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133. Where is the headquarters of the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) located?

- 1) Bonn, Germany
- 2) Strasbourg, France
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Rome, Italy
- 5) Lisbon, Portugal

Answer- 5) Lisbon, Portugal

Explanation:

About Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Ben Backwell

Chairman- Jonathan Cole

Headquarters- Lisbon, Portugal

134. What is the theme of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for the year 2024?

- 1) We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper
- 2) Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN
- 3) Epicentrum of Growth
- 4) Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience
- 5) Advancing Partnership for Sustainability

Answer- 4) Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience

Explanation:

About Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):

Secretary-General- Dr. Kao Kim Hourn (Cambodia)

Chairmanship (2024)- Lao People's Democratic Republic ((Lao PDR)

Theme (2024)- ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience

Headquarters- Jakarta, Indonesia

Established in 1967

135. In which state 'Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Mohan Yadav

Governor- Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park- Bandhavgarh National Park

Wildlife sanctuaries- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary; Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary

136. In which state, Dibru-Saikhowa National Park is located?

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

Answer- 1) Assam

Explanation:

About Assam:

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor- Gulab Chand Kataria

National Parks- Kaziranga National Park, Dibru – Saikhowa National Park

Tiger Reserves- Manas Tiger Reserve, Nameri Tiger Reserve

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

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

Answer- 5) Rajasthan

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister (CM) – Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor – Kalraj Mishra

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary; Kaila Devi Sanctuary

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

138. Where is the headquarters of Times Higher Education (THE) located?

- 1) London, the United Kingdom
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Copenhagen, Denmark

Answer- 1) London, the United Kingdom

Explanation:

About Times Higher Education (THE):

Times Higher Education (THE) is a company that provides data, insights, and expertise on higher education worldwide.

Headquarters- London, the United Kingdom(UK).

139. Name the Dutch cricketer who played for the Netherlands national cricket team recently (in June' 24) announced his retirement from international cricket.

- 1) Sybrand Abraham Engelbrecht
- 2) Paul van Meekeren
- 3) Mudassar Bukhari
- 4) Peter Borren
- 5) Alexei Kervezee

Answer- 1) Sybrand Abraham Engelbrecht

Explanation:

Sybrand Abraham Engelbrecht, a South African-born Dutch cricketer who played for the **Netherlands** national cricket team has announced his retirement from international cricket. Engelbrecht represented the Dutch in 24 games - 12 T20Is and 12 One-Day International (ODIs) - following his debut in 2023. He had previously played Under-19s cricket for South Africa.

- He has retired with 280 T20I runs, and 385 ODI runs at the age of 35.

140. Name the Artificial intelligence (AI) tool that has been recently (in June' 24) developed by Ingenious Research Solutions Private Limited.

- 1) Research Rabbi
- 2) ChatPDF
- 3) EliseAI
- 4) Divya Drishti
- 5) Kara Swisher

Answer- 4) Divya Drishti

Explanation:

Ingenious Research Solutions Private Limited, a start-up established by a woman entrepreneur, Dr Shivani Verma, after winning the prestigious Dare to Dream Innovation contest 2.0, a pan-India theme-based contest organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has successfully developed an AI tool '**Divya Drishti**'.

This innovative solution marks a significant advancement in biometric authentication technology, offering enhanced accuracy and reliability in identifying individuals.

- The AI tool creates a robust and multifaceted authentication system by combining facial recognition with gait analysis.
- This dual approach enhances the accuracy of identification, minimising the risk of false positives or identity fraud and has versatile applications across diverse sectors including Defence, Law Enforcement, Corporate and Public Infrastructure.
- The AI tool has been developed under the technical guidance and mentoring by Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), a laboratory of DRDO based at Bangalore.

141. Who has been recently (in June' 24) elected as the Chairman of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)?

- 1) Girish Tanti
- 2) Vinay Shankar Pandey
- 3) Shankar Dayal Sharma
- 4) Ashok Vaswani
- 5) Prakash Apte

Answer- **1) Girish Tanti**

Explanation:

Suzlon Vice Chairman **Girish Tanti** has been elected as **the Chairman of Global Wind Energy Council India** (GWEC India), the world's fourth-largest wind market with 46 GW of onshore wind capacity. He was elected as Vice-Chair of GWEC in April 2024.

- The position plays a key role in driving GWEC India's work with national and State Governments that assist efforts for building the right momentum and establishing policy frameworks to ensure the country delivers on its wind energy and supply chain potential, both onshore and offshore.

142. In June 2024, the first-ever direct flight was launched between India and _____.

- 1) Canada
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Cambodia
- 4) Argentina
- 5) Norway

Answer- **3) Cambodia**

Explanation:

On June 16 2024, The first-ever direct flight was launched between India and Cambodia.

The flight was inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister (PM) of Cambodia Neth Savoeun and the Indian Ambassador to Cambodia Devyani Khobragade.

It marks the start of the 1st Cambodia-India Tourism Year 2024 and will boost tourism and people-to-people connections.

143. Who is the current (as of June' 24) Union Minister for the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS)?

- 1) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 2) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3) Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi
- 4) Raj Bhushan
- 5) C.R. Patil

Answer- **5) C.R. Patil**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS):

Union Minister- C.R. Patil (Lok Sabha constituency- Navsari, Gujarat)

Minister of State (MoS)- Veeranna Somanna (Lok Sabha constituency- Tumkur, Karnataka); Raj Bhushan (Lok Sabha constituency- Muzaffarpur, Uttar Pradesh)

144. Where is the headquarters of the Institute for Economics and Peace(IEP) located?

- 1) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2) Strasbourg, France
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Sydney, Australia
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- **4) Sydney, Australia**

Explanation:

About the Institute for Economics and Peace(IEP):

The Institute for Economics & Peace was established in 2007 by Steve Killelea

Founder & Executive Chairman– Steve Killelea AM

Headquarters– Sydney, Australia

145. Sahitya Akademi is the 2nd highest literary award given by the Government of India (GoI). The 1st Sahitya Akademi awards were given in the year ____.

- 1) 1987
- 2) 1965
- 3) 1955
- 4) 1949
- 5) 1983

Answer- **3) 1955**

Explanation:

About Sahitya Akademi:

- i. It is the 2nd highest literary award given by Government of India (GoI) annually, following the Jnanpith Award.
- ii. It was established by GoI in 1954 and 1st Sahitya Akademi awards were given in 1955.
- iii. The Head office of the Sahitya Akademi is in New Delhi, Delhi.

146. Where is the headquarters of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) located?

- 1) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) London, the United Kingdom
- 4) Rome, Italy
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **4) Rome, Italy**

Explanation:

About the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD):

It was established as an international financial institution in 1977.

President– Alvaro Lario

Headquarters– Rome, Italy

147. Who is the current (as of June' 24) Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)?

- 1) Ibrahim Thiaw
- 2) John Azumah
- 3) Simon Stiell
- 4) Lucas Bersamin
- 5) Enrique Manalo

Answer- **1) Ibrahim Thiaw**

Explanation:

About the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD):

Executive Secretary- Ibrahim Thiaw

Headquarters- Bonn, German

148. In which state, 'Samaspur Bird Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 2) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh:

Chief Minister (CM)- Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

Bird Sanctuary- Samaspur Bird Sanctuary; Okhla Bird Sanctuary

Festival- Ayudha Pooja; Lath Mar Holi

149. Which Formula one (F1) racing company has recently (in June '24) won the Le Mans 24 Hours for second year in a row?

- 1) Red Bull
- 2) Alpine
- 3) Ferrari
- 4) Mercedes
- 5) McLaren

Answer- 3) Ferrari

Explanation:

i. Ferrari won the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the second year in a row

ii. The 24 Hours of Le Mans is an endurance-focused sports car race held annually near the town of Le Mans, **France**.

150. Name the sports personality who has recently (in June' 24) announced his retirement from international cricket after his team's 41-run defeat against England in the 2024 T20 World Cup.

- 1) Reeza Hendricks
- 2) David Weise
- 3) Anrich Nortje
- 4) Keshav Maharaj
- 5) Bjorn Fortuin

Answer- 2) David Weise

Explanation:

i. Namibia all-rounder **David Weise** announced his retirement from international cricket after his team's 41-run defeat against England in the 2024 T20 World Cup.

ii. For Namibia, Weise appeared in 34 T20Is and scored 532 runs and picked up 35 wickets. In the 50-over format, the veteran cricketer played nine ODIs, scoring 228 runs and bagging six wickets.

151. Which airport recently (in June'24) becomes the first in India and the second in the world to introduce a quick drop solution for self-service bag drop?

- 1) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
- 2) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
- 3) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- 5) Cochin International Airport, Kochi

Answer- **4) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi**

Explanation:

The **Indira Gandhi International Airport** in Delhi has become the first in India and the second in the world to introduce a quick drop solution for a self-service bag drop (SSBD) facility.

152. In which state 'Chikhaldara Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister – Eknath Shinde

Governor – Ramesh Bais

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) – Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary; **Chikhaldara Wildlife Sanctuary**

Tiger Reserve – Melghat Tiger Reserve; Sahyadri Tiger Reserve

153. Name the port that has recently (in June' 24) emerged as the leading port dealing in marine products shipments in India by handling 3,14,199 tonnes in FY24.

- 1) Visakhapatnam Port Authority
- 2) Deendayal Port Authority
- 3) Mormugao Port Authority
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- 5) Cochin Port Authority

Answer- **1) Visakhapatnam Port Authority**

Explanation:

Visakhapatnam Port Authority (Andhra Pradesh) has emerged as the **leading port** dealing in marine products shipments in **India** by handling **3,14,199 tonnes in FY24** valued at Rs 17,983.99 crore and USD 2,194 million in dollar terms.

- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)** which handled 2,40,253 tonnes valued at Rs 6,395.70 crore and USD 779.49 million in dollar terms, was in the **second** position. **Cochin Port** was placed **third**, handling 1,81,400 tonnes valued at Rs 6,120 crore and USD 746.43 million in dollar terms.

- **Chennai** (1,01,903 tonnes) and **Kolkata** (94,559 tonnes) ports made up the top five, with shipments valued at Rs 4,655 crore and Rs 4,452 crore, respectively.
- India exported 17,81,602 tonnes of seafood worth Rs 60,523.89 crore during FY24, which was an all-time high volume despite challenges such as overseas demand in the major export destinations. India exported marine products to 132 countries, with the US and China emerging as the major importers

154. According to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), India's import of gold, and silver from _____ rises 210% to USD 10.7 billion in 2023-24

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Canada
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **1) United Arab Emirates**

Explanation:

India's imports of gold and silver from the **United Arab Emirates** (UAE) – its Free Trade Agreement (**FTA**) partner – increased a whopping **210 %** to USD 10.7 billion during 2023-24, while overall imports declined 9.8% to USD 48 billion in the fiscal, per figures collated by research body Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).

155. Who recently (in June '24) beats Chris Gayle's fastest T20 century record?

- 1) Ottneil Baartman
- 2) Sahil Chauhan
- 3) Marco Jansen
- 4) Steven Taylor
- 5) Saurabh Netravalkar

Answer- **2) Sahil Chauhan**

Explanation:

Estonia batsman **Sahil Chauhan** scored 100 runs in just 27 balls against Cyprus.

- Chauhan broke the record set by West Indies batter **Chris Gayle**, who reached 100 from 30 balls during the Indian Premier League in 2013.
- Chauhan's unbeaten 144 included 18 sixes, also setting the record for the most sixes in a men's T20I innings

156. When was the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) established?

- 1) 1960
- 2) 1955
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1945
- 5) 1964

Answer- **4) 1945**

Explanation:

About the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO):

The FAO established in 1945, is a specialised agency of the UN that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

Director-General- QU Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

157. In which state 'Ghughwa National fossils Park' is located?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Mohan Yadav

Governor- Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park- Kuno National Park; **Ghughwa National Fossils Park**

Wildlife Sanctuary- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary; Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary

158. When was the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) established?

- 1) 1940
- 2) 1955
- 3) 1956
- 4) 1948
- 5) 1960

Answer- 1) 1940

Explanation:

About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):

HAL is a **Navratna** Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)- C.B. Ananthakrishnan (Additional Charge)

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established- 1940

159. Who is the current (as of June '24) Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNUCCD)?

- 1) Gilbert Houngbo
- 2) Filippo Grandi
- 3) Rebeca Grynspan
- 4) Ibrahim Thiaw
- 5) QU Dongyu

Answer- 4) Ibrahim Thiaw

Explanation:

About the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD):

UNCCD is the only legally binding global agreement dedicated to sustainable land management. At present, it is ratified by **196 countries** and the European Union (**EU**).

Executive Secretary – Ibrahim Thiaw

Headquarters – Bonn, Germany

Established – 17th June, 1994

160. Where is the headquarters of the ‘UN High Commissioner for Refugees’ situated?

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

Answer- **2) Genève, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

UN High Commissioner for Refugees– Filippo Grandi

Headquarters– Genève, Switzerland

Established- 1950

161. In which state, ‘Anamalai Tiger Reserve’ is located?

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

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu (TN):

Chief Minister– Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor– Ravindra Narayana Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuary– Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary, Grizzled Giant Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve– Mudumalai Tiger Reserve; **Anamalai Tiger Reserve**

162. In June 2024, Baseball legend Willie Mays passed away at the age of 93.

He represented which country?

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

Answer- **2) United States of America(USA)**

Explanation:

Baseball legend **Willie Mays** of United States of America(**USA**) passed away at the age of 93.

- Mays played 23 seasons for the New York Giants, San Francisco Giants and New York Mets, from 1951 through 1973.
- He was a recipient of the US's Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.

163. Who recently (in June '24) released India's first joint doctrine for cyberspace operations?

- 1) Lt Gen Manoj Pande
- 2) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
- 3) General Anil Chauhan
- 4) Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 5) Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

Answer- **3) General Anil Chauhan**

Explanation:

On 18th June 2024, Chief of Defence Staff General **Anil Chauhan** released India's first joint doctrine for cyberspace operations during a meeting of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.

- The joint doctrine is a keystone publication that will guide commanders of the armed forces in conducting cyberspace operations in complex military operating environments.

164. What is the capital of Gambia?

- 1) Libreville
- 2) Malabo
- 3) Brazzaville
- 4) Banjul
- 5) Yaoundé

Answer- **4) Banjul**

Explanation:**About Gambia:**

President- Adama Barrow

Capital- Banjul

Currency- Gambian Dalasi (GMD)

165. Which state recorded the most number of complaints for violence against women received by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in 2024?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh with 6,492 complaints tops the list of complaints for violence against women received by the National Commission for Women (**NCW**) up to may 2024.

- Totally 12,648 complaints were received by the NCW till May 2024.

- Among other States, Delhi recorded 1,119 complaints, Tamil Nadu 304, Karnataka 305, Bihar 586, Madhya Pradesh 516, Haryana 509, Rajasthan 409, and West Bengal 307.
- As far as the categories of crimes against women are concerned, the highest number of 3,567 complaints were received in the “right to dignity” category that involves harassment other than domestic violence.
- In 2023, a total of 28,811 complaints related to women were registered by the NCW.

166. Who has recently received approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) to continue as a Secretary to the Ministry of AYUSH for a year up to June 28, 2025?

- 1) Nidhi Khare
- 2) Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- 3) Rajiv Gauba
- 4) Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
- 5) Apurva Chandra

Answer- **4) Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved an extension in the tenure of **Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha**, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, on a contract basis for a period of one year beyond June 28, 2024, i.e. up to June 28, 2025

- Kotecha was appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of **AYUSH** (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) in 2017.
- He was given two-year extensions twice, in 2020 and 2022.

167. Who is the current (as of June '24) Union Minister of the Ministry of Mines?

- 1) Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao
- 2) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- 3) G.Kishan Reddy
- 4) Jual Oram
- 5) Annpurna Devi

Answer- **3) G.Kishan Reddy**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Mines:

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

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

168. Which country hosted the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, held on 15th & 16th June 2024?

- 1) Poland
- 2) France
- 3) the United Kingdom
- 4) Switzerland
- 5) Germany

Answer- **4) Switzerland**

Explanation:

Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs, represented India at the **Summit on Peace in Ukraine**, held on June 15-16, 2024.

- The summit, hosted by **Switzerland**, brought together various international stakeholders to discuss pathways to peace in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

169. Who is the Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)?

- 1) Qu Dongyu
- 2) Dan Smith
- 3) Rafael Grossi
- 4) Guy Ryder
- 5) Houlin Zhao

Answer- **2) Dan Smith**

Explanation:

About Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI):

SIPRI is an independent international institute that focuses on research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament.

Director- Dan Smith

Headquarters- Solna, Stockholm, Sweden

Established- 1966

170. When was the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) established?

- 1) 2015
- 2) 2010
- 3) 2012
- 4) 2008
- 5) 2006

Answer- **3) 2012**

Explanation:

About UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN):

The SDSN is a non-profit created in 2012 by the UN to promote the 17 SDGs at national and international levels. The Secretariat of the SDSN is located in **Paris, France; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and New York, USA.**

President- Jeffrey Sachs

171. Where was the Eurosatory 2024 defence exhibition held from 17th to 21st June 2024?

- 1) Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2) Berlin, France
- 3) Minsk, Belarus
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) London, the United Kingdom

Answer- **4) Paris, France**

Explanation:

Indian defense sector firms from both public and private sectors are participating in the **EUROSATORY 2024** defense exhibition held in **Paris(France)** from 17th to 21st June 2024.

- The India pavilion at the show was inaugurated by Indian Ambassador to France Jawed Ashraf.
- Indian products like the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher system and the LCA Tejas fighter aircraft were showcased at the exhibition.

- The DRDO showcases its Airborne Early Warning and Control System, LCA Tejas, Astra beyond visual range missiles, and the highly successful Akash air defence system.

172. Name the cricketer, who is the author of the book 'Answering to the Call'.

- 1) Shivnarine Chanderpaul
- 2) Viv Richards
- 3) Wesley Hall
- 4) Brian Lara
- 5) Clive Lloyd

Answer- 3) Wesley Hall

Explanation:

In June 2024, West Indies fast bowler **Wesley Hall** met India's **Virat Kohli** and gifted his book '**Answering to the Call**'.

- The book was published by J.W. McKenzie in 2022.
- It narrates Hall's illustrious cricketing career and his journey to become one of the top pacers in cricket history.

173. In which state 'Rehekuri Blackbuck Sanctuary' is located?

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

Answer- 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Governor – Ramesh Bais

Chief Minister – Eknath Shinde

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Rehekuri Blackbuck Sanctuary, Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserves – Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Nawegaon – Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR)

174. In which state 'Great Himalayan National Park' is situated?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 4) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister - Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla

National Parks- **Great Himalayan National Park**; Pin Valley National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary; Chail Wildlife Sanctuary

175. Who recently (in June '24) inaugurated the newly constructed 'Prerna Sthal' that houses the statues of India's eminent leaders and freedom fighters at the Parliament House Complex in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Ashwini Vaishnav
- 2) Arujun Ram Meghwal
- 3) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- 4) Om Birla
- 5) Kiren Rijiju

Answer- 3) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Explanation:

The Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha, **Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurated the newly constructed '**Prerna Sthal**' at the Parliament House Complex in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The Sthal houses the statues of India's eminent leaders and freedom fighters that were previously dispersed across different places in the Parliament House complex.

