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Answer- 2) Union Bank of India

Explanation:

On 9th September 2024, **Union Bank of India** announced its decision to join the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (**PCAF**) as a signatory.

- This action is in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recently released draft rules on climate risk disclosures and the increasing emphasis on climate risk management in the world.
- In order to create and execute a standard method for evaluating and disclosing greenhouse gas emissions related to loans and investments, financial institutions worldwide have joined forces to form PCAF.

48. What is the tagline of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank?

- 1) Building A Better Life
- 2) Aap Ki Umeed ka Khata
- 3) Likho Apni Kahani
- 4) Experience the Joy of Banking
- 5) Paise ki Kadar

Answer- 2) Aap Ki Umeed ka Khata

Explanation:

About Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Govind Singh

Headquarters – Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Founded – April, 2016

Tagline – Aap Ki Umeed ka Khata

49. When was the Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited (BALIC) established?

- 1) 1995
- 2) 1998
- 3) 2000
- 4) 2001
- 5) 2003

Answer- 4) 2001

Explanation:

About Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited (BALIC):

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)– Tarun Chugh

Headquarters– Pune, Maharashtra

Founded – 2001

50. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) approved an application filed by ICICI Bank for delisting its financial broking arm ICICI Securities from the stock exchanges?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) National Company Law Tribunal
- 4) Competition Commission of India
- 5) National Legal Services Authority

Answer- 3) National Company Law Tribunal

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, the Ahmedabad bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved delisting of broking firm **ICICI Securities** from the stock exchanges on an application filed by **ICICI Bank**.

- Earlier, the NCLT's Mumbai bench had also approved the delisting of ICICI Securities from the stock exchanges.
- ICICI Securities will become a fully-owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank after scheme implementation.

51. When was the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) established?

- 1) 1982
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1986
- 4) 1981
- 5) 1990

Answer- 1) 1982

Explanation:

About National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD):

NABARD was established under **NABARD Act, 1981** and works under the jurisdiction of Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance (MoF). It was established in 1982 based on the recommendations of B. Sivaraman Committee.

Chairman– Shaji K.V.

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

52. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the deadline to implement direct payout of securities to _____ from October 14, 2024 to November 11, 2024 to ensure a hassle-free implementation.

- 1) Demat Account
- 2) Fixed deposit account
- 3) Current Account
- 4) Recurring deposit account
- 5) Savings Account

Answer- 1) Demat Account

Explanation:

On 10th October 2024, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) **extended the deadline** to implement direct payout of securities to **demat account** from 14th October 2024 to 11th November 2024 to ensure an easy implementation.

- At present, the securities are credited to the broker and then transferred to the demat account of the investor by the broker. With the changes, the securities will be directly credited to the investor's demat account, reducing the role of the broker who till now held the shares till the time of transfer.
- The aim of the order is to protect the client's securities, and enhance operational efficiency and risk reduction.

53. According to Prime Database the funds raised by the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) from the domestic debt capital market have exceeded _____ in the April to September period of financial year 2025 (H1FY25).

- 1) Rs 1.8 trillion
- 2) Rs 2.3 trillion
- 3) Rs 2.9 trillion
- 4) Rs 3.2 trillion
- 5) Rs 3.6 trillion

Answer- 4) Rs 3.2 trillion

Explanation:

Funds raised by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) including state-owned finance companies and refinance institutions, from the domestic debt capital market exceeded **Rs 3.2 trillion** in the April to September period of financial year 2025 (H1FY25).

- Over Rs 74,507 crore were raised in September only in the total funds. This marks the highest amount in the current financial year and second highest in the calendar year.
- According to Prime Database, funds raised by NBFCs in H1FY25 were Rs 3.23 trillion, increasing 3.11% year-over-year (Y-o-Y) over the same time in 2024. As of September 2024, amounts to Rs 5.09 trillion, an increase of over 4% Y-o-Y.
- Funds raised by private sector NBFCs in H1FY25 totalled to Rs 1.91 trillion.

