 250 seismic signatures during its operational period from August 24 to September 4, 2023.

- Among the 250 seismic signals, nearly 200 of them were said to have been produced by different mission activities like the Pragyan rover's movements or the operation of scientific instruments like the ChaSTE thermal probe or Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS).
- These findings related to the moonquakes were mentioned in a recent paper published in the ICARUS journal.

122. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)?

- 1) Rajesh Kumar
- 2) Vivek Gogia
- 3) Ramanth Krishnan
- 4) Ankush Aggarwal
- 5) Aalok Kumar

Answer- 1) Rajesh Kumar

Explanation:

About Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)

I4C is an initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with cyber crime in India. The I4C was dedicated to the Nation on 10th January 2020.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Rajesh Kumar

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

123. Who is the current (as of September '24) Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of U.S. News & World Report?

- 1) John Thornton
- 2) Eric J. Gertler
- 3) Steve McIvor
- 4) Teresa Patricio
- 5) Amy Pope

Answer- 2) Eric J. Gertler

Explanation:

About U.S. News & World Report:

Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Eric J. Gertler

Headquarters- Washington DC, the United States of America(USA)

124. When was the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) formed?

- 1) 1946
- 2) 1947
- 3) 1955
- 4) 1958
- 5) 1963

Answer- **4) 1958**

Explanation:

About the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):

Chairman- Dr Samir V Kamat

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Formed- 1958

125. In which state Grizzled Giant Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary is situated?

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

Answer- **5) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu (TN):

Chief Minister (CM) - Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor - Ravindra Narayana Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuaries - Grizzled Giant Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary,
Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological parks - Arignar Anna zoological park, Amirthi zoological park

126. Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Airport is located in which state?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Assam
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- **1) Bihar**

Explanation:

About Bihar:

Chief Minister (CM) - Nitish Kumar

Governor - Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Airports - Gaya International Airport, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Airport

Festivals - Bishari Puja, Pitrapaksha Mela

127. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) located?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 3) London, UK
- 4) New York, USA
- 5) Tokyo, Japan

Answer- **4) New York, USA**

Explanation:

About the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC):

Director– Dima Al-Khatib

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

Established– 1974

128. Name the acclaimed actor and iconic voice of Darth Vader and Mufasa who had passed away in September 2024.

- 1) Richard Griffiths
- 2) Rachael Lillis
- 3) Donald Sutherland
- 4) James Earl Jones
- 5) Shelley Duvall

Answer- **4) James Earl Jones**

Explanation:

On 9th September 2024, **James Earl Jones** the legendary actor known for his iconic voice roles as **Darth Vader** in Star Wars and **Mufasa** in The Lion King, passed away in New York at the age of 93. He was born on January 17, 1931, in Arkabutla, Mississippi.

- He overcame racial prejudice and a severe stutter to become a celebrated icon of stage and screen.
- His deep, commanding tone brought iconic characters to life, such as Mufasa in Disney's The Lion King (1994), Voice Box in Robots (2005) and The Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk (2009).
- Beyond animated roles, Jones also starred in live-action films, including The Sandlot (1993) as Mr. Mertle and Coming to America (1988) as King Jaffe Joffer.
- Jones won three **Tony awards** including two **Emmys** and a **Grammy**, a Golden Globe, the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors as well as an honorary **Oscar** in 2011 for lifetime achievement.

129. In which national park, India's first study on 'teal carbon' was recently (in September '24) conducted to highlight the importance of wetland conservation in addressing the issues of resilience and climate adaptation?

- 1) Ranthambore National Park
- 2) Bandhavgarh National Park
- 3) Periyar National Park
- 4) Keoladeo National Park
- 5) Mukundra Hills National Park

Answer- **4) Keoladeo National Park**

Explanation:

India's first study on '**teal carbon**' conducted in **Keoladeo National Park (KNP)** in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district has highlighted the importance of wetland conservation to address the challenges of climate adaptation and resilience.

- The objective of the pilot project was to develop holistic nature-based solutions to combat climate change.
- The concept of teal carbon is a recent addition to the environmental science pertaining to organic carbon in inland fresh wetlands.
- Teal carbon refers to carbon stored in non-tidal freshwater wetlands, encompassing carbon sequestered in vegetation, microbial biomass, and dissolved and particulate organic matter.

130. Which is the capital of Finland?

- 1) Oslo
- 2) Stockholm
- 3) Pristina
- 4) Helsinki
- 5) Sofia

Answer- **4) Helsinki**

Explanation:

i. India and Finland first established diplomatic relations on September 10, 1949. Since then, the partnership has expanded into various sectors, including technology, education, trade, and sustainability.

ii. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations, an event was held in New Delhi, Delhi.

About the Republic of Finland:

President – Alexander Stubb

Capital – Helsinki

Currency – Euro (EUR)

131. Which country hosted the Commonwealth Chess Championship 2024?

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

Answer- **1) Sri Lanka**

Explanation:

The Commonwealth Chess Championship 2024 was held at Kalutara, **Sri Lanka**, from August 27 to September 6, 2024. The event featured competitions in classical, rapid, and blitz formats.

- **India** won **107 medals**, 39 in Classical, 34 in Rapid, and Blitz each. The Indian team secured 40 gold, 41 silver, and 26 bronze medals across all formats.
- Women FIDE Master (WFM) **Shubhi Gupta**(India) won the gold medal in the girls under - 16(U-16) event and the bronze medal in the girl's U-20 event.
- Grandmaster (GM) Sethuraman S P and GM Vignesh N R won the gold and bronze medals, respectively, in the classical (open) category.

132. Which technology company has recently (in September '24) become the title sponsor of the 2024 FIDE World chess championship match?

- 1) Accenture
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Amazon
- 5) Google

Answer- **5) Google**

Explanation:

Google is the title sponsor of the **2024 International Chess Federation (FIDE) World Chess Championship** match between Ding Liren (China) and D. Gukesh(India).

- The match will be held in Singapore from 20th November to 15th December 2024.

133. Name the mobile application that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Spices Board of India to encourage cardamom production.

- 1) SpiceApp
- 2) CardsApp
- 3) SpiceLink
- 4) CardsList
- 5) SpiceIndia

Answer- **2) CardsApp**

Explanation:

The Spices Board of India introduced a mobile application called '**CardsApp**' to encourage cardamom production.

- The app was introduced during a spices conclave and buyer-seller meeting at the **Indian Cardamom Research Institute (ICRI)** at Myladumpara in Idukki, Kerala on 11th September 2024.

134. Who is the current (as of September '24) Secretary General of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)?

- 1) Mathias Jonas
- 2) Juan Carlos Salazar Gómez
- 3) Mathias Cormann
- 4) Njoupouo YAP Mariatou
- 5) António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres

Answer- **2) Juan Carlos Salazar Gómez**

Explanation:

About International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO):

Secretary General- Juan Carlos Salazar Gómez

Headquarters- Montreal, Canada

Established- 1944

135. Omani _____ is the currency of Oman.

- 1) Riyal
- 2) Saidi

- 3) Rial
- 4) Rupee
- 5) Bhat

Answer- **3) Rial**

Explanation:

About Oman:

Prime Minister (**PM**) and Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

Capital – Muscat

Currency – Omani Rial (OMR)

136. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of Peru?

- 1) Javier Milei
- 2) Joko Widodo
- 3) Masoud Pezeshkian
- 4) Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra
- 5) Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

Answer- **4) Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra**

Explanation:

About Peru:

President – Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra

Prime Minister (PM) – Gustavo Adrianzén

Capital – Lima

Currency – Nuevo Sol

137. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Secretary-General (SG) of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)?

- 1) Jagan Chapagain
- 2) Paola Albrito
- 3) Kate Forbes
- 4) Mirjana Spoljaric Egger
- 5) Daniel Eriksson

Answer- **1) Jagan Chapagain**

Explanation:

About the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Secretary-General (SG)- Jagan Chapagain

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Founded- 1919

138. Where is the headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) located?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Montreal, Canada
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):

President and Head of Executive Committee– Dr. Tulia Ackson

Secretary General (**SG**)- Martin Chungong

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Founded– 1889

Slogan– For democracy. For everyone.

139. Which vaccine-making company has recently (in September '24) signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for clinical development of India's first codon de-optimised live-attenuated Zika vaccine?

- 1) Bharat Biotech International Limited
- 2) Cadila Healthcare Limited
- 3) Indian Immunologicals Limited
- 4) Serum Institute of India
- 5) Sanofi India Limited

Answer- **3) Indian Immunologicals Limited**

Explanation:

Vaccine maker **Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)** and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) for clinical development of India's first codon de-optimised live-attenuated **Zika vaccine**.

- **Zika virus**, primarily transmitted by **Aedes mosquitoes**, can also be passed from mother to fetus during pregnancy, through sexual contact, blood transfusion and organ transplants.
- Under the agreement, the ICMR will bear the costs associated with the Phase I clinical trials, including expenses for conducting, investigation and monitoring the trials.

140. Name the humanoid robot that will be part of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Gaganyaan mission.

- 1) Aakashmita
- 2) Suryamitra
- 3) Chandramitra
- 4) Vyommitra
- 5) Antariksha

Answer- **4) Vyommitra**

Explanation:

Prior to launching astronauts on the **Gaganyaan mission** in 2025, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will first send a humanoid robot named **Vyommitra** into space to assess spacecraft safety.

- Vyommitra's skull weighs 800 grams and measures 200 mm x 220 mm. It is made from a high-strength aluminium alloy that can endure pressure and vibration.
- Vyommitra will resemble the upper human body, featuring movable arms, face, and neck equipped with sensors to perform human-like functions and assess the impacts of space travel.

141. What is the name of the asteroid, referred to as the "God of Chaos," that is likely to strike Earth in 2029, according to new research published by The Planetary Science Journal?