176. In which country, the UNESCO world heritage site 'Stonehenge' is located?

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

Answer- 2) United Kingdom

Explanation:

Stonehenge is a prehistoric megalithic structure on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England, **United Kingdom(UK)**.

- The whole monument is aligned towards the sunrise on the summer solstice and sunset on the winter solstice.
- The site and its surroundings were added to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO's) list of World Heritage Sites in 1986.
- Recently two 'Just Stop Oil' campaigners sprayed the powder paint on the historic site.

177. Which institute has recently (in June '24) designed a device to convert infrared light into visible light?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Patna
- 5) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore, Bengaluru

Answer- 5) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore, Bengaluru

Explanation:

Recently (in June 2024) researchers at the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore**, Bengaluru, Karnataka have fabricated a novel device to convert infrared light into visible light.

- The IISc team has designed a device called "**non-linear optical mirror stack**" using a 2D material, gallium selenide, to increase or "up-convert" the frequency of short infrared light to the visible range.

178. Who is the current (as of June '24) Union minister of Communications?

- 1) Manohar Lal Khattar
- 2) Kiren Rijju
- 3) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- 4) Rajiv Ranjan Singh
- 5) Jitan Ram Manjhi

Answer- **3) Jyotiraditya Scindia**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Communications:

Union Minister- Jyotiraditya Scindia (Lok Sabha Constituency- Guna, Madhya Pradesh)

Minister of State(MoS) – Chandra Sekar Pemmasani(Lok Sabha Constituency -Guntur, Andhra Pradesh)

179. Which of the following persons has won the 2024 Kavli Prize for Astrophysics?

- 1) David Charbonneau; Sara Seager
- 2) Robert Lange; Armand Paul Alivisatos
- 3) Nancy Kanwisher; Winrich Freiwald
- 4) Doris Tsao; Chad Mirkin
- 5) Sara Seager; Winrich Freiwald

Answer- **1) David Charbonneau; Sara Seager**

Explanation:

The Kavli Prize is awarded in honour of Norwegian-American businessman and philanthropist Fred Kavli (1927-2013).

Winners 2024:

Field	Winners	Contribution
Astrophysics	David Charbonneau of Harvard University, and Sara Seager , of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.	Recognized for discoveries of exoplanets, and the characterisation of their atmosphere.
Nanoscience	Robert Langer of MIT, Armand Paul Alivisatos of the University of Chicago, and Chad Mirkin of Northwestern University	Langer: Nano-engineering for controlled drug delivery systems. Alivisatos: Development of semiconductor quantum dots for bio-imaging. Mirkin: Concept of spherical nucleic acids (SNAs) for applications in gene regulation and immunotherapy.
Neuroscience	Nancy Kanwisher (MIT), Winrich Freiwald (Rockefeller University), Doris Tsao	Awarded for their collective effort over decades to map the linkage between facial recognition and the brain

	(University of California, Berkeley)	
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180. Who is the current (as of June '24) Union Minister of Food Processing Industries?

- 1) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 2) Jual Oram
- 3) Bhupender Yadav
- 4) Chirag Paswan
- 5) J.P. Nadda

Answer- **4) Chirag Paswan**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI):

Union Minister- Chirag Paswan (Lok Sabha constituency- Hajipur, Bihar)

Minister of State (MoS)- Ravneet Singh

181. In which state 'Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park' is located?

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

Answer- **2) Telangana**

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister- Revanth Reddy

Governor- C. P. Radhakrishnan

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

182. Who is the current (as of June '24) head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?

- 1) Fernando Arias
- 2) Mathias Cormann
- 3) Filippo Grandi
- 4) Achim Steiner
- 5) Catherine M. Russell

Answer- **3) Filippo Grandi**

Explanation:

About United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

UN High Commissioner for Refugees- Filippo Grandi

Headquarters- Genève, Switzerland

Established in 1950

183. In which year, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was launched?

- 1) 2005
- 2) 2015
- 3) 2012
- 4) 2007
- 5) 2009

Answer- 4) 2007

Explanation:

About the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN):

ICAN is the international campaign to stigmatise, prohibit & eliminate nuclear weapons launched in 2007 in Melbourne, Australia.

It is a coalition of non-governmental organisations promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Executive Director– Melissa Parke

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

184. In June 2024, The Indian National Ultimate Frisbee mixed team won the silver medal at the Asian Oceanic Ultimate Beach Championships (AOUBC) held at _____.

- 1) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2) Shirahama, Japan
- 3) Benoni, South Africa
- 4) Selangor, Malaysia
- 5) Pattaya, Thailand

Answer- 2) Shirahama, Japan

Explanation:

The Indian National Ultimate **Frisbee mixed team** won the **silver** medal at the Asian Oceanic Ultimate Beach Championships (AOUBC) held at Shirahama, Japan from 12 to 16th June 2024.

- The Philippines team won the gold medal in the men's, women's, and mixed categories.
- In the 2019 edition, the Indian team clinched the bronze medal.

185. In Which country, the 29th Conference of Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is set to be held from 11th to 22nd November 2024?

- 1) Germany
- 2) France
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Azerbaijan
- 5) India

Answer- 4) Azerbaijan

Explanation:

The 29th Conference of Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is set to be held from 11th to 22nd November 2024 in **Baku, Azerbaijan**.

- The 60th session of the **Bonn Climate Change Conference**, hosted by the United Nations Climate Change Conference, took place from 3rd to 13th June 2024 at the World Convention Center in Bonn, Germany.

186. Name the institute that has recently (in June' 24) become India's first institution to successfully perform foetal blood transfusion to save children with rare disorders.

- 1) AIIMS, Kharagpur
- 2) AIIMS, Bhopal
- 3) AIIMS, Jodhpur
- 4) AIIMS, Bhubaneswar
- 5) AIIMS, Delhi

Answer- **5) AIIMS, Delhi**

Explanation:

All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (**AIIMS**) **Delhi** has become **India's first** institution to successfully perform **foetal blood transfusion** to save children with rare disorders.

A woman who previously suffered seven failed pregnancies has delivered a healthy child after the doctors of AIIMS Delhi had successfully treated her foetus suffering from a rare blood disorder through the transfusion of O D phenotype red cell units brought all the way from Japan.

187. Which company has recently (in June' 24) launched its Gemini app in India with support for nine Indian languages and English, giving users an artificial intelligence (AI) tool to answer queries by typing, talking, or uploading an image?

- 1) Google
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Apple
- 4) Facebook
- 5) Twitter

Answer- **1) Google**

Explanation:

Google launched its **Gemini app** in India with support for **nine Indian languages** and English, giving users an artificial intelligence (**AI**) **tool** to answer queries by typing, talking, or uploading an image.

- The app and Gemini Advanced, which gives users access to Google's most capable AI models, will help people access information and complete tasks in their preferred language
- The Gemini mobile app in India, available in **English and nine Indian languages** (Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu).
- The new features, such as data analysis and file uploads, for Gemini Advanced.

188. Which institute has recently (in June' 24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to improve the condition of road signs on National Highways, covering approximately 25,000 kilometres?

- 1) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
- 3) Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi
- 4) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
- 5) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Answer- 1) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi

Explanation:

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Delhi**, New Delhi, a technical university established by the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT).

- This partnership aims to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve the availability and condition of road signs on National Highways, covering approximately 25,000 kilometres.
- IIIT Delhi will conduct extensive surveys to collect imagery and other relevant data related to road signages along selected stretches of National Highways with the primary objective to gather comprehensive information on the availability and condition of road signs.
- The collected data will be processed using AI for accurate identification and classification of road signs.

189. Who is the current (as of June '24) Director General (DG) of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

- 1) Chandrajit Banerjee
- 2) Vikram Dev Dutt
- 3) G Krishnakumar
- 4) Arun Kumar Misra
- 5) Nitin Gupta

Answer- 2) Vikram Dev Dutt

Explanation:

About Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):

DGCA is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation(MCA).

Director General (DG) – Vikram Dev Dutt

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

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

- 1) 1962
- 2) 1975
- 3) 1986
- 4) 1971
- 5) 1992

Answer- 4) 1971

Explanation:

About World Economic Forum (WEF):

Founder- Prof. Klaus Schwab

Managing Director (MD)- Saadia Zahidi

Headquarters- Cologny, Geneva Canton, Switzerland

Established - 1971

191. Who is the current (of June '24) President of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)?

- 1) Surendra Nath Tripathi
- 2) Jagdeep Dhankhar

- 3) Hitesh Vaidya
- 4) Mohinder Singh
- 5) Meenesh C Shah

Answer- **2) Jagdeep Dhankhar**

Explanation:

About Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA):

The IIPA was created under the Societies Act of 1860 and was formally inaugurated by the 1st Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, as the 1st President of the Society, on 29 March 1954 in New Delhi.