- 1) Eunomia
- 2) Apophis
- 3) Castalia
- 4) Hygiea
- 5) Pallas

Answer- 2) Apophis

Explanation:

According to new research published by The Planetary Science Journal, an asteroid known as the "**God of Chaos**" or "**Apophis**" is likely to strike Earth in 2029.

- Officially named 99942 Apophis asteroid is a 1,210-foot-wide near-Earth asteroid.
- The name "Apophis" originates from the ancient Greek name of the Egyptian deity "**Apep**," also spelt "Apepi" or "Aapep".
- It will pass within 32,000 kilometres of Earth's surface on April 13, 2029.
- The asteroid was classified as level four on the Torino impact danger scale when it was first identified in 2004. 0 indicates there is no possibility of collision, while 10 indicates "a collision is certain" and might result in a global climatic disaster.
- According to the study, the "God of Chaos" might strike Earth at a later time and be caused by an object as small as 0.6 metres, or two feet, wide.

142. Which organisation published the recently (in September '24) released book titled "ISRO: Exploring New Frontiers - To The Moon, The Sun & Beyond"?

- 1) Penguin Random House India
- 2) Rupa Publications
- 3) The Hindu Group of Publications
- 4) HarperCollins India
- 5) Notion Press

Answer- 3) The Hindu Group of Publications

Explanation:

S. Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), unveiled a coffee-table book titled "**ISRO: Exploring New Frontiers - To The Moon, The Sun & Beyond**," published by **The Hindu** Group of Publications.

- Curated by T.S. Subramanian, former Associate Editor of Frontline, the book provides a detailed account of India's journey as a space-faring nation, chronicling its achievements from the early 1960s to recent missions such as the Mars Orbiter Mission, Chandrayaan-1, 2, and 3, as well as the Aditya L-1 mission.

143. Which semiconductor firm has recently (in September '24) received approval from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under the Semiconductor Design Linked Incentive (DLI) for the development of the Vision SoC (System-On-Chip)?

- 1) Micron Technology
- 2) Applied Materials
- 3) MosChip Technologies
- 4) Tata Elxsi

5) Mindgrove Technologies

Answer- **5) Mindgrove Technologies**

Explanation:

Mindgrove Technologies, a semiconductor design startup, has received approval from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) under the Semiconductor Design Linked Incentive (DLI) for the development of its second chip — **Vision SoC**.

- Designed for high-performance edge computing and video processing applications, the **Vision SoC (System-On-Chip)** is ideal for devices that handle video information.
- The DLI scheme, implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**), aims to provide financial incentives and design infrastructure support for the development and deployment of semiconductor designs for Integrated Circuits (ICs), Chipsets, System on Chips (SoCs), Systems & IP Cores and semiconductor linked design over a period of five years.

144. Which state has the highest number of AYUSH facilities at the urban primary health centres, as per the Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23 report?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched the '**Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23**' report in September, revealing that Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of AYUSH facilities in India, with **328 urban primary health centres**.

- Madhya Pradesh also ranks second in the number of district hospitals with 52, led by Uttar Pradesh with 125 and Delhi on third place with 40.
- The top three states with the highest number of AYUSH doctors in tribal areas are Odisha with 296, Chhattisgarh with 279, and Madhya Pradesh with 228.
- The leading states in terms of Community Health Care Centres are Uttar Pradesh with 939, Rajasthan with 650, Gujarat with 350, and Madhya Pradesh with 332.
- The top three states with the highest number of sub-divisional and district hospitals are Tamil Nadu, leading with 281, followed by Karnataka with 147, and Madhya Pradesh with 144.

145. Which airline has recently (in September '24) become the first Indian airline to adopt the Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required (RNP AR) flight procedure for operations at Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal?

- 1) Alliance Air
- 2) Akasa Air
- 3) Air India
- 4) SpiceJet
- 5) IndiGo

Answer- **5) IndiGo**

Explanation:

IndiGo Airlines has become the first Indian airline to adopt the Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required (**RNP AR**) flight procedure for operations at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, Nepal.

- The RNP AR technology is specifically designed for airports in geographically challenging and high-altitude regions.
- It enables aircraft to adhere to predetermined flight paths with remarkable accuracy, effectively mitigating the risks posed by the mountainous landscape.

146. According to the United Nations(UN's) World Social Protection Report 2024-26, _____ of the global population has some form of social protection.

- 1) 55.9 %
- 2) 52.4 %
- 3) 42.8 %
- 4) 50.5 %
- 5) 45.6 %

Answer- **2) 52.4 %**

Explanation:

According to the United Nations(UN) report titled "**World Social Protection Report 2024-26: Universal social protection for climate action and a just transition,**" 52.4 % of the global population has some form of social protection.

- In 2015, 42.8 % of the global population had some form of social protection.
- In the 20 countries most vulnerable to the climate crisis, **91.3 %** of the population (364 million people) still lack any form of social protection.
- The report also highlights, 3.8 **billion** people lack any kind of safety net, including 1.8 billion children worldwide
- Globally, **76.1 %** of children still have no effective social protection coverage. Additionally, a notable gender gap remains, with women's coverage trailing behind men's by 50.1 to 54.6 %.

147. Which multinational company has recently (in September '24) signed an agreement with L&T Semiconductor Technologies to co-develop advanced processors?

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

Answer- **1) IBM**

Explanation:

On 10th September 2024, **L&T Semiconductor Technologies**, the chip arm of infrastructure major Larsen and Toubro announced a collaboration with US-based computing giant **IBM**, a multinational company for research and development to develop advanced processors.

- The scope of this work could include processor design for edge devices and hybrid cloud systems, as well as for areas like mobility, industrial, energy, and servers.

- Under this collaboration, IBM and L&T Semiconductor Technologies Limited anticipate focusing on innovation, functionality, and performance to enable reliable, secure, and scalable compute for a range of applications.

148. Which country topped the 2024 Chainalysis's Global Crypto Adoption Index?

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) India
- 5) Nigeria

Answer- **4) India**

Explanation:

According to the 2024 **Chainalysis's Global Crypto Adoption Index**, **India** was ranked first in the global adoption of cryptocurrencies for the second straight year.

- The report tracks adoption across four sub-categories in 151 countries.
- India ranked top on usage of centralized exchange and decentralized finance assets from June 2023 to July 2024.
- Other countries in the top five include Nigeria(**2nd**), Indonesia(**3rd**), the United States of America(**4th**), and Vietnam(**5th**).

149. Name the media institute that has recently (in September '24) launched a series of YouTube channels.

- 1) Indian Institute of Mass Communication
- 2) Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication
- 3) National Instructional Media Institute
- 4) India Today Media Institute
- 5) Xavier Institute of Communications

Answer- **3) National Instructional Media Institute**

Explanation:

On 12th September 2024, the **National Instructional Media Institute** (NIMI), launched a series of **YouTube channels** under the Directorate General of Training (DGT) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

- This digital initiative will provide high-quality training videos to millions of learners across India's Industrial Training Institute (ITI) skill ecosystem, available in nine languages.
- The new channels are offered in English, Hindi, Tamil, Bengali, Marathi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Telugu, and Kannada.
- NIMI's initiative aligns with India's National Skill Development Mission and the goals of the New Education Policy (NEP).

150. Where is the headquarters of the Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI) located?

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

Answer- **4) Kolkata, West Bengal**

Explanation:

About the Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI):

IEI was established in 1920 and incorporated under the Royal Charter on September 9 1935 by King George V.

President – G Ranganath

Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal (WB)

151. What is the prize money awarded to the “Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film” at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024?

- 1) Rs. 10 lakhs
- 2) Rs. 3 lakhs
- 3) Rs. 5 lakhs
- 4) Rs. 2 lakhs
- 5) Rs. 1 lakhs

Answer- **Rs. 5 lakhs**

Explanation:

The 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 is slated to be held in Goa from 20th to 28th November 2024.

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted a new section as part of IFFI, 2024 for the Indian young filmmaker called "Best Debut Indian Film Section 2024".
- In addition to this, a Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film Award will also be presented. The awardee will receive a cash reward of **Rs. 5 lakhs**.

152. In September 2024, Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi inaugurated the Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE) setup at _____.

- 1) Imphal, Manipur
- 2) Leh, Ladakh
- 3) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Dispur, Assam
- 5) Kohima, Nagaland

Answer- **2) Leh, Ladakh**

Explanation:

Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) inaugurated the **Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE)** setup at Leh(Ladakh) through virtual mode.

- It will provide **Pashmina Wool Roving Facility** to improve the quality and efficiency of Pashmina wool processing.
- Pashmina is Geographical Indication (GI) certified wool from the Kashmir region. The wool is obtained from the **Changthangi goats** (Capra Hircus) domesticated in Ladakh.
- It will also provide Essential Oil Extraction Training for developing production facilities for extracting essential oils from roses and other flowers.
- This centre provide training for development of production facility for Bio-processing of available fruits and other raw materials.

153. Name the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel(INSV) through which two Indian Navy women officers, Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K, are set to embark on a circumnavigation expedition around the world.

- 1) INS Tarangini
- 2) INSV Mhadei
- 3) INSV Sudarshini
- 4) INSV Tarini
- 5) INSV Vipul

Answer- 4) INSV Tarini

Explanation:

"Navika Sagar Parikrama II is an upcoming all-women circumnavigation expedition led by Indian Navy officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K, who will be sailing aboard the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel(**INSV Tarini**)."

- They are also being trained under the mentorship of ace circumnavigator, and Golden Globe Race hero, Commander Abhilash Tomy (Retd.).
- In September 2024, the Indian Navy unveils the Logo of the expedition.
- The logo features an octagonal shape at its center, symbolizing the Indian Navy. Surrounding this, a radiant sun represents a celestial body, embodying hope and guidance. Additionally, a compass is integrated into the design, signifying navigation and direction, helping sailors as they traverse the challenging seas.

154. In Which state/Union Territory, the Campbell Bay National Park is situated?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Lakshadweep

Answer- 3) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Explanation:

About Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

Lieutenant Governor (LG) – Devendra Kumar Joshi

National Parks – Campbell Bay National Park, Galathea Bay National Park

Airport & Seaport – Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair Port

155. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) signed a MoU with LuLu Group International to showcase certified Indian organic products in its stores across the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- 1) Electronic National Agriculture Market
- 2) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- 3) Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture
- 4) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- 5) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

Answer- 5) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

Explanation:

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **LuLu Group** International (LLC), a leading retail chain in the Middle East and Asia.

- As part of the agreement, LuLu Group will showcase a wide range of certified Indian organic products in its stores across the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.
- APEDA will support these efforts by facilitating connections between organic growers in India including Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) and cooperatives and LuLu Group.

156. Which is the capital of Jordan?

- 1) Bishkek
- 2) Baghdad
- 3) Amman
- 4) Tbilisi
- 5) Nicosia

Answer- **3) Amman**

Explanation:**About Jordan:**

Head of State- King Abdullah II

Prime Minister- Jafar Hassan

Capital- Amman

Currency- Jordanian Dinar

157. Which city has recently (in September '24) hosted the Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (CSAR)2024?

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

Answer- **4) Paris, France**

Explanation:

On 6th September 2024, the 2024 Edition of the Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (**CSAR**) took place at the headquarters of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in **Paris, France**.

- This roundtable was co-organized by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO.
- The CSAR was conceptualised and launched as a Sherpa-track initiative during India's G20 Presidency in 2023.

158. Which Indian women's player has recently (in September '24) won her first international title in women's singles at the 2024 Belgian International Badminton tournament?

- 1) Aakarshi Kashyap
- 2) Anmol Kharb

- 3) Malvika Bansod
- 4) Anupama Upadhyaya
- 5) Unnati Hooda

Answer- **2) Anmol Kharb**

Explanation:

India's 17-year-old **Anmol Kharb**(Haryana) won her first international title in women's singles by defeating Denmark's Amalie Schulz in the final of the 2024 Belgian International Badminton tournament.

- She is currently (as of 19th September '24) ranked 218th in the Badminton World Federation(BWF) women's singles rankings.
- In 2023, Anmol became the women's singles national badminton champion at the age of 16.

159. Who has recently (in September '24) released a special booklet titled 'Paving the Path to Viksit Bharat' depicting the important achievements of the first 100 days of the newly elected union government?

- 1) Rajnath Singh
- 2) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 5) S. Jaishankar

Answer- **3) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** released '**Paving the Path to Viksit Bharat**', a special booklet, and eight flyers depicting the important achievements of the first 100 days of the newly elected union government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- He also said that Rs 20000 crore has been distributed to Rs 9.50 crore farmers under the 17th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

160. Who is the author of the book titled "The Learning Trap: How Byju's Took Indian Edtech for a Ride"?

- 1) Pradip Kumar Saha
- 2) Kunal Basu
- 3) Chetan Bhagat
- 4) Arjun Mohan
- 5) Aravind Adiga

Answer- **1) Pradip Kumar Saha**

Explanation:

"The Learning Trap: How Byju's Took Indian Edtech for a Ride," authored by journalist **Pradip Kumar Saha** (Pradip K. Saha), has been awarded the 7th Bangalore Business Literature Festival(**BBLF**) CK Prahalad Best Business Book Award for 2024.

- The 10th edition of the Bangalore Business Literature Festival was held on 14th September 2024.
- The book is an investigative work on how a multi-billion-dollar valuation company stumbled and is now fighting for survival.

- It is a lesson for companies that focus excessively on the valuation route instead of a profitable route for growth.

161. Which university has recently (in September '24) received the 'Platinum Certification' under the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Campus Rating System?

- 1) Delhi University
- 2) University of Madras
- 3) Banaras Hindu University
- 4) Ahmedabad University
- 5) University of Mumbai

Answer- **4) Ahmedabad University**

Explanation:

In September 2024, Gujarat's **Ahmedabad University** received the '**Platinum Certification**' under the Indian Green Building Council (**IGBC**) Green Campus Rating System.

- Twenty educational institutions across India have received the certification, and Ahmedabad University is the only one from Gujarat to be honored with it.
- The "Platinum Rating" is the highest accolade conferred by the IGBC, acknowledging campuses that demonstrate exceptional sustainability standards.

162. In Which state, the Tuticorin International Container Terminal (TICT) is situated?

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurated the Tuticorin International Container Terminal (**TICT**) at the VO Chidambaranar Port Authority (**VOCPA**) in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration of the Tuticorin International Container Terminal virtually.
- The port has been developed with an investment of more than 434 crores, with a capacity to handle 6 lakh twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) annually.
- The terminal has a draft of 14.20 meters which allows it to accommodate container vessels of up to 10,000 TEUs.

Sarbananda Sonowal also launched an ambitious campaign of VOCPA 'Mission 50' with an aim to handle 50 million tonnes of cargo by the end of this fiscal, i.e., FY2024-25.

163. Who will be honoured with the Golden Eye award at the 20th Zurich Film Festival (ZFF) in October 2024?

- 1) Scarlett Johansson
- 2) Emma Watson
- 3) Pamela Anderson
- 4) Anne Hathaway

5) Angelina Jolie

Answer- **3) Pamela Anderson**

Explanation:

Canadian-American actress **Pamela Anderson** will be honoured with the prestigious Golden Eye award at the **20th Zurich Film Festival (ZFF)** in recognition of her illustrious career.

- Zurich Film Festival (ZFF) is set to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, from 3rd to 13th October 2024.
- She will also present her latest feature film Last Showgirl at the event.
- Anderson is renowned for her roles in the popular drama series Baywatch and in films such as Barb Wire, Blonde and Blonder, and Scary Movie 3.

164. Who will become the first Indian to participate in the Gotland Grand National racing event to be held in Sweden in October 2024?

- 1) Gaurav Gill
- 2) Jehan Daruvala
- 3) Badal S Doshi
- 4) Karun Chandhok
- 5) Narain Karthikeyan

Answer- **3) Badal S Doshi**

Explanation:

Veteran motorcycle racer **Badal S Doshi** has become the first Indian to participate in the **Gotland Grand National**, the world's largest enduro event, held from 24th to 26th October 2024 in Sweden.

- The Gotland Grand National is a big motorcycle race held annually in Sweden since 1984. It is a long-distance race over rough terrain.
- Doshi was the podium finisher at the 2004 Raid de Himalaya Rally, a five-day, 1,800 km event
- He represented India at the Asian Grand Prix in Taiwan.

165. Where is the headquarters of the UN Women situated?

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

Answer- **2) New York, United States of America**

Explanation:

About the UN women:

Executive Director (ED)- Sima Sami Bahous

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

Established- 2010

166. In which city Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Eknath Shinde has recently (in September '24) launched the 'Majhi Ladki Bahin Kutumb Behet' campaign?

- 1) Mumbai
- 2) Pune
- 3) Amravati

4) Nagpur

5) Thane

Answer- **5) Thane**

Explanation:

On 10th September 2024, Maharashtra Chief Minister **Eknath Shinde** launched the '**Majhi Ladki Bahin Kutumb Behet**' campaign in **Thane**, as a part of his Shiv Sena party's outreach programme aimed at connecting with beneficiary families across the state.

- The Chief Minister visited homes in Kisan Nagar and Jai Bhavani Nagar in Thane and interacted with women to assess the impact of various government welfare schemes on their lives. This initiative, led by the Yuva Sena, aims to reach two crore households across Maharashtra.
- During his visit to the Kopri-Pachpakhadi Assembly constituency, he met 15 families and expressed confidence that, with the collective efforts of Shiv Sena's ministers, Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), Members of Parliament (MP), representatives, and Yuva Sena activists, the party would meet its goal of reaching one crore homes within a week.
- He highlighted the success of similar outreach programmes such as 'Shasan Aplya Dari,' which benefited more than five crore citizens.

167. Which country's army has recently (in September '24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR) for customised rescue training programs for instructors?

1) China

2) Japan

3) India

4) South Africa

5) Sri Lanka

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, The **Indian Army** signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) with Tiranga Mountain Rescue (**TMR**) at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), Delhi Cantt, in the presence of Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff.

- Under the MoU, TMR will cooperate with the Indian Army to provide training programmes for Army instructors, aimed at improving their ability to mentor troops in avalanche rescue and survival skills.
- The MoU aims to utilise TMR's expertise to boost the Indian Army's capacities in conducting effective rescue operations under tough conditions.

168. Name the app that was recently (in September '24) launched by Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to help customized multilingual buyer apps.

1) Lokpath

2) Saarthi

3) NERACE

4) Bhooskhalan

5) JioFinance

Answer- **2) Saarthi**

Explanation:

On 11th September 2024, The Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**) has reportedly announced the launch of '**Saarthi**', a reference application designed to assist businesses in creating their own customised buyer-side apps, co-developed with Bhashini.

- The app initially supports Hindi, English, Marathi, Bangla and Tamil, with plans to scale up to all 22 languages provided by Bhashini.
- The multilingual features of Saarthi, including real-time translation, transliteration, and voice recognition allow businesses to expand market reach, enabling companies to tap into new regions and increase customer acquisition.

169. Which tribunal has recently (in September '24) granted approval for the merger of TV18 Broadcast and e-Eighteen.com into Network18 Media and Investments?