President – Jagdeep Dhankhar

Director General– Surendra Nath Tripathi

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

192. In Which country, the headquarters of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) is situated?

- 1) Croatia
- 2) France
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Monaco
- 5) Norway

Answer- **4) Monaco**

Explanation:

About International Hydrographic Organization (IHO):

Secretary-General– Dr Mathias Jonas (Germany)

Headquarters– Monaco

193. In June 2024, Vodafone has sold _____ of its stake in Indus Towers for 1.7 billion euro.

- 1) 20%
- 2) 19%
- 3) 18%
- 4) 16%
- 5) 15%

Answer- **3) 18%**

Explanation:

In June 2024, **Vodafone** group sold its **18%** stake in Indus Towers for 1.7 billion euros (about Rs 15,300 crore).

- It will use the major portion of the proceeds to pay 1.8 billion euros in outstanding bank borrowings secured against Vodafone's assets in India.

194. Which space company's Thybolt satellites have recently (in June '24) completed their maiden mission after finishing 15,000 orbits around Earth?

- 1) Bellatrix Aerospace
- 2) Dhruva Space Private Limited
- 3) AgniKul Cosmos
- 4) Pixxel

5) Skyroot Aerospace

Answer- **2) Dhruva Space Private Limited**

Explanation:

Dhruva Space's maiden satellite mission comprising **Thybolt-1** and **Thybolt-2** satellites has deorbited after a combined 15,000 orbits.

- Dhruva Space Private Limited became the **first private Indian space tech company** to successfully send its indigenously developed satellites, Thybolt-1 and Thybolt-2, into orbit in November 2022.

195. Who has been recently (in June '24) elected as the president of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE)?

1) Sanjai Kumar

2) Manoj Joshi

3) Dilip Asbe

4) Ravneet Kaur

5) Sunil

Answer- **5) Sunil**

Explanation:

Sunil, Former Prasar Bharati Additional Director General, has been elected president of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE).

- With over 35 years in broadcasting, Sunil played a pivotal role in India's first Direct-to-Home (DTH) platform.
- The IETE focuses on advancing electronics and telecommunication across India.
- Founded in **1953**, the IETE stands as India's foremost professional society dedicated to the progression of electronics, telecommunication, and IT.

196. In June 2024, the Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN), M.K. Stalin, released a book on social reformer _____, documented by the former CM, M. Karunanidhi.

1) Swami Vivekananda

2) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

3) Ramanujar

4) E. V. Ramasamy

5) Subramanya Bharathiyar

Answer- **3) Ramanujar**

Explanation:

A book on the philosopher, spiritual guru, and social reformer **Ramanujar** documented by former Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) **M. Karunanidhi** was released by M.K. Stalin, CM of TN.

- The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department has published the script into a book.

197. In June 2024, the Indo-Mediterranean Initiative (IMI) was launched as part of the activities to strengthen ties between India and _____.

1) France

2) Germany

3) Sweden

4) Egypt

5) Italy

Answer- **5) Italy**

Explanation:

On 16th June 2024, the Indo-Mediterranean Initiative (IMI) was launched to study, support, and promote the India-Italy partnership at the two-day India Forum 2024 in Rome, Italy.

- The initiative will also place a special emphasis on the India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor (IMEC), an economic project unveiled at the G20 summit in New Delhi in September 2023.
- Senator Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, former Italian Foreign Minister and President of the India-Italy Parliamentary Friendship Group, will lead the initiative.

198. In June 2024, the Indian Railways conducted a trial run on the World's Highest Steel arch rail bridge situated over the _____ river in Jammu & Kashmir.

1) Tawi

2) Chenab

3) Jhelum

4) Sind

5) Poonch

Answer- **2) Chenab**

Explanation:

The Indian Railways completed a successful trial of an electric engine from Sangaldan to Reasi, crossing the **world's highest steel arch rail bridge**, the **Chenab Bridge**.

- The Chenab Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir stands taller than the Eiffel Tower in Paris, marking a significant engineering feat under the Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project.
- The bridge spans the Chenab River at a height of **359 m** (1,178 ft) above the river.

199. With which institute, did NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Researchers collaborate to study multi-drug resistant pathogens on the International Space Station (ISS)?

1) IIT Madras

2) IIT Bombay

3) IIT Guwahati

4) IIT Kharagpur

5) IIT Indore

Answer- **1) IIT Madras**

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT Madras**), Chennai(Tamil Nadu) and **NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)** Researchers are studying multi-drug resistant pathogens on the International Space Station (ISS), which could have key applications for astronauts health as well on earth.

- The collaborative efforts between IIT Madras and NASA's JPL underscore the importance of international partnerships in advancing scientific knowledge and addressing the challenges of space exploration.

- The researchers conducted a comprehensive study to understand the genomic, functional, and metabolic enhancements observed in multidrug-resistant pathogens with a particular focus on *Enterobacter bugandensis*, a prevalent nosocomial pathogen found on surfaces within the ISS.

200. In June 2024, the Indian Naval couple Surgeon Commodore (Cmde) Diviya Gautam and Cmde Gaurav Gautam successfully scaled _____ at a height of 19341 feet in Tanzania.

- 1) Mount Kilimanjaro
- 2) Mount Meru
- 3) Mount Kenya
- 4) Mount Karisimbi
- 5) Mount Blanc

Answer- 1) Mount Kilimanjaro

Explanation:

Indian Naval couple Surgeon Commodore (Cmde) **Diviya Gautam & Cmde Gaurav Gautam** (retd) successfully scaled the world's Highest free-standing mountain and Africa's highest mountain **Mount Kilimanjaro** at a height of **19341 feet in Tanzania**.

- Mt. Kilimanjaro is Located in Tanzania, Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa's tallest mountain at about 5,895 metres (19,340 feet). It is the largest free-standing mountain rise in the world, meaning it is not part of a mountain range.
- It has three main volcanic peaks, Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira.

201. Who is the current (as of June '24) Director General(DG) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)?

- 1) Helena Leurent
- 2) Grethel Aguilar
- 3) Charles Michel
- 4) Elisabete Weiderpass
- 5) Alvaro Lario

Answer- 2) Grethel Aguilar

Explanation:

About the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):

Director General- Dr Grethel Aguilar

Headquarters- Gland, Switzerland

Established-1948

200. In Which year was the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) established?

- 1) 1947
- 2) 1972
- 3) 1964
- 4) 1958
- 5) 1975

Answer- 3) 1964

Explanation:

About United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):

UNCTAD within the United Nations Secretariat that promotes the interests of developing countries in world trade.

Secretary-General– Rebeca Grynspan

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Founded– 30 December 1964

201. Which country is set to launch the Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES) for Indian nationals on November 1, 2024?

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

Answer- **1) Australia**

Explanation:

The **Australian** Federal Budget Document announced the start date for the **Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES)** for Indian Nationals.

- The MATES Migration Scheme will take effect from 1st November 2024.
- Under the MATES scheme, Indian graduates and early career professionals (aged 18 to 30) with knowledge and skills in specific fields of study will be offered a new temporary mobility pathway to live and work in Australia for up to two years.

202. Which company has recently (in June '24) launched 'WisdomNext', a platform that aggregates multiple Generative AI (Gen AI) services into a unified interface?

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

Answer- **5) Tata Consultancy Services**

Explanation

In June 2024, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** launched TCS AI **WisdomNext**, a platform that aggregates multiple Generative Artificial Intelligence (**GenAI**) services into a single interface and enables organizations to rapidly adopt next-gen technologies at scale, lower costs, and within regulatory frameworks.

- It is designed to remove barriers for customers to develop and launch business solutions, allowing for real-time experimentation across vendor, internal, and open-source LLM models.

203. In which state, 'Neora Valley National Park' is located?

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

5) Bihar

Answer- **4) West Bengal**

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister– Mamata Banerjee

Governor– Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

National Parks– Singalila National Park; **Neora Valley National Park**

Tiger Reserve– Buxa Tiger Reserve; Sundarban Tiger Reserve

204. Where is the headquarters of the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) situated?

1) New Delhi, Delhi

2) Kolkata, West Bengal

3) Mumbai, Maharashtra

4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

5) Chennai, Tamil nadu

Answer- **4) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL):

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) – Manoj Jain

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established – 1954

205. In June 2024, Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) signed an agreement with the Chenab Valley Power Project Private Limited (CVPPPL) to extend a term loan of Rs _____.

1) 1,869 crore

2) 1,528 crore

3) 1,247 crore

4) 1,149 crore

5) 1,358 crore

Answer- **1) 1,869 crore**

Explanation:

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has signed an agreement with the Chenab Valley Power Project Private Limited (**CVPPPL**) to extend a term loan of **Rs 1,869.265 crore**.

- The CVPPPL is a 51:49 percent Joint Venture of NHPC LTD and Jammu And Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC).
- As per the agreement, the loan will be used to develop and construct the greenfield **Kiru Hydro Electric Project** (4x156 MW) on the river Chenab in the Kishtwar District of Jammu & Kashmir.

206. In June 2024, A team of Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA) students at Goel Institute of Higher Studies created a _____ tall string portrait of Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi using black nylon thread.

1) 25 feet

2) 30 feet

3) 15 feet

4) 10 feet

5) 20 feet

Answer- **2) 30 feet**

Explanation:

A team of **Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA)** students at Goel Institute of Higher Studies, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP) created a **30-foot tall string portrait** of Prime Minister (PM) of India **Narendra Modi** using **black nylon thread**.

- The artwork, made by **Devashish Mishra**, is awaiting entry into the Limca Book of Records.
- The college fund of Rs 3 lakh has been spent on the project.
- Black nylon thread, weighing approximately 15 kilograms and spanning a length of about 45 kilometres, have been used for this artwork.

207. In June 2024, the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying (MoFAHD) and the World Bank (WB) conducted a two-day simulation exercise in _____ (state) to enhance the preparedness for avian influenza or Bird Flu.