- 1) Supreme Court of India
- 2) Mumbai High Court
- 3) National Company Law Tribunal
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Central Administrative Tribunal

Answer- **3) National Company Law Tribunal**

Explanation:

The Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (**NCLT**) has given the final approval for the merger of **TV18 Broadcast** and **e-Eighteen.com** (E18) into Network18 Media and Investments, in a significant step towards creating India's largest media conglomerate.

- This approval comes ahead of a larger consolidation effort, with Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)'s Indian media businesses merging with Walt Disney's operations to form the country's biggest media and entertainment entity.
- The merger recently received clearances from both the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the NCLT.
- Once the merger with Network18 is fully approved by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), both E18 and TV18 will cease to exist as separate entities.

170. The Central government has recently (in September '24) sanctioned _____ for relief and rehabilitation following natural disasters across various states.

- 1) Rs 12,554 crore
- 2) Rs 11,445 crore
- 3) Rs 10,564 crore
- 4) Rs 9,876 crore
- 5) Rs 8,890 crore

Answer- **1) Rs 12,554 crore**

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, The Centre has sanctioned Rs **12,554** crore to various states this year so far for providing **relief and rehabilitation** to people affected by different natural disasters.

- Rs 890.69 crore has also been sanctioned to five states by the Union Home Ministry to help them in expansion and strengthening of their fire services under the Scheme for Expansion and Modernisation of Fire Services.

- This allocation, drawn from the National Disaster Mitigation Fund, National Disaster Response Fund, State Disaster Mitigation Fund, and State Disaster Response Fund.
- This fund was allocated for multiple initiatives, including urban flood management, fire service upgrades, and risk mitigation for glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF).
- Under the Glacial Lake Outburst Flood Mitigation Programme, Rs 150 crore has been distributed among Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.

171. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chairman of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?

- 1) Tanmay Kumar
- 2) Ajay Yadav
- 3) Abhishek Dev
- 4) Rajiv Kumar
- 5) Sanjay Kumar Agarwal

Answer- **1) Tanmay Kumar**

Explanation:

About the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB):

Chairman – Tanmay Kumar, IAS

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1974

172. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of Romania?

- 1) Alexander Van der Bellen
- 2) Rumen Radev
- 3) Klaus Iohannis
- 4) Emmanuel Macron
- 5) Andrzej Duda

Answer- **3) Klaus Iohannis**

Explanation:

About Romania:

Prime Minister (PM)- Ion-Marcel Ciolacu

President- Klaus Iohannis

Capital- Bucharest

Currency- Romanian New Leu(RON)

173. Where is the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) situated?

- 1) New York, USA
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Answer- **4) Vienna, Austria**

Explanation:

About International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):

IAEA is the international centre for cooperation in the nuclear field.

Director General (DG) – Rafael Mariano Grossi (Argentina)

Headquarters – Vienna, Austria

Founded – 1957

174. When was Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) established?

- 1) 1947
- 2) 1955
- 3) 1963
- 4) 1976
- 5) 1984

Answer- **3) 1963**

Explanation:

About the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB):

Director General (DG)- Amrit Mohan Prasad

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1963

Motto- Service, Security, and Brotherhood

175. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of World Bamboo Organisation (WBO)?

- 1) Susanne Lucas
- 2) Witold Banka
- 3) Andrea Gaudenzi
- 4) Leena Nandan
- 5) Angela Wilkinson

Answer- **1) Susanne Lucas**

Explanation:

About the World Bamboo Organisation (WBO):

WBO was initially established as the International Bamboo Association (IBA) in 1992 at the 3rd International Bamboo Congress in Japan. The IBA was renamed as the World Bamboo Organisation (WBO) in 2005.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Susanne Lucas

Headquarters- Boston, Massachusetts, the United States of America (USA)

176. Who is the current (as of September '24) Executive Director (ED) of EarthEcho International?

- 1) Jane Fraser
- 2) Mia DeMezza
- 3) Stefan Wintels
- 4) Christel Wiman
- 5) Kushvinder Vohra

Answer- **2) Mia DeMezza**

Explanation:

About the EarthEcho International:

Executive Director (ED)- Mia DeMezza

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

Founded in– 2005

177. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) collaborated with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) and developed an online mediation training web-portal launched by the Supreme Court?

- 1) State Legal Services Authority
- 2) National Legal Services Authority
- 3) Supreme Court Legal Services Committee
- 4) High Court Legal Services Committee
- 5) Standing Committee

Answer- 2) National Legal Services Authority

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, The **Supreme Court** launched an **online mediation training web-portal** developed by National Legal Services Authority (**NALSA**) in collaboration with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) over a span of five months.

- This initiative provided a 40+ hour online training module, combining theoretical knowledge with practical skills that covered more than 50 lectures on 20 mediation-related themes and more than 10 hours of online/interactive practical sessions.
- This training programme will help make mediation the first and default mode of dispute resolution by training lawyers, judges, law students etc in the art of mediation.

178. Which state has recently inaugurated the state's first semiconductor manufacturing OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test plants) plant to reduce the country's reliance on imported semiconductor chips?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde inaugurated the state's **first semiconductor manufacturing OSAT** (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test plants) plant in Navi Mumbai which will reduce the country's reliance on imported semiconductor chips.

- **RRP Electronics Ltd**, a company supported by former cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, has set up this plant with an investment of Rs 12,035 crore and in the coming days they are going to invest an additional Rs 24,538 crore.
- In the first phase, OSAT plant with an investment of Rs 12,035 crore has been inaugurated. In the second phase, the FAB Manufacturing (chip manufacturing) unit will be established.

179. Which organisation has recently (in September 2024) received approval from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) to raise Rs 4,500 crore through fresh equity issue?

- 1) Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited
- 2) National Institute of Solar Energy
- 3) National Institute of Wind Energy
- 4) Energy Efficiency Services Limited
- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited

Answer- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) received approval from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) for raising approximately Rs 4,500 crore through fresh equity issue.

- The approval was granted by DIPAM based on the recommendations of a High-Level Committee.
- The fund-raising exercise aims to strengthen IREDA's capital base, enabling the organization to scale its financing for renewable energy projects and further accelerate India's transition to clean energy

180. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) collaborated with Avtr Meta Labs to launch India's First AI Avatar Creator Contest?

- 1) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 3) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- 4) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- 5) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer- 4) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Explanation:

Avtr Meta Labs, a leader in AI-driven virtual influencer technology, has partnered with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (**MIB**) for the introduction of India's First AI Avatar Creator Contest.

- This contest will be a key feature of the upcoming World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (**WAVES**) 2025, scheduled to take place from 5 to 9 February, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

181. With which company did TATA group recently (in Sept'24) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance India's semiconductor ecosystem?

- 1) MosChip Technologies
- 2) Analog Devices Inc
- 3) Dixon Technologies
- 4) Nvidia Corporation
- 5) Intel Corporation

Answer - 2) Analog Devices Inc

Explanation:

On September 18 2024, **TATA group** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Analog Devices Inc (ADI)** to enhance strategic and business cooperation, explore opportunities for

semiconductor manufacturing in India, and use ADI's products in Tata applications like electric vehicles and network infrastructure.

182. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) organised the Second Edition of Inclusion Conclave in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) National Anti-Doping Agency
- 2) National Testing Agency
- 3) Narcotics Control Bureau
- 4) National Assessment and Accreditation Council
- 5) National Council for Teacher Education

Answer- **1) National Anti-Doping Agency**

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Second Edition of **Inclusion Conclave** organised by National Anti-Doping Agency (**NADA**), India in New Delhi, Delhi.

- During the conclave, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released the "NADA India's Anti-Doping Guide" in Braille Script, breaking the barriers of exclusion in the anti-doping landscape.

183. What is the capital of Denmark?

- 1) Marslet
- 2) Odense
- 3) Fredericia
- 4) Frederiksberg
- 5) Copenhagen

Answer- **5) Copenhagen**

Explanation:

About Denmark:

Prime Minister- Mette Frederiksen

Capital- Copenhagen

Currency- Danish Krone

184. Where is the headquarters of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) located?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) Cochin, Kerala

Answer- **1) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL):

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) - Bhuwan Chandra Pathak

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established - 1987

185. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited?

- 1) Bhuwan Chandra Pathak
- 2) Vineet Sikka
- 3) Praveer Sinha
- 4) Gurdeep Singh
- 5) Rajesh Kumar

Answer- **4) Gurdeep Singh**

Explanation:

About the NTPC Limited:

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Gurdeep Singh

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1975

186. Where is the headquarters of the International Rhino Foundation (IRF) situated?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) London, UK
- 4) Texas, USA
- 5) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer- **4) Texas, USA**

Explanation:

About International Rhino Foundation (IRF):

President – John Lukas

Headquarters – Texas, the United States of America (USA)

Founded – 1989

187. When was the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) established?

- 1) 1975
- 2) 1986
- 3) 1989
- 4) 1992
- 5) 1996

Answer- **2) 1986**

Explanation:

About the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB):

NCB is the nodal drug law enforcement and intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India (GoI).

Director General (DG) – Anurag Garg

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1986

188. Who is the current (as of September '24) Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)?

- 1) Anacláudia Rossbach
- 2) Maimunah Mohd Sharif
- 3) Rebeca Grynspar
- 4) Catherine M. Russell
- 5) Natalia Kanem

Answer- **1) Anacláudia Rossbach**

Explanation:

About United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat):

Executive Director- Anacláudia Rossbach

Founded- 1978

Headquarters- Nairobi, Kenya

189. Where is Murlen National Park located?

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

Answer- **2) Mizoram**

Explanation:

About Mizoram:

Chief Minister (CM) – Pu Lalduhoma

Governor – Hari Babu Kambhampati

National Parks – Murlen National Park, Phawngpui National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Lengteng Wildlife Sanctuary, Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary

190. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has recently (in September 24) launched the _____ Management System and an online portal.

- 1) Waste
- 2) Sand
- 3) Water
- 4) Food
- 5) Health

Answer- **2) Sand**

Explanation:

On 19th September 2024, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the Andhra Pradesh **Sand Management System** (APSMS), which caters to the needs of consumers and provides end-to-end digital solutions from sand booking to delivery of the construction material.

- This portal facilitates easy booking of sand, streamlines operations through designated delivery slots, issuance of e-permits/waybills, transportation at minimum cost and strengthening the vigilance mechanism.
- The State government launched the free sand policy on July 8, 2024.

191. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee?

- 1) Bela Trivedi
- 2) Sanjiv Khanna
- 3) BV Nagarathna
- 4) Hima Kohli
- 5) Sukhda Pritam

Answer- 3) BV Nagarathna

Explanation:

Justice BV Nagarathna has been appointed as the **Chairperson** of the Supreme Court's reconstituted Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee, succeeding Justice Hima Kohli after her retirement.

- The committee now includes members such as Justice N Kotiswar Singh, Bansuri Swaraj, Sukhda Pritam and Sakshi Banga, with Menaka Guruswamy and Nina Gupta continuing to represent the SCBA.

192. Which company has recently (in September '24) launched a no-code data integration platform DataSync?

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

Answer- 5) RazorPay

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, **Razorpay** launched **DataSync**, a no-code data integration platform that aims to transform how businesses access and use critical payment, transaction, refund, chargeback, and settlement data.

- This platform is expected to significantly reduce operational costs for businesses by up to 50 per cent, while offering greater efficiency in tracking and reconciling financial data.
- Built on Amazon Redshift and Snowflake AI Data Cloud, DataSync will allow businesses to safely and conveniently integrate their financial and business data on Razorpay.

193. Which city's BEML plant is set to produce India's first high-speed 250 kmph bullet train to serve the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail corridor?

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

Answer- 4) Bengaluru

Explanation:

BEML's Bengaluru Plant is set to manufacture the country's **first bullet train**. The Integral Coach Factory (ICF) invited tenders to manufacture two chair-car high-speed trains on September 5,

2024. Bids were due by September 19, 2024 and BEML was the only company to submit a proposal for the two eight-car train sets.

- The stainless steel carbody trains will have a maximum speed of 280 kmph and an operating speed of 250 kmph.
- The amount spent by BEML-Medha Servo Drives in making the trains is estimated that the total cost of making one train can fall between Rs 200-250 crore.
- These trains will run on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor, which is being developed by the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL).

194. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) signed an MoU with The Habitats Trust and HCL Foundation to strengthen efforts in marine conservation?

- 1) Indian Coast Guard
- 2) National Institute of Ocean Technology
- 3) Nature Conservation Foundation
- 4) Indian Ocean Commission
- 5) Indian Armed Forces

Answer- 1) Indian Coast Guard

Explanation:

On 19 September 2024 **Indian Coast Guard** (ICG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Habitats Trust and HCL Foundation to strengthen efforts in marine conservation at ICG Headquarters, New Delhi.

- The strategic partnership aims to implement critical conservation initiatives and as part of the collaboration.
- The key efforts will include: Ghost Net Removal, Mapping and Classifying Ghost Gear Aggregation Areas, Surveys in Ecologically Sensitive Regions and Community Involvement.
- The partnership is a pivotal step toward ensuring to tackle marine pollution and the health of the coastal ecosystems, which are vital to both biodiversity and the livelihoods of coastal communities.

195. In September 2024, the postal department released a special cover to mark the 100th birth anniversary of the renowned south Indian music composer _____.

- 1) Chandrabose
- 2) C. Ashwath
- 3) Vijay Bhaskar
- 4) M.S. Viswanathan
- 5) Tirumakudalu Chowdiah

Answer- 3) Vijay Bhaskar

Explanation:

On 19th September 2024, the postal department released a special cover to mark the 100th birth anniversary of the renowned south Indian music composer **Vijaya Bhaskar**. The special cover will be available for sale at philatelic bureaus such as Bengaluru GPO, Mysuru, Mangaluru and Belagavi Head Post offices.

- Rajendra Kumar S., Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, released the cover in the presence of Mangala Gowri and Sankari Ananth, daughters of the late Vijay Bhaskar at the Bengaluru General Post Office.

- To mark the birth anniversary, a seminar on Vijay Bhaskar's contributions will be held on October 20, at the Sangeet Sabha in Indiranagar. During the event, 'Ellellu Sangeethave' written by Mr. Murthy will be released.

196. When was International Daughters' Day celebrated annually across the globe?

- 1) 1st Sunday of September
- 2) 2nd Sunday of September
- 3) 3rd Sunday of September
- 4) 4th Sunday of September
- 5) 5th Sunday of September

Answer- **4) 4th Sunday of September**

Explanation:

International Daughters' Day is celebrated annually on the **4th Sunday of September**. The day was initiated to recognize the importance of daughters in society and to promote gender equality. It serves as a reminder of the need to value daughters just as much as sons, advocating for their rights and well-being.

- In 2024, Daughter's Day was observed on **Sunday, September 22**.
- This day highlights the need for equal opportunities for girls in education, employment, and leadership roles, and was originally observed to remove the stigma connected with the birth of females and to combat customs such as female infanticide, dowry, and Sati.

197. Where is the headquarters of Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) located?

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Vasco-da-Gama, Goa
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

About Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS):

Director– Dr. Tummala Srinivasa Kumar

Headquarters– Hyderabad, Telangana

Established– 1999

198. When was S&P Global Inc established?

- 1) 1917
- 2) 1930
- 3) 1912
- 4) 1922
- 5) 1925

Answer- **1) 1917**

Explanation:

About S&P Global Inc.:

President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Douglas L. Peterson

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

Established- 1917

199. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?

- 1) Jaxay Shah
- 2) Mithileshwar Thakur
- 3) Raghuvendra Tanwar
- 4) Dr. Bibek Debroy
- 5) Anil Kumar Lahoti

Answer- 4) Dr. Bibek Debroy

Explanation:

About Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM):

The EAC-PM is an independent body constituted to give advice on economic and related issues to the Government of India (GoI), specifically to the Prime Minister (PM).

Chairman – Dr. Bibek Debroy

Headquarters – New Delhi (Delhi)

200. Where is the Headquarters of Red Panda Network (RPN) situated?

- 1) Sikkim, India
- 2) Kathmandu, Nepal
- 3) Kyoto, Japan
- 4) Tibet, China
- 5) Kachin, Myanmar

Answer- 2) Kathmandu, Nepal

Explanation:

About the Red Panda Network (RPN):

Executive Director (ED)- Ang Phuri Sherpa

Headquarters- Eugene, Oregon, the United States of America (USA) (International); and Kathmandu, Nepal (Asia)

Established in- 2007

201. Name the scheme that was recently (in September '24) launched to eradicate poverty and transform lives through the largest direct benefit transfer process in Assam.

- 1) Subhadra
- 2) Njiut Moina
- 3) Shramik Basera
- 4) Pragyan Bharati
- 5) Orunodoi 3.0

Answer- 5) Orunodoi 3.0

Explanation:

On 19th September 2024, the Assam government unveiled the third edition of its flagship poverty alleviation scheme, '**Orunodoi 3.0**', significantly expanding its reach to cover 37.2 lakh beneficiaries through direct cash transfers.

- The aim is to eradicate poverty and promote socio-economic inclusion of the state's financially vulnerable families through sustained financial assistance, ensuring a minimum monthly cash flow for the underprivileged.
- With a budget of ₹5,604 crores, 'Orunodoi 3.0' adds over 12.5 lakh new beneficiaries compared to the previous edition, making it the largest state-run Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) initiative in Assam's history.

202. Times Travel has recently (in September '24) released a list of Asia's top ten most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Sites (WHS).

Which of the following topped the list?

- 1) Taj Mahal, India
- 2) Great Wall, China
- 3) Halong Bay, Vietnam
- 4) Angkor Wat, Cambodia
- 5) Petra, Jordan

Answer- 4) Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Explanation:

On 15th September 2024, **Angkor Wat** was named the most photogenic United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) **World Heritage site** in Asia by Times Travel.

- Angkor Wat is ranked first in the list. Other World Heritage Sites on the list include the Taj Mahal in India, Great Wall of China, plantations in Myanmar, Borobudur in Indonesia, Halong Bay in Viet Nam, Kyoto Monuments in Japan, Petra in Jordan, Rice Terrace in the Cordilleras Philippines and Hampi in India.

203. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) launched India's first comprehensive cancer multi-omics data portal?

- 1) Tata Memorial Centre
- 2) Indian Council of Medical Research
- 3) Indian Cancer Genome Atlas
- 4) Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research
- 5) National Cancer Grid

Answer- 3) Indian Cancer Genome Atlas

Explanation:

The Indian Cancer Genome Atlas (**ICGA**) has launched India's first comprehensive **cancer multi-omics data portal**. This pioneering platform provides open access to clinically correlated data from Indian cancer patients, aimed at transforming cancer research and treatment for Indian populations.

- This portal will be the first in India to offer data that includes **DNA, RNA, and protein profiles** of breast cancer patients, integrated with clinical outcomes.
- Currently, the platform consists of data from 50 breast cancer patients, with plans to expand to over 500 patients in the coming year.
- This data is freely accessible to the global research community under India's **PRIDE** (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange) guidelines, which promote ethical sharing and collaboration in cancer research.

204. The Munich government announced that a street near the Allianz Arena stadium of Bayern Munich will be renamed in honor of _____ who passed away in January 2024.