1) Uttar Pradesh

2) New Delhi

3) Karnataka

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

In June 2024, The **Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying (MoFAHD)** and the **World Bank (WB)** conducted a two-day simulation exercise in **Madhya Pradesh (MP)** to enhance the preparedness for potential **avian influenza or Bird Flu**, amid outbreak of such cases in India and globally.

- The exercise on June 19-20 2024 in Bhopal, MP, brought together 40 participants from various sectors to practise outbreak detection, rapid response strategies and inter-agency coordination for containing the spread of avian flu.
- The drill comes as India sees avian flu outbreaks in Kerala and a rise in global spillover cases to non-poultry species like cattle.
- World Bank senior agriculture economist Hikuepi Katjiuongua and World Organisation for Animal Health expert Frank Wong facilitated the simulation, aimed at mitigating impacts on animal and human health.

208. Name the city in Cambodia that has recently (in June' 24) designated a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative City of Gastronomy.

1) Pursat

2) Samraong

3) Takeo

4) Sihanoukville

5) Battambang

Answer- **5) Battambang**

Explanation:

Battambang was designated a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative City of Gastronomy in 2023, the **first city in Cambodia** to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

- This initiative promotes collaboration between cities that consider creativity essential for sustainable urban development.
- In Cambodia, Battambang is an example of the transformative power of sustainable gastronomy.
- **On 18 June 2024, Sustainable Gastronomy Day**, UNESCO celebrates gastronomy as a cultural expression and highlights its potential to achieve two important goals: protecting the environment and preserving natural and cultural diversity.

209. In June 2024, the BrahMos commemorated the _____ anniversary of its first successful test launch, a groundbreaking moment in the history of defence technology.

- 1) 30th
- 2) 16th
- 3) 23rd
- 4) 25th
- 5) 10th

Answer- 3) 23rd

Explanation:

On June 12 2024, **BrahMos** commemorated the **23th anniversary** of its first successful test launch, a groundbreaking moment in the history of defence technology.

- It was on **12 June 2001** that the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** soared into the skies from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)** in Chandipur, Odisha marking the beginning of a new era in missile technology.
- The BrahMos missile is a result of an extraordinary collaboration between India and Russia, named after the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers, the BrahMos project symbolises the strong ties and technological cooperation between the two nations.
- The missile was developed by BrahMos Aerospace, a Joint Venture (JV) between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya (NPOM).

210. Name the author of the book 'A Dictator Calls: The Mystery of the Stalin-Pasternak Telephone Call', which has been longlisted for the 2024 International Booker Prize.

- 1) Jane Austen
- 2) Rick Riordan
- 3) Ismail Kadare
- 4) Victor Hugo
- 5) Arthur Conan Doyle

Answer- **3) Ismail Kadare**

Explanation:

A Dictator Calls: The Mystery of the Stalin-Pasternak Telephone Call, has been longlisted for the **2024 International Booker Prize**.

- It was written by **Ismail Kadare**, the inaugural winner of the Man Booker International Prize (2005), and exquisitely translated from the Albanian by his long-time collaborator John Hodgson, *A Dictator Calls* hyperfocuses and minutely analyses the 13 versions of a three-minute telephonic conversation between Joseph Stalin and Nobel Prize-winning poet Boris Pasternak on June 23, 1934, beginning with the text from the KGB archives first.

211. Who is the current (as of June '24) president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)?

- 1) Rafael Mariano Grossi
- 2) Helena Leurent
- 3) Alvaro Lario
- 4) Charles Michel
- 5) Ursula von der Leyen

Answer- **3) Alvaro Lario**

Explanation:

About the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD):

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations, was formed to finance agricultural development projects, primarily for food production in developing countries.

IFAD was set up as an international financial institution in **1977**.

President- Alvaro Lario

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

212. Where was the headquarters of the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) situated?

- 1) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- **5) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER):

Director General (DG)- Dr. P Hanumantha Rao

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1984

213. Who is the current(as of June '24) Union Minister of Education?

- 1) Bhupender Yadav
- 2) Pralhad Joshi
- 3) Giriraj Singh
- 4) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 5) Kiren Rijiju

Answer- **4) Dharmendra Pradhan**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Education (MoE):

Union Minister – Dharmendra Pradhan (Lok Sabha Constituency – Sambalpur, Odisha)

Minister of State (MoS) – Sukanta Majumdar (Lok Sabha Constituency – Balurghat, West Bengal, WB); Jayant Chaudhary (Independent Charge) (Rajya Sabha, Uttar Pradesh, UP)

214. When was the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) established?

- 1) 1997
- 2) 1995
- 3) 2000
- 4) 2003
- 5) 2008

Answer- **1) 1997**

Explanation:

About Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI):

TRAI is a statutory body that regulates the telecommunications sector in India.

Chairman – Anil Kumar Lahoti

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1997

215. Who is the current(as of June '24) president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

- 1) Fernando Arias
- 2) Mathias Cormann
- 3) Thomas Bach
- 4) Francesco La Camera
- 5) Amy Pope

Answer- **3) Thomas Bach**

Explanation:

About the International Olympic Committee (IOC):

President– Thomas Bach

Headquarters– Lausanne, Switzerland

Motto – Citius, Altius, Fortius – Communiter or Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together

216. Name the company that has recently (in June' 24) joined the World Bank's Water Resource Group (WRG)'s Low Methane Rice project (LMRP) to promote Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) in Uttar Pradesh

- 1) KisanKraft Limited
- 2) Agristar Limited
- 3) Escorts Limited
- 4) TAFE Motors and Tractors Limited.
- 5) Krushna Agro Industries

Answer- **1) KisanKraft Limited**

Explanation:

KisanKraft Limited, the Bengaluru-based agri-firm has joined the World Bank's Water Resource Group (WRG)'s **Low Methane Rice Project (LMRP)** under **UP-PRAGATI** Accelerator programs (**UPPAP**) to promote the direct seeded rice (DSR) in Uttar Pradesh (UP).

- It has also entered into agreement with seed companies Delta Agri Genetics and Savannah Seeds to offer its DSR seed varieties for multi location trials.
- KisanKraft has developed 15 new varieties of paddy that are suited for the DSR method of cultivation that uses less water for growing the cereal crop. The DSR varieties do not require stagnant water at any stage, reducing water requirements by about half, along with reduction in pesticides and fertiliser use.
- UP has launched an accelerator program in collaboration with the 2030 Water Resources Group, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the private sector.
- UP PRAGATI program aims to promote DSR across UP over the next five years, targeting a scale-up of 250,000 hectares in collaboration with stakeholders.

217. Who has been recently (in June '24) appointed as the Director General(DG) of the National Testing Agency?

- 1) Pradip Kumar Das
- 2) Pradeep Singh Kharola
- 3) Nitin Gupta
- 4) Nallathamby Kalaiselvi
- 5) Hitesh Vaidya

Answer- **2) Pradeep Singh Kharola**

Explanation:

On 22nd June 2024, the Ministry of Education has appointed retired Indian Administrative Officer **Pradeep Singh Kharola** as the new **Director General(DG)** of the **National Testing Agency(NTA)**.

- He has been serving as the chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) since 2022.
- He succeeds Subodh Kumar Singh, who was removed from the post of CEO following a controversy over alleged irregularities in the NEET and NET competitive exams.
- Pradeep Singh Kharola, a 1985 batch IAS officer of the Karnataka Cadre has been assigned an additional charge of the National Testing Agency till the appointment of a regular incumbent.

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

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

Answer- **4) New York, United States of America**

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

Secretary General – António Guterres

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

Established in – 1945

219. In June 2024, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India inaugurated the 'Chadwick House: Navigating Audit Heritage' Museum in _____.

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Answer- 5) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** of India inaugurated the '**Chadwick House: Navigating Audit Heritage' Museum in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (HP).**

- The event marks a significant milestone in preserving and celebrating the institution's rich heritage and its contributions to the governance of India.
- Chadwick House, a prominent landmark in Shimla, holds a rich history that includes a notable visit by **Mahatma Gandhi** in 1946 during the Cabinet Mission. Following India's independence in 1947, it became home to a training school for the Indian Audit and Accounts Service, adding to its historical significance.

220. In June 2024, William Henry Donaldson, former Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman and co-founder of Wall Street investment bank Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (DLJ), passed away at the age of 93.

Which country does he belong to?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Singapore
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) United States of America
- 5) Russia

Answer- 4) United States of America

Explanation:

William Henry Donaldson, former **United States of America (USA) Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman** and co-founder of Wall Street investment bank Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette(DLJ) has passed away at the age of 93.

- Donaldson was also the founding dean of Yale's School of Management, USA.
- He was appointed to his role at the SEC by President George Bush and was a member of President Barack Obama's original Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

221. Who has recently (in June' 24) inaugurated the Water Conservation and Enhancement Scheme at the head of the Jaoli Canal in Uttarakhand?

- 1) Gurmit Singh
- 2) Rajeev Chopra
- 3) Pushkar Singh Dhama
- 4) Anil Kumar Shinde
- 5) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Answer- 3) Pushkar Singh Dhama

Explanation:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhani inaugurated the **Water Conservation and Enhancement Scheme** at the head of the Jaoli Canal located on the left bank of the Song River in Doiwala development block under the Water Conservation Campaign in Kaluwala.

- This scheme of water conservation and enhancement has been completed by the Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARA) under the NABARD (National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development) fund at a cost of about **3 crores 80 lakhs**.
- He also released the guidelines of Water Conservation Campaign 2024 and planted a sapling on this occasion.