- 1) Joshua Wilkinson
- 2) Gerd Müller
- 3) Raphael Dwamena
- 4) Bob Benson
- 5) Franz Beckenbauer

Answer- 5) Franz Beckenbauer

Explanation:

On 19th September 2024, the Munich government announced a street next to Bayern Munich's Allianz Arena stadium will be renamed to honour German football great **Franz Beckenbauer** who died in January 2024.

- The change of name will take effect from January 7, 2025, the first anniversary of his death.

205. Which company laid the foundation stone for India's first CO2-to-methanol pilot plant in Pune, Maharashtra?

- 1) Siemens Limited
- 2) Thermax Limited
- 3) Triveni Turbine Limited
- 4) ABB India Limited
- 5) Honeywell Automation India Ltd

Answer- 2) Thermax Limited

Explanation:

The foundation stone for India's first of its kind **CO2-to-Methanol pilot plant** with an overall capacity of 1.4 Tons Per Day (TPD) was unveiled virtually by Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, at Thermax Limited premises in **Pune,**

Maharashtra.

- It aims to demonstrate CO2 capture and utilization (CCU) technologies, playing a crucial role in India's journey towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions.
- This pioneering project, supported by DST, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India is to be implemented in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and Thermax Limited, Pune, under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode, with an overall cost of approx. Rs. 31 crores.

206. Which country has recently (in September '24) launched the world's first AI-powered Trade Licence service?

- 1) India
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) China
- 4) Singapore
- 5) United States of America

Answer- 2) United Arab Emirates

Explanation:

The Sharjah Investment Forum **(SIF) 2024** held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 18 to 19th September 2024, unveiled the world's first AI-powered Trade Licence service, which is said to issue Trade Licence in under 5 minutes

- This technology was developed in collaboration with the Sharjah FDI Office, Microsoft, and Sharjah Publishing City. This innovative service will improve business establishment speed and flexibility.

207. Who is the current (as of September '24) President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

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

Answer-2) **Dr. Anish Shah**

Explanation:**About the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI):**

President- Dr Anish Shah

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1927

208. When was the World Health Organisation (WHO) established?

- 1) 1927
- 2) 1936
- 3) 1948
- 4) 1953
- 5) 1966

Answer- 3) **1948**

Explanation:**About the World Health Organisation (WHO):**

Director General (DG)- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Established- 1948

209. Who is the current (as of September '24) Prime Minister of Italy?

- 1) Michel Barnier
- 2) Borjana Krišto
- 3) Mark Phillips
- 4) Giorgia Meloni
- 5) Angela Merkel

Answer- 4) **Giorgia Meloni**

Explanation:**About Italy:**

Prime Minister- Giorgia Meloni

Capital- Rome

Currency- Euro

210. Where is Thyagaraj Sports Complex situated?

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

Answer- **2) Delhi**

Explanation:

About the Union Territory (UT) of Delhi:

Chief Minister (**CM**)- Atishi

Governor- Vinai Kumar Saxena

Capital- New Delhi

Festivals- Mango Festival, and Qutub Festival

Stadiums- Thyagaraj Sports Complex (Indoor), and Talkatora Indoor Stadium

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

- 1) 1895
- 2) 1914
- 3) 1932
- 4) 1946
- 5) 1950

Answer- **3) 1932**

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

Chief of the Air Staff (**CAS**)- Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh (From September 30)

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1932

212. In which year the first Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars were presented?

- 1) 1919
- 2) 1925
- 3) 1929
- 4) 1932
- 5) 1935

Answer- **3) 1929**

Explanation:

The **first Academy Awards**, also known as the **Oscars**, were presented on **May 16, 1929**. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (**AMPAS**) presents the awards annually to recognize achievements in the film industry. The awards are named after the gold-plated statuette that winners receive, which is commonly called Oscar.

- The Academy didn't officially adopt the nickname "Oscar" until 1939, but it was widely known by **1934**. A popular story about the origin of the nickname is that Academy librarian Margaret Herrick remarked that the statuette resembled her Uncle Oscar.

213. Name the exercise that was recently (in September '24) organised by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Southern Command of the Indian Army in Chennai.

- 1) Mitra Shakti
- 2) Udara Shakti
- 3) RIMPAC
- 4) MAITREE
- 5) AIKYA

Answer- **5) AIKYA**

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with the Southern Command of the Indian Army organised a two-day national symposium, '**Exercise AIKYA**', on disaster management in Chennai.

- The primary aim of the exercise is to enhance disaster preparedness and foster robust collaboration among key stakeholders.
- The exercise will feature simulations, technology discussions and expert insights into various roles of disaster management.

214. Indian Coast Guard (ICG) participated in the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) from September 3rd to 4th 2024 held in _____.

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) South Korea
- 3) China
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- **2) South Korea**

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) participated in the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (**HACGAM**) from September 3rd to 4th 2024 at Incheon, **South Korea**.

- During the meeting, various issues of significance, such as maritime law enforcement, safety and security of life at sea, marine environment protection, illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons & humans and future cooperation were discussed.
- On the sidelines of the HACGAM, the 12th annual bilateral meeting between ICG and the Korea Coast Guard was also held on September 04, 2024.

215. Name the scheme that was recently (in September '24) notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to resolve pending appeals.

- 1) Tax-Saver Fixed Deposit
- 2) Kisan Vikas Patra
- 3) Atal Pension Yojana
- 4) Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas
- 5) Public Provident Fund

Answer- 4) Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas

Explanation:

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified the **Direct Tax Vivaad se Vishwas (DTVSV) Scheme** 2024 to resolve pending appeals in the case of income tax disputes. The scheme will come into force on the 1st October 2024.

- The DTVSV scheme provides lesser settlement amounts for taxpayers who file declarations on or before 31st December this year. It also provides for lesser settlement amounts for a new appellant in comparison to an old appellant.

216. Which of the following schemes comes under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign?

- 1) Ladli Lakshmi Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana
- 3) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Shiksha Loan Scheme

Answer- 3) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana

Explanation:

Under the '**Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana**' launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', while many accounts of daughters up to age of 10 years have been opened in post offices, in many villages, accounts of all eligible daughters have been opened and declare them as complete Sukanya Samriddhi Gram.

- 4.50 lakh accounts of Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana have been opened in the post offices of North Gujarat region, while 15.22 lakh accounts have been opened in the Gujarat circle.

217. Who has recently (in September '24) became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship?

- 1) Sushil Kumar
- 2) Bajrang Punia
- 3) Aman Sehrawat
- 4) Sunder Shiam
- 5) Sangram Singh

Answer- 5) Sangram Singh

Explanation:

Indian wrestler **Sangram Singh** became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship Tbilisi in Georgia.

- He won in a 90-second match against the Pakistani opponent Ali Raza Nasir.
- Sangram also registered the fastest win ever by an Indian fighter in the 93 kg division in the championship.

218. Who has recently (in September '24) won the gold medal in the 1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League in Vadodara, Gujarat?

- 1) Nazira Banoo
- 2) Aruna Tanwar
- 3) Latika Bhandari
- 4) Kashish Malik

5) Kiran Uniyal

Answer- **1) Nazira Banoo**

Explanation:

Nazira Banoo won a gold medal in the individual Poomsae under-30 category at the 1st **Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League** Phase 1 held in Vadodara, Gujarat. The tournament was organised by the Taekwondo Federation of India in collaboration with Khelo India.

- Nazira's gold-medal performance earned her a spot in the upcoming Khelo India Women's League Nationals Phase-III, scheduled to take place in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The president of the Ladakh Taekwondo Association, Gulzar Hussain Munshi, congratulated Nazira for her outstanding performance, expressing pride in her accomplishment on the national stage.

219. Under which committee/ministry the Central Government notified the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts to fill key judicial positions in various states?

- 1) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- 2) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
- 3) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- 4) Ministry of Law and Justice
- 5) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer- **4) Ministry of Law and Justice**

Explanation:

On 21st September 2024, the **Central Government**, through the **Ministry of Law and Justice**, notified the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts to fill key judicial positions and ensure the smooth functioning of the judicial system in various states.

- Justice **Manmohan**, who is currently serving as the Acting Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, has been appointed as the regular Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.
- Justice **Indra Prasanna Mukerji**, a sitting judge of the Calcutta High Court, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
- Justice **Rajiv Shakdher**, a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. Justice **Suresh Kait**, also from the Delhi High Court, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- Justice **Nitin Madhukar Jamdar** from the Bombay High Court has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court.
- Justice **Tashi Rabstan**, currently the Acting Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, has been appointed as the regular Chief Justice of the same court.
- Justice **Shriram Kalpathi Rajendran** from the Bombay High Court has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.
- Justice **M.S. Ramachandra Rao**, the current Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, has been transferred and appointed as the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court.

220. The G-20 Ministerial Meeting 2024 was held in_____.

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Canada
- 4) Germany

5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- **2) Brazil**

Explanation:

On 21st September 2024, Union Minister of Tourism and Culture, **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** delivered his country statement at the **G-20 Ministerial Meeting** held in Belem, Brazil.

- He highlights the significance of tourism in driving economic development, fostering social inclusion and promoting environmental sustainability for the benefit of people, planet and prosperity.
- Received support for data driven decision making for strengthening the Dashboard developed during India's G20 stewardship for aggregating best practices, importance of skilling of human capital for global service delivery, supporting MSMEs for generating local employment as well as for effective Destination Management.

221. When was the 127th anniversary of the 'Battle of Saragarhi' observed?

- 1) September 12
- 2) August 15
- 3) July 17
- 4) June 19
- 5) May 14

Answer- **1) September 12**

Explanation:

The 127th anniversary of the **Battle of Saragarhi** was observed on **12th September** 2024. It is one of the greatest final defences in world military history.