222. In June 2024, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued an advisory to airlines and airports to adopt measures to promote gender equality.

It aims to increase the representation of women in various positions in the aviation sector to 25% by _____.

- 1) 2030
- 2) 2027
- 3) 2047
- 4) 2050
- 5) 2025

Answer- **5) 2025**

Explanation:

The **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** has issued an advisory to airlines and airports to adopt measures to **promote gender equality** and recommended a slew of measures, including return-to-work policies for women on a career break, training programmes for cabin crew to help them diversify their skills, and leadership and mentorship programmes for women.

- This project aims to make sure that by **2025**, at least **25% of women** are working in different aviation jobs.
- The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for aviation standards and regulations, has published several reports and guidelines on gender equality in aviation.

223. Name the personality who has been recently (in June' 24) honoured with the prestigious Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Award by the Deep Kamal Foundation in Mumbai for implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

- 1) Pushkar Singh Dhani
- 2) Gurmit Singh
- 3) Ravinath Raman
- 4) Vinod Fonia
- 5) Radha Raturi

Answer- **1) Pushkar Singh Dhani**

Explanation:

On June 23, 2024, **Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhani** was honoured with the prestigious **Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee Award** in Mumbai **Maharashtra** for implementing the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** in Uttarakhand.

- The **Deep Kamal Foundation** will honour CM Pushkar Singh Dhami with the Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee award for implementing UCC in Uttarakhand, the first in the country and fulfilling the dream of the late politician and barrister.
- The event will take place on the occasion of Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee's martyrdom day on June 23, in a ceremony organised at Veer Savarkar Hall in Dadar, Mumbai.

224. When was the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) established?

- 1) 1962
- 2) 1958
- 3) 1942
- 4) 1950
- 5) 1948

Answer- **3) 1942**

Explanation:

About Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR):

It is an autonomous body established in **1942**. It is the largest publically funded multi-disciplinary Research & Development (R&D) organisation under the administrative control of Ministry of Science and Technology (**MoST**), GoI.

President- Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi

Director General (DG)- N. Kalaiselvi

Headquarters- New Delhi

225. Who is the current (as of June '24) Union Minister of Coal?

- 1) Kiren Rijiju
- 2) Kishan Reddy
- 3) Rajiv Ranjan Singh
- 4) Bandi Sanjay Kumar
- 5) Krishan Pal

Answer- **2) Kishan Reddy**

Explanation:

About the Ministry of Coal (MoC):

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

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

226. Who is the current (as of June '24) Director General (DG) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)?

- 1) Mirjana Spoljaric Egger
- 2) Indra Mani Pandey
- 3) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 4) Agnès Callamard
- 5) Audrey Azoulay

Answer- **5) Audrey Azoulay**

Explanation:

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

Director General (DG)- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established- 1945

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

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) New York, the United States of America
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Montreal, Canada

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

Explanation:

About UN Women:

It is the United Nations entity which works specifically for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Executive Director- Sima Bahous

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

Established- July, 2010

228. Who is the current (as of June '24) Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)?

- 1) Achim Steiner
- 2) Daniel Eriksson
- 3) Jens Stoltenberg
- 4) Arsenio Dominguez
- 5) Bill Nelson

Answer- 4) Arsenio Dominguez

Explanation:

About the International Maritime Organization (IMO):

The convention for establishing IMO was adopted in **1948** and came into force in **1958**.

Secretary-General- Arsenio Dominguez (Republic of Panama)

Headquarters- London, The United Kingdom(UK)

229. Who recently (in June '24) won the men's singles title at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Australian Open 2024 held in Sydney, Australia?

- 1) Kidambi Srikanth
- 2) Naraoka Kodai
- 3) Lee Zii Jia
- 4) Lakshya Sen
- 5) H. S. Prannoy

Answer- 3) Lee Zii Jia

Explanation:

Malaysia's **Lee Zii Jia** won the men's singles title at the Badminton World Federation (BWF)

Australian Open 2024 held in Sydney, Australia from 11th to 16th June 2024.

- Lee Zii Jia won the title by defeating Japan's Kodai Naraoka in the men's singles final. It was his sixth career win on the BWF World Tour.

- In the men's doubles final, China's He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu defeats Indonesian pair Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan to clinch the title.
- **Aya Ohori**(Japan) won the women's singles title by defeating Indonesia's Ester Nurumi Tri Wardoyo in the final.

230. Who has been recently (in June '24) selected by the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) to represent India at the 2024 Paris Olympics in the Dressage event?

- 1) Anush Agarwalla
- 2) Shruti Vora
- 3) Raghubir Sing
- 4) Fouaad Mirza
- 5) Divyakriti Singh

Answer- **1) Anush Agarwalla**

Explanation:

Anush Agarwalla has been selected by the **Equestrian Federation of India (EFI)** to represent India at the **2024 Paris Olympics** in the Dressage event.

- He will be India's lone representative in equestrian at the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- It will be India's first-ever entry at the Olympics' Dressage event, as most riders in past editions competed in Eventing categories only.
- The Olympic Games will take place from 26th July to 11th August 2024 in Paris, France.

231. In June 2024, the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with _____ to create an ecosystem for human resource development in High-Performance Computing (HPC) and allied areas.

- 1) University Grants Commission
- 2) National Skill Development Corporation
- 3) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- 4) All India Council for Technical Education
- 5) National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning

Answer- **4) All India Council for Technical Education**

Explanation:

In June 2024, the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (**MoA**) with the All India Council for Technical Education (**AICTE**) to create an ecosystem for human resource development in High-Performance Computing (**HPC**) and allied areas.

- It aims to drive sustainable human resource development in HPC and allied technologies, foster innovation, and meet the evolving needs of the industry and academia.

232. In June 2024, the 'IGF Archer-Amish Award' for Literature with a cash reward of _____ was announced to nurture talent in contemporary Indian fiction and celebrate Indian storytelling.

- 1) USD 30,000
- 2) USD 60,000
- 3) USD 75,000
- 4) USD 50,000

5) USD 25,000

Answer- **5) USD 25,000**

Explanation:

Bestselling authors, **Lord Jeffrey Archer and Amish Tripathi**, have partnered with the United Kingdom(UK)-headquartered **India Global Forum (IGF)** to launch an '**IGF Archer-Amish Award**' for Literature with a cash reward of **USD 25,000**.

- It aims to nurture talent in contemporary Indian fiction and celebrate storytelling that makes a significant contribution to the Indian story.
- It will open to nominations later in 2024 when the criteria for entries and jury will be laid out, and the winner of the prize money will be declared at the IGF London summit in 2025.

233. In June 2024, the Indian Army opened the Khalubar War Memorial to tourists in _____, as a tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War.

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **1) Ladakh**

Explanation:

The **Indian Army** has opened the **Khalubar War Memorial** to tourists in **Ladakh**, as a tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War.

- This opening ceremony was part of the 'Forever in Operations' Division's Pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations as this year, India will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July 2024.
- It is located in the renowned Aryan Valley this memorial commemorates the bravery and sacrifices of soldiers who fought to reclaim the valley during the war.

234. Which company has recently (in June' 24) partnered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and organised a workshop aimed at enhancing India's capabilities in the global toy supply chain?

- 1) JioMart
- 2) Walmart
- 3) Flipkart
- 4) IndiaMART
- 5) Amazon

Answer- **3) Flipkart**

Explanation:

The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** partnered with **Flipkart** and organised a Workshop aimed at enhancing India's capabilities in the global **toy supply chain** in **New Delhi, Delhi**.

- The Workshop played a pivotal role in laying the roadmap for enabling further growth of the toy sector, scaling domestic consumption and upskilling/reskilling workforce.

235. In June 2024, the Indian women's squash team finished fifth and the men's team finished sixth in the Asian Team Squash Championships held in _____.

- 1) Chicago, United States of America
- 2) Doha, Qatar
- 3) Dalian, China
- 4) Cairo, Egypt
- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Answer- 3) Dalian, China

Explanation:

The Indian women's squash team finished fifth and the men's team finished sixth in the Asian Team Squash Championships, which concluded in Dalian, China from 12th to 16th June 2024.

- The Indian women's side beat Iran 2-0 in the match to decide the fifth and sixth positions with Rathika Suthanthira Seelan and Pooja Arthi Raghu scoring comfortable wins.

236. Name the company that has recently (in June' 24) become the first in India to be awarded the lithium and Rare Earth Element (REE) block in Chhattisgarh's Katghora.

- 1) Kundan Gold Mines Limited
- 2) Dalmia Bharat Refractories Limited
- 3) Maiki South Mining Private Limited
- 4) Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited
- 5) Coal India Limited

Answer- 3) Maiki South Mining Private Limited

Explanation:

Kolkata-based Maiki South Mining Private Limited was awarded the **lithium and Rare Earth Element (REE) block** in Chhattisgarh's Katghora.

- It is the **first in India** to be auctioned at an auction premium of 76.05 percent.
- Union Minister For Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy launched the fourth tranche of auction of 21 critical and strategic minerals blocks spread over eight states. Of these, 11 are fresh blocks of graphite, glauconite, phosphorite, potash, nickel, PGE, phosphate and REE spread over six states and the remaining 10 are from previous tranches of auction.
- The 21 blocks are valued at an estimated Rs 83,000 crore. The Katghora block was among the two lithium blocks put up for auction in November 2023, when the central government launched India's first-ever auction of 20 blocks of critical minerals.

237. In June 2024, the Chief Minister (CM) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) Mohan Yadav announced that the Jabalpur airport and flyover passing through Madan Mahal will be named after _____.

- 1) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- 2) Rani Laxmi Bai
- 3) Tantya Tope
- 4) Ravishankar Shukla
- 5) Rani Durgavati

Answer- 5) Rani Durgavati

Explanation:

The **Chief Minister (CM)** of **Madhya Pradesh (MP)** **Mohan Yadav** announced that the **Jabalpur airport** and flyover passing through Madan Mahal will be named after the warrior queen Rani Durgavati.

- Rani Durgavati, the descendant of the famous Chandela dynasty of Mahoba and the queen of the Gond Kingdom of Garha-Katanga, was born on 5 October 1524 in **Kalinjar** which lies in the Banda district of the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- In 2018, the Indian Coast Guard commissioned the 3rd Inshore Patrol Vessel (IPV) called '**ICGS Rani Durgavati**'.

238. In June 2024, The Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, announced that India is set to be the _____ country to have its own Deep Sea Mission.

- 1) 4th
- 2) 3rd
- 3) 5th
- 4) 6th
- 5) 7th

Answer- **4) 6th**

Explanation:

The Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences **Dr Jitendra Singh** announced that **India** is set to be the **6th country** to have its own **Deep Sea Mission** during the meeting to discuss the **100-day Action Plan of the Ministry of Earth Sciences** in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Jitendra Singh also appreciated the NIOT scientists for working in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to successfully bear extreme pressure by developing 'Titanium Hull'.
- He also enquired about the development of 'Self -Floatation' technology to deal with emergency conditions and be submerged for 72 hours
- Matsya 6000 is India's first manned submersible which will carry three people to a depth of 6,000 metres to study deep-sea resources being built under the Samudrayaan project
- Matsya 6000 is developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- 1st Stage of harbour trail (40-50m) deep of the deep-sea mission is planned by September 2024

239. Who is the current (as of June '24) Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare?

- 1) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 2) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3) Pralhad Joshi
- 4) Giriraj Singh
- 5) Piyush Goyal

Answer- **1) Jagat Prakash Nadda**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW):

Union Minister- Jagat Prakash Nadda (Rajya Sabha – Gujarat)

Union Minister of State (MoS)- Anupriya Patel(Lok Sabha constituency- Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh);
Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao (Lok Sabha constituency- Buldhana, Maharashtra)

240. When was the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) established?

- 1) 1952
- 2) 1960
- 3) 1975
- 4) 1984
- 5) 1993

Answer- **5) 1993**

Explanation:

About National Human Rights Commission (NHRC):

Acting Chairperson- Vijaya Bharathi Sayani

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 12th October 1993

241. Who is the current (as of June '24) Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)?

- 1) Mark Rutte
- 2) Ghada Fathy Ismail Waly
- 3) Achim Steiner
- 4) Audrey Azoulay
- 5) Filippo Grandi

Answer- **2) Ghada Fathy Ismail Waly**

Explanation:

About the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC):

The UNODC was established in 1997 as a result of the merging of the UN Centre for International Crime Prevention and the UN International Drug Control Programme.

Executive Director- Ghada Fathy Ismail Waly

Headquarters- Vienna, Austria

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

- 1) Dimitar Glavchev
- 2) Petteri Orpo
- 3) Kaja Kallas
- 4) Giorgia Meloni
- 5) Simon Harris

Answer- **4) Giorgia Meloni**

Explanation:

About Italy

Prime Minister (PM)- Giorgia Meloni

Capital- Rome

Currency- the Euro

243. Who was recently (as of June '24) named as the president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)?

- 1) Shubhankar Sharma
- 2) Kapil Dev
- 3) Jeev Milkha Singh
- 4) HR Srinivasan
- 5) Sahith Theegala

Answer- 2) Kapil Dev

Explanation:

In June 2024, Indian cricket legend **Kapil Dev** was named as the president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)

- He became a PGTI board member in 2021.
- The PGTI, formed in 2006, is a professional golf tour for men based in India.

244. In June 2024, Bajaj Auto inaugurated its first overseas manufacturing facility in ____.

- 1) Ethiopia
- 2) Kenya
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Brazil
- 5) Zimbabwe

Answer- 4) Brazil

Explanation:

Bajaj Auto, India's largest exporter of two and three-wheelers, has inaugurated its inaugural manufacturing plant outside India in Manaus, **Brazil**.

- Bajaj Do Brasil Comercio De Motocicletas, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bajaj Auto, commenced commercial production at the new plant in Manaus.
- Bajaj Do Brasil has a production capacity of 20,000 units per year in a single shift and can go up to 50,000 units.

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

- 1) 1955
- 2) 1948
- 3) 1969
- 4) 1974
- 5) 1981

Answer- 3) 1969

Explanation:

About Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO):

Chairman- Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established- 1969

246. Name the company that has recently (in June' 24) become the first in the dairy sector to set up India's first off-grid solar power plant.

- 1) Hatsun Agro Product Limited
- 2) Nestlé India Limited
- 3) Shaliwahan Farms Private Limited
- 4) Dodla Dairy Limited
- 5) Sapins Farm Products Private Limited

Answer- 5) Sapins Farm Products Private Limited

Explanation:

Sapins Farm Products Private Limited, a Kochi (Kerala)-based dairy products company, has arguably become the **first** in the **dairy sector** to set up **India's first** off-grid solar power plant in the sector.

- The 200 - Kilowatt (kW) plant installed at a cost of Rs 2.8 crore will meet the entire energy requirements of the upgraded plant at Kizhakkambalam with a processing capacity of 50,000 litres a day.
- The new solar plant with Integrated Energy Management System (IEMS) will also include a 100 kW induction heat exchanger.

247. In June 2024, Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, inaugurated the Quantum Security Research Lab during the 23rd Foundation Day of the Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS) in _____.

- 1) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- 5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

On June 25 2024, Professor **Ajay Kumar Sood**, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and Dr. Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary attended the **23rd Foundation Day** of the **Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS)** in Chennai and **Prof Ajay Kumar Sood inaugurated the Quantum Security Research Lab** on the occasion.

- The research lab will strengthen the country's cybersecurity and provide impetus to the field of quantum information science in India.
- The lab is expected to develop innovative solutions to some of the pressing cybersecurity challenges faced by India.
- The focus areas of the lab will include post-quantum cryptography, key distillation engine for quantum key distribution, and the development of a quantum random number generator.

248. Name the Indian racer who has recently (in June '24) secured second position at the Formula 2 (F2) Spanish Grand Prix held in Barcelona, Spain.

- 1) Sailesh Bolisetti
- 2) Kush Maini
- 3) Jehan Daruvala
- 4) Yash Aradhya

5) Karun Chandhok

Answer- **2) Kush Maini**

Explanation:

In June 2024, Indian racer driver **Kush Maini** secured second position at the Formula 2 (F2) Spanish Grand Prix held in Barcelona, Spain

- Maini, who drives for Invicta Racing, finished sixth in the main race.

249. In June 2024, the Government of India(GoI) increased the allocation of Green Ammonia from 5.5 lakh tonnes to _____ tonnes per annum under the SIGHT Programme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).

1) 6.4 lakh

2) 7.5 lakh

3) 8 lakh

4) 8.2 lakh

5) 9.6 lakh

Answer- **2) 7.5 lakh**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of New & Renewable Energy** (MNRE) is implementing the **National Green Hydrogen Mission** (NGHM) with a target to achieve production capacity of 5 million tonnes per annum of Green Hydrogen in India by the year **2030**.

- Under the Mission, MNRE had issued the Scheme Guidelines for implementation of SIGHT Programme – Component II: Incentive for Procurement of Green Ammonia Production (under Mode2A) of the NGHM on January 16 2024.
- As per the said Guidelines, the capacity available for bidding under Tranche I of Mode 2A was 5.5 lakh tonnes per annum of Green Ammonia.
- The existing allocation of **5.5 lakh tonnes per annum** of **Green Ammonia** has been increased to **7.5 lakh tonnes** per annum of Green Ammonia.

250. In which year was the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) formed?

1) 1958

2) 1962

3) 1975

4) 1984

5) 1992

Answer- **1) 1958**

Explanation:

About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):

DRDO was **formed in 1958** from the amalgamation of the then already functioning Technical Development Establishment (TDEs) of the Indian Army and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) with the Defence Science Organisation (DSO).

Chairman– Dr Samir Vankatpati Kamat

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

251. Who is the current (as of June '24) Chairman & Managing Director(CMD) of the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL)?

- 1) Vivek Gogia
- 2) Vibha Dhawan
- 3) Sanjeev Singhal
- 4) Siddhartha Mohanty
- 5) Balaji Srivastava

Answer- **3) Sanjeev Singhal**

Explanation:

About Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL):

Chairman & Managing Director(CMD)- Sanjeev Singhal

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded- 1934

252. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council was introduced through the 101st Amendment Act of _____ in the Indian constitution.

- 1) 2014
- 2) 2016
- 3) 2018
- 4) 2020
- 5) 2017

Answer- **2) 2016**

Explanation:

About Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council:

GST Council is a constitutional body introduced through the **101st Amendment Act, 2016** in the Indian constitution. It was constituted under **Article 279-A** of the constitution.

Chairperson- Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister (Rajya Sabha member- Karnataka)

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

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

Answer- **5) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

Chief Minister (CM) - Bhajan Lal Sharma

Governor - Kalraj Mishra

Wildlife Sanctuaries - Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary; Kaila Devi Sanctuary

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

254. Name the tiger reserve that has recently (in June '24) launched an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for early detection of forest fires.