- On 12th September 1897, 21 soldiers of 36th Sikhs (now 4 Sikh) regiment, fought against over 8,000 Afridi and Orakzai tribal militants in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), now in Pakistan.
- The soldiers led by **Havildar Ishar Singh**, fought till their last breath, killing 200 militants and injuring 600.
- Saragarhi was the communication tower between Fort Lockhart and Fort Gulistan, the two forts in the NWFP. It was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh but renamed by the British.

222. When was the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established?

- 1) 2002
- 2) 2004
- 3) 2005
- 4) 2008
- 5) 2010

Answer- **4) 2008**

Explanation:

About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI):

Chairperson- Apurva Chandra

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2008

223. Who is the current (as of September '24) Director General of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)?

- 1) E. Magesh
- 2) Rajesh Gera
- 3) Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay
- 4) Surendra Nath Tripathi
- 5) Dr. Sanjay Bahl

Answer- **5) Dr. Sanjay Bahl**

Explanation:

About Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In):

CERT-In, under the MeitY, has been designated to serve as National agency for incident response under Section 70B of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Director General– Dr. Sanjay Bahl

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

224. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of S&P Global Ratings?

- 1) Douglas L. Peterson
- 2) Ben Backwell
- 3) Debanjana Choudhuri
- 4) Richard Scholtz
- 5) Steven Tebbe

Answer- **1) Douglas L. Peterson**

Explanation:

About S&P Global Ratings:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Douglas L. Peterson.

Founded – 1860

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

225. Where is the headquarters of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Gurugram, Haryana
- 4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

About Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA):

It was established as Central Police Training College in Mount Abu (Rajasthan) in 1948. This institution was renamed as National Police Academy (NPA) in 1967 and was named Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) in 1974.

Director– Amit Garg

Headquarters– Hyderabad, Telangana

226. Who is the current (as of September '24) Director of the International Space Station (ISS)?

- 1) Jayant Patil
- 2) Pascale Ehrenfreund
- 3) Aarti Holla-Maini
- 4) Robyn Gatens
- 5) Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Answer- **4) Robyn Gatens**

Explanation:

About International Space Station (ISS):

ISS, the largest space station ever built, was placed in LEO. It is maintained by international space agencies of: **NASA** of the United States of America (USA); Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (**JAXA**) of Japan, **Roscosmos** of Russia, European Space Agency (**ESA**) of European Union (EU); and Canadian Space Agency (CSA), Canada.

Director- Robyn Gatens

Launched- 1998

227. In which railway station, the first Jan Aushadi medical store under Pradhan Mantri Bharti Jan Aushadi Kendra for passengers has been set up in September 2024?

- 1) Samba railway station
- 2) Kakapor railway station
- 3) Nowgam railway station
- 4) Bajalta railway station
- 5) Howrah railway station

Answer- **3) Nowgam railway station**

Explanation:

On 21st September 2024, the government of Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated its first **Jan Aushadi medical store** under the Pradhan Mantri Bharti Jan Aushadi Kendra for passengers at **Nowgam railway station**, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

- The Jan Aushadi medical stores were started by the government authorities around the country to serve poor people and provide them with medicines at generic rates.
- With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India in November, 2008.

228. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) signed a Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with multiple sponsors to advance first-in-human clinical trials for four promising molecules?

- 1) National Medical Commission
- 2) University Grants Commission
- 3) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 4) Indian Council of Medical Research
- 5) Indian Council for Cultural Relations

Answer- **4) Indian Council of Medical Research**

Explanation:

On 14th September 2024, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) signed a Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with multiple sponsors for **first-in-human clinical trials** (Phase I) for four promising molecules, marking a significant move to reinforce research in the country.

- These include collaborative research over a small molecule for multiple myeloma with Aurigene Oncology Limited, partnering for Zika vaccine development with Indian Immunologicals Limited, coordinating seasonal Influenza virus vaccine trial with Mynvax Private Limited, and CAR-T cell therapy advancement study for a new indication of chronic lymphocytic leukemia with ImmunoACT.
- This initiative is a crucial step towards establishing India as a leader in the clinical development of pharmaceutical agents.

229. Who has recently (in September '24) received the Guinness World Records certificate as the most prolific film star in the Indian film industry?

- 1) Shah Rukh Khan
- 2) Rajinikanth
- 3) Mammooty
- 4) Chiranjeevi Konidela
- 5) Aamir Khan

Answer- **4) Chiranjeevi Konidela**

Explanation:

On 22nd September 2024, Telugu actor **Chiranjeevi Konidela** was honoured with the award of the most prolific film star in the Indian film industry – actor/dancer by the **Guinness World Records** at an event in Hyderabad.

- **Aamir Khan** and a member of the Guinness Records team handed over the award to Chiranjeevi on September 22, which incidentally marks the day he made his debut in cinema in 1978.
- He created the record for his dance performances with more than 537 songs and 24,000 dance moves in 156 films over the period of 45 years. This has not been achieved by any actor across the globe.

230. Who has been recently (in September '24) elected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?

- 1) VK Dhall
- 2) Naveen Jindal
- 3) Raninder Singh
- 4) Shashi Kumar Singh
- 5) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo

Answer- **5) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo**

Explanation:

On 21st September 2024, **Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo** was elected as the **President** of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) after he beat his rival VK Dhall 36-21 in the polls held at the Constitution Club of India.

- Kalikesh, a former Odisha MP, was in charge of the NRAI's day-to-day operations after the position became vacant in 2023 due to the resignation of Raninder Singh under the government's National Sports Code (NSC).
- He will be the president till 2025, when the next NRAI general body is scheduled.

231. Name the naval exercise that was recently (in September '24) hosted by the Portuguese Navy in collaboration with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Troia Peninsula, Portugal.

- 1) KAKADU
- 2) REPMUS
- 3) JIMEX-24
- 4) RIMPAC
- 5) SIMBEX

Answer- **2) REPMUS**

Explanation:

The **REPMUS** (Robotic Experimentation and Prototyping using Maritime Unmanned Systems) exercise is a naval event hosted by the Portuguese Navy in collaboration with NATO and multiple international partners.

- This exercise focuses on testing and advancing maritime unmanned systems (UxS) technologies, including aerial, surface, and underwater vehicles, in complex real-world scenarios.
- REPMUS 2024 will continue testing NATO's ASW Barrier concept, a project aimed at deploying a network of autonomous vehicles to detect and track submarine activity.

232. Where was the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF) Supply Chain Council and Crisis Response Network meeting held?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Sydney, Australia
- 3) Washington, DC, USA
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Bangkok, Thailand

Answer- **3) Washington, DC, USA**

Explanation:

On 12th September 2024, **India** attended the first in-Person meeting of the Supply Chain Council of the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (**IPEF**) for Prosperity held in Washington, DC, USA followed by the Crisis Response Network meeting on 13th September 2024.

- The major achievements were the establishment of three Action Plan Teams pertaining to three sectors namely Semiconductor; Critical Minerals with a focus on batteries; and Chemicals to facilitate supply chain resilience.

233. Where is the headquarters of Moody's Ratings situated?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) New York, USA
- 4) London, United Kingdom

5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **3) New York, USA**

Explanation:

About Moody's Ratings:

President- Stephen Tulenko

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

Established- 2007

234. Where is Bison National Park situated?

1) Nagaland

2) Mizoram

3) Meghalaya

4) Tripura

5) Assam

Answer- **4) Tripura**

Explanation:

About Tripura:

Chief Minister (CM)- Manik Saha

Governor- Indrasena Reddy Nallu

Capital- Agartala

National Parks- Clouded Leopard National Park, and Bison National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary, and Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary

235. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)?

1) Ravi Agrawal

2) Sridhar Patra

3) Tanmay Kumar

4) Parminder Chopra

5) Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Answer- **2) Sridhar Patra**

Explanation:

About the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO):

NALCO was incorporated under the Companies Act of 1956 and is one of the largest integrated Bauxite-Alumina-Aluminium complexes in Asia.

Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD)- Sridhar Patra

Headquarters- Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Established- 1981

236. Where is the headquarters of the International Chess Federation (FIDE - Fédération Internationale des Échecs) situated?

1) Lausanne, Switzerland

2) Bonn, Germany

3) Montreal, Canada

4) Strasbourg, France

5) New York, USA

Answer- **1) Lausanne, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Chess Federation (FIDE – Fédération Internationale des Échecs):

President– Arkady Dvorkovich

Headquarters– Lausanne, Switzerland

Founded– 1924

237. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has recently (in September '24) cancelled the _____ licence of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) for alleged rule violations.

- 1) Foreign Exchange Management Act
- 2) Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
- 3) Prevention of Money Laundering Act
- 4) Income Tax Act
- 5) Prevention of Corruption Act

Answer- **2) Foreign Contribution Regulation Act**

Explanation:

The Union home ministry has cancelled the Foreign Contribution Registration Act (**FCRA**) licence of the International Cooperatives Alliance (**ICA**) for its alleged violation of rules.

- ICA is the apex body representing cooperatives worldwide and provides knowledge, expertise and coordinated action in the field. ICA, founded in 1895, is one of the oldest non-governmental organisations and has over 1 billion members.

238. Who has been recently (in September '24) appointed as the first director of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage?

- 1) Michael Jensen
- 2) Kristalina Georgieva
- 3) Dr. Deepak Mohanty
- 4) Vijay Kumar Mishra
- 5) Ibrahima Cheikh Diong

Answer- **5) Ibrahima Cheikh Diong**

Explanation:

On 21st September 2024, The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change announced that **Ibrahima Cheikh Diong**, a finance expert from Senegal, has been appointed as the **first director** of the **Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage**.

- The selection of Diong, a dual U.S. citizen, marks a major milestone in the operationalization of the new World Bank-administered fund.
- Philippines recently selected as the fund's home and Diong appointed as director, the fund can now begin converting the USD 800 million pledged to it at the 2023 COP28 climate summit in Dubai.