- 1) Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam
- 3) Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra
- 4) Simlipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha
- 5) Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan

Answer- 3) Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

Explanation:

In June 2024, The **Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra** launched an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for early detection of forest fires.

- This state-of-the-art system features a high-resolution camera, with a visual range of 15 kilometres.
- The AI-powered platform, known as Pantera, leverages both the camera feed and satellite-based data to provide real-time alerts of forest fires within 3 minutes.

255. Who has been recently (as of June '24) appointed as the brand ambassador of lubricant brand 'Veedol'?

- 1) Ravindra Jadeja
- 2) Sourav Ganguly
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Jasprit Bumrah
- 5) Hardik Pandya

Answer- 2) Sourav Ganguly

Explanation:

In June 2024, Veedol, a lubricant brand from Tide Water Oil Co. (India) Ltd., signed up cricket legend Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador to enhance its brand presence and solidify its market position across India.

256. Name the Indian women cricketer who has recently (in June '24) become the fastest double centurion in women's Test cricket.

- 1) Mithali Raj
- 2) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 3) Smriti Mandhana
- 4) Anjum Chopra
- 5) Shafali Verma

Answer- 5) Shafali Verma

Explanation:

India's **Shafali Verma** became the fastest double centurion in the history of women's Test cricket. Shafali recorded the feat during the Test against South Africa in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) on 28th June 2024.

- The 20-year-old Shafali scored a double century from 194 balls, surpassing Annabel Sutherland's previous record of a double century from 248 balls against South Africa.
- Shafali also became the second Indian after former skipper Mithali Raj to hit a double century in Test cricket.

257. Name the swimmer who will be the youngest Indian athlete to participate in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

- 1) Sajan Prakash
- 2) Dhinidhi Desinghu
- 3) Likith Prema
- 4) Aryan Nehra
- 5) Kushagra Rawat

Answer- 2) Dhinidhi Desinghu

Explanation:

Indian Swimmer **Dhinidhi Desinghu** is set to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympics as she secured a berth via the 'Universality Places' qualification system.

- 14-year-old Dhinidhi Desinghu will be India's youngest athlete at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- The Indian swimmer will compete in 200m freestyle, in which she became senior national champion in 2023.
- Along with Desinghu, **Srihari Nataraj**, also qualified for the Paris Olympics. They secured a place via the 'Universality Places' qualification system.
- The 'Universality places' qualification system allows countries to recommend their two highest-ranked swimmers for the showpiece if none is selected through the regulation process.

258. Who has been recently (in June' 24) named as the next Foreign Secretary with effect from July 15 2024?

- 1) Arindam Bagchi
- 2) Vikram Misri
- 3) Syed Akbaruddin
- 4) Mani Shankar Aiyar
- 5) Sudarshan Gopinath

Answer- 2) Vikram Misri

Explanation:

Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) Vikram Misri will be the next **foreign secretary**. The 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer will take charge on July 15, a day after the incumbent Vinay Kwatra's tenure ends.

- Misri, who is a former **Indian ambassador** to China between 2019 and 2021, will succeed current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

259. Which state has recently (in June '24) launched 'Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana', a pilgrimage scheme for senior citizens from all religions?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

In June 2024, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde unveils '**Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana**', a pilgrimage scheme for senior citizens from all religions.

- This initiative aims to assist elderly individuals who are unable to visit pilgrimage sites due to a lack of resources or support.

260. Who is the current (as of June '24) Director General (DG) of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)?

- 1) Poonam Gupta
- 2) Arun Kumar Misra
- 3) Nitin Gupta
- 4) Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal
- 5) Pramod Kumar Tiwari

Answer- **1) Poonam Gupta**

Explanation:**About National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER):**

Director General (DG)- Poonam Gupta

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1956

261. Where is the headquarters of the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) situated?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) London, The United Kingdom
- 3) Montreal, Canada
- 4) Rome, Italy
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **2) London, The United Kingdom**

Explanation:**About Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU):**

EIU is the research and analysis division of the Economist Group the sister company to The Economist newspaper.

Managing Director- Robin Bew

Headquarters- London, The United Kingdom

Founded- 1946

262. When was the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) formed?

- 1) 2014
- 2) 2017
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2016

Answer- **3) 2015**

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

Chairperson- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India

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

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Formed- 2015

263. When was the New Space India Limited (NSIL) established?

- 1) 2014
- 2) 2008
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2006

Answer- 4) 2019

Explanation:

About New Space India Limited (NSIL):

It is Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) which works under the administrative control of Department of Space **(DoS)**.

Chairman and Managing Director- Radhakrishnan Durairaj

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established- 2019

264. According to the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)'s latest report, _____ (state) accounted for 24 % of the total Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) generation potential in India.

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh accounts for **24 %** of the total **Compressed Bio Gas (CBG)** generation potential in India.

- According to Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)'s latest report, UP alone can install 1,000 CBG projects out of the 5,000 plants envisioned nationwide under the Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme, if a mere 20 percent of its surplus feedstock is tapped.
- Western UP, especially Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Saharanpur, Bijnor, Bulandshahar, and Aligarh, has abundant feedstock availability and hosts most of the state's operational and upcoming CBG plants.

265. Who has been recently (in July' 24) awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz (Federal Cross of Merit) by the German government?

- 1) Tushar Bansal
- 2) Dinkar Gupta
- 3) Anandi Iyer
- 4) Jagdeep Dhankhar

5) Subodh Jaiswal

Answer- **3) Anandi Iyer**

Explanation:

Anandi Iyer, the esteemed director of the **Fraunhofer Office in India**, has been awarded the **Bundesverdienstkreuz (Federal Cross of Merit)** by the **German government**.

- This accolade is in recognition of her significant contributions to fostering Indo-German relations over the past 25 years.
- The announcement was made by the German Embassy in India, highlighting Iyer's pivotal role in enhancing collaboration between the two nations, especially in the realms of science and technology.

266. In July 2024, Chiretolpis erubescens, a rare moth endemic to the Western Ghats was rediscovered after 132 years in _____.

- 1) Kodagu, Karnataka
- 2) Ernakulam, Kerala
- 3) Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Solapur, Maharashtra
- 5) Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **5) Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Chiretolpis erubescens, a **rare moth** endemic to the Western Ghats was “rediscovered” after 132 years in **Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.

- Their record was recently published in the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society titled Rediscovery of Chiretolpis erubescens, A rare moth species in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu.
- It is described as having an orange head and a thorax, a streaked tibiae, and hair-like scales on its wings, it was first recorded by British entomologist George Francis Hampton in 1891.

267. In July 2024, the Government of India(GoI) approved a _____ (%) hardship allowance for National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) rescuers, boosting morale and capabilities for disaster operations.

- 1) 40%
- 2) 35%
- 3) 27%
- 4) 15%
- 5) 55%

Answer- **1) 40%**

Explanation:

The Government of India(GoI) approves **40%** hardship allowance for **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** rescuers, boosting morale and capabilities for disaster operations.

- It was announced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah while welcoming a 35-member expedition team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) that recently scaled the 21,625-foot-high Mt Manirang in Himachal Pradesh.
- Special forces like the National Security Guard (NSG) and the Special Protection Group (SPG) get a 25 per cent hardship allowance owing to the special charter of their duties. All the 16,000 personnel of the force will benefit from this.

268. Who is the current Director General (as of July' 24) of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- 1) Amit Agrawal
- 2) Ajay Mathur
- 3) Samir Kumar Sinha
- 4) Pragya Paliwal
- 5) Mike Moore

Answer- **2) Ajay Mathur**

Explanation:

About the International Solar Alliance (ISA):

Director General- Dr Ajay Mathur

Headquarters- Gurugram, Haryana

269. Where is the headquarters of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO) located?

- 1) Milwaukee, the United States of America
- 2) Madrid, Spain
- 3) Bonn, Germany
- 4) Montreal, Canada
- 5) Vienna, Austria

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

Explanation:

About World Allergy Organisation (WAO):

World Allergy Organisation (WAO) is an international umbrella organisation, whose members consist of over 111 regional and national allergy and clinical immunology societies.

President - Bryan Martin

Secretary-General (SG) - Gary W.K. Wong

Headquarters - Milwaukee, the United States of America (USA)

Formed - 1951

270. Who is the current (as of July' 24) Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA & FW)?

- 1) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- 2) Shobha Karandlaje
- 3) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 4) Bhagirath Choudhary
- 5) Ram Nath Thakur

Answer- **3) Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA & FW):

Union Minister - Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Constituency - Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-MP)

Minister of State (MoS) - Ram Nath Thakur (Rajya Sabha - Bihar); **Bhagirath Choudhary** (Constituency - Ajmer, Rajasthan)

271. The National Statistical Commission (NSC) was established on the recommendations of

_____.

- 1) Sarkaria Commission
- 2) Rangarajan Commission
- 3) Kothari Commission
- 4) Radha Krishnan Commission
- 5) Swaminathan Commission

Answer- 2) Rangarajan Commission

Explanation:

About the National Statistical Commission (NSC):

The GoI set up the NSC through a resolution dated June 1, 2005. The NSC was officially constituted on July 12, 2006. The establishment of the NSC was based on recommendations from the Rangarajan Commission.

Chairman- Prof. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

272. Who is the current (as of July' 24) Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME)?

- 1) Krishan Pal
- 2) Anupriya Patel
- 3) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- 4) B.L. Verma
- 5) Shobha Karandlaje

Answer- 3) Jitan Ram Manjhi

Explanation:

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

Union Minister – Jitan Ram Manjhi (Lok Sabha Constituency – Gaya, Bihar)

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