239. Where was India's largest blast furnace recently (in September 2024) commissioned by Tata Steel?

- 1) Kulti, West Bengal
- 2) Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

- 3) Kalinganagar, Odisha
- 4) Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- 5) Nagpur, Maharashtra

Answer- **3) Kalinganagar, Odisha**

Explanation:

On 20th September 2024, **Tata Steel** successfully commissioned **India's largest blast furnace** at **Kalinganagar, Odisha**. With a total investment of Rs 27,000 crore, the Phase II expansion at Kalinganagar will take the total capacity at the site from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA.

- The new blast furnace will significantly boost the plant's overall production capabilities including automotive, infrastructure, power, shipbuilding, and defence, and oil and gas.
- With the Phase II expansion, Odisha has emerged as the largest investment destination in India for Tata Steel, with a total cumulated investment of over Rs 100,000 crore.

240. Who has recently (in September '24) inaugurated the 41st edition of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Draupadi Murmu
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Atishi Marlena
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) Amit Shah

Answer- **4) Rajnath Singh**

Explanation:

On 24th September 2024, Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the 41st edition of the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference** in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The three-day meeting serves as a vital forum to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational, and administrative matters in the backdrop of the evolving geopolitical landscapes and complexities of maritime security.
- ICG ensures the security of the country's vast coastline through constant monitoring of the Exclusive Economic Zone, and prevention of illegal activities such as terrorism and trafficking of arms, drugs and humans.

241. Which department has recently (in September '24) established a committee of experts to create a framework for a Repairability Index in the mobile and electronics sector?

- 1) Department of Commerce
- 2) Department of Economic Affairs
- 3) Department of Consumer Affairs
- 4) Department of Telecommunications
- 5) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Answer- **3) Department of Consumer Affairs**

Explanation:

On 24th September 2024, the Department of Consumer Affairs (**DoCA**), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has constituted a committee of experts under the chairmanship of Shri **Bharat Khhera**, Additional Secretary, DoCA to recommend a robust framework for **Repairability Index** and to empower consumers and promote sustainable practices within the tech industry.

- The Repairability Index will provide consumers with information on the ease of repairing different products, helping them make more informed decisions.
- By developing the Repairability Index, the government aims to provide consumers with greater transparency of repair information for their products and foster a more sustainable technology industry.

242. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) inaugurated the Climate and Health Solutions (CHS) India Conclave in collaboration with Asian Development Bank (ADB) in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Explanation:

On 25th September 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoHFW**), Government of India, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (**ADB**), inaugurated the Climate and Health Solutions (**CHS**) India Conclave in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The two-day conclave aims to address the twin emergencies of climate change and public health by bringing together policymakers, experts, and stakeholders to develop actionable strategies for India's health sector.

243. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) launched the Women in Space Leadership Programme (WiSLP) in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India (GoI)?

- 1) British Council
- 2) European Union
- 3) Commonwealth of Nations
- 4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- 5) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer- 1) British Council

Explanation:

On 24th September 2024, A Women in Space Leadership Programme (**WiSLP**) was launched by the Department of Science and Technology (**DST**) in collaboration with the **British Council** as part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).

- The initiative focuses on supporting institutions in strengthening gender-inclusive practices to foster women's leadership in space sciences by developing a strategic leadership framework.
- The programme is aimed at 250 early-career researchers, focusing on helping them overcome gender biases and create a strong network of support in the scientific community.

244. Where is the headquarters of NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDSL) situated?

- 1) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Faridabad, Haryana

4) New Delhi, Delhi

5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- **4) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

About NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDSL):

Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)- Rajat Kumar Saini

Headquarters - New Delhi (Delhi)

Incorporated - 2015

245. Who is the current (in September '24) Chairperson of Indian Railways?

1) Arun Kumar Singh

2) Rakesh Mehra

3) Jaya Verma Sinha

4) Vinay Kumar Tripathi

5) Satish Kumar

Answer- **5) Satish Kumar**

Explanation:

About Indian Railways:

Chairperson and CEO- Satish Kumar

Headquarters - New Delhi, India

Founded - 16 April 1853

246. Where is the headquarters of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) situated?

1) Paris, France

2) Kathmandu, Nepal

3) California, USA

4) Geneva, Switzerland

5) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer- **1) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD):

Secretary General- Mathias Hubert Paul Cormann

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established- 1961

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

1) 1997

2) 2000

3) 2003

4) 2009

5) 1998

Answer- **3) 2003**

Explanation:

About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):

Chairperson- Ravneet Kaur

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2003

Operational from- 2009

248. Where is the headquarters of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) situated?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Manila, Philippines
- 3) New York, USA
- 4) Hague, Netherlands
- 5) Brussels, Belgium

Answer- 4) Hague, Netherlands

Explanation:

About the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Dr Catherine Duggan

Headquarters- The Hague, Netherlands

Established- 1912

249. Which company has recently (in September '24) launched India's first AI-powered network solution for spam detection?

- 1) Airtel
- 2) Vodafone
- 3) BSNL
- 4) Jio
- 5) Docomo

Answer- 1) Airtel

Explanation:

On 25th September 2024, **Bharti Airtel** launched India's first AI-powered **spam detection solution** that will significantly solve the issue of spam calls and messages for its customers.

- The tool will alert customers in real-time to all suspected spam calls and SMS. The solution is free of cost and will get auto-activated for all Airtel customers without them having to raise a service request or download an app.

250. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) celebrated its 25th anniversary?

- 1) Indian Railways
- 2) Railway Protection Force
- 3) Railway Board
- 4) National Academy of Indian Railways
- 5) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

Answer- 5) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

Explanation:

The **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Railways, Government of India, celebrates its **25th anniversary**.

- To commemorate this milestone, IRCTC in partnership with **Indigo Airlines** announced an exclusive limited-time promotional discount up to 12% off on both domestic and international IndiGo flights booked through its platform.

251. Name the football player who has recently (in September '24) retired from football.

- 1) Phil Jones
- 2) Steven Nzonzi
- 3) Claudio Bravo
- 4) Raphaël Varane
- 5) Emmanuel Adebayor

Answer- **4) Raphaël Varane**

Explanation:

On 25th September 2024, France's World Cup-winning defender **Raphael Varane** announced his retirement from football at the age of 31, bringing down the curtain on his successful career after suffering a serious knee injury.

- He began his club career at Ligue 1 side Lens, before joining Real Madrid in 2011, where he played 360 times and won 3 La Liga titles and 4 Champions Leagues.
- He also won the 2014 Copa del Rey and the Club World Cup in 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- At international level, he was part of the France team and won the World Cup in 2018 and reached the final in 2022.

252. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched the WAVES Anime and Manga Contest (WAM) in collaboration with the Media and Entertainment Association of India (MEAI)?

- 1) Ministry of Education
- 2) Ministry of Communications
- 3) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 4) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 5) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer- **4) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (**MIB**) in collaboration with the Media and Entertainment Association of India (**MEAI**), has officially launched the **WAVES Anime and Manga Contest (WAM)**.

- This contest is part of the “**Create in India Challenge**”, aiming to nurture local talent and tap into the growing interest in Japanese manga and anime among Indian audiences.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** unveiled the Create in India Challenge—Season One at New Delhi on 22nd August, 2024.
- The event is structured at two levels: state-level competitions across eleven cities of the country and a national-level finale.

253. India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) announced a _____ fund to support cities for climate resilience.

- 1) USD 1.4 million
- 2) USD 1.9 million

- 3) USD 2.5 million
- 4) USD 2.7 million
- 5) USD 3 million

Answer- **3) USD 2.5 million**

Explanation:

On 23rd September 2024, India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (**CDRI**) announced a **USD 2.5 million** fund to support cities to improve awareness, enhance planning, build financial resources, and integrate resilience into infrastructure operations to mark its 5th foundation day.

- This program targets cities in 30 Low- and Middle-Income Countries (**LMICs**) and Small Island Developing States (**SIDS**), focusing on four critical infrastructure sectors: energy, transportation, social, and water.
- The initiative aims to address pressing challenges related to extreme heat, flooding, and water scarcity in urban areas, which have substantial impacts on populations and vital infrastructure services.
- As climate change continues, programs like this will play a crucial role in safeguarding urban populations and infrastructure against future disasters.

254. When was the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) established?

- 1) 2019
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2021
- 4) 2022
- 5) 2023

Answer- **5) 2023**

Explanation:

About International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):

Director General (DG)– Dr. S.P. Yadav (Interim)

Headquarters– India

Established– 2023

255. Where is the headquarters of the Central Silk Board (CSB) situated?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **1) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Central Silk Board (CSB):

The CSB works under the administrative control of Ministry of Textiles

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Member Secretary– P. Sivakumar

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established– 1948

256. The currency of Japan is Japanese _____.

- 1) Yen
- 2) Yuan
- 3) Baht
- 4) Dollar
- 5) Won

Answer- 1) Yen

Explanation:

About Japan

Prime Minister (PM) – Fumio Kishida

Capital – Tokyo

Currency – Japanese Yen

257. Who is the current (as of September '24) Chairman of Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)?

- 1) Steve Simon
- 2) Adam Kosa
- 3) Luciano Rossi
- 4) Jonathan Cole
- 5) Andrea Gaudenzi

Answer- 5) Andrea Gaudenzi

Explanation:

About Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)

Chairman– Andrea Gaudenzi

Headquarters– London, United Kingdom (UK)

Founded– September 1972

258. Where is the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) situated?

- 1) Shanghai, China
- 2) Rome, Italy
- 3) Strasbourg, France
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- 4) London, United Kingdom

Explanation:

About International Maritime Organization (IMO):

Secretary-General– Arsenio Dominguez

Headquarters– London, The United Kingdom

Established– 1958