54. Which insurance company has recently (in October '24) revised the upper limit for purchasing its new endowment plan from 55 years to 50 years?

- 1) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Limited
- 2) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited
- 3) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 4) Aviva Life Insurance Company India Limited
- 5) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited

Answer- 3) Life Insurance Corporation of India

Explanation:

State-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has revised the upper limit for purchasing its new endowment plan from **55 years to 50 years**. The revision is effective October 1, 2024, 'LIC New Endowment Plan-914' is a participating endowment plan that offers the dual benefit of protection-cum-savings plan.

- The minimum entry age is 8 years and it comes with both death and maturity benefits.
- An endowment plan is a type of life insurance policy that provides life cover as well as a maturity benefit.

55. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has recently (in October' 24) sanctioned _____ for the construction of two irrigation projects in Jharkhand.

- 1) Rs 600 crore
- 2) Rs 650 crore
- 3) Rs 680 crore
- 4) Rs 770 crore
- 5) Rs 790 crore

Answer- 4) Rs 770 crore

Explanation:

On 12th October 2024, The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) sanctioned **Rs 770 crore** financial assistance for the construction of two irrigation projects in Palamu and Giridih districts, Jharkhand.

- These projects were approved under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for the fiscal year 2024-25.
- The project in Palamu will provide irrigation to an additional 11,000 hectares of land through pipelines across eight blocks and the project in Giridih will cover 165 of the 197 villages in Pirtand block, leading to the development of 10,158 hectares of cultivable command area.

56. Where is the headquarters of the leading payment technology service provider Worldline situated?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) California, USA
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Nairobi, Kenya

Ans - **2) Paris, France**

Explanation:**About Worldline:**

Worldline SA is a leading payment technology service provider.

Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)- Marc-Henri Desportes

CEO of Worldline India- Ramesh Narasimhan

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established- 1972

57. Who is the current (as of October '24) Managing Director(MD) and CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

- 1) Inderjit Camotra
- 2) Govind Singh
- 3) Sanjay Agarwal
- 4) Sanjeev Nautiyal
- 5) Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

Answer-**4) Sanjeev Nautiyal**

Explanation:**About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank:**

MD and CEO - Sanjeev Nautiyal

Headquarters - Bangalore, Karnataka

Established - 2017

58. Which city has recently (in October '24) declared as the world's richest city in sovereign wealth funds?

- 1) Oslo
- 2) Beijing
- 3) Hong Kong

4) Singapore

5) Abu Dhabi

Answer- **5) Abu Dhabi**

Explanation:

Global Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWF) released a new global ranking of cities in terms of capital managed by their Sovereign Wealth Funds. According to the report, **Abu Dhabi** is the world's richest city by SWFs, with **USD 1.7 trillion** as of October 2024.

- Oslo, Beijing, Singapore, Riyadh, and Hong Kong are the other major cities which together manage two-thirds of the wealth held by SWFs globally.

59. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently (in October '24) raised the position limits for trading members in index Futures & Options contracts to ____ of the total Open Interest (OI) in the market or above Rs 7,500 crore.

1) 10%

2) 15%

3) 20%

4) 25%

5) 30%

Answer- **2) 15%**

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has raised the position limits for trading members in index Futures & Options contracts to **15%** of the total open interest (**OI**) in the market or above Rs 7,500 crore.

- SEBI said the position limits for trading members, cumulatively for client and proprietary trades, in index F&O contracts are now set at Rs 7,500 crore or 15 % of the total open interest (OI) in the market, whichever is higher. Earlier it was Rs 500 crore or 15 % of the total OI in the market.

60. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) received approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to commence business as a Finance Company in IFSC GIFT City Gujarat?

1) PFC Infra Finance IFSC Limited

2) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

3) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited

4) National Infrastructure Investment Fund

5) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited

Answer- **1) PFC Infra Finance IFSC Limited**

Explanation:

PFC Infra Finance IFSC Limited (**PIFIL**), a wholly owned subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC), has received approval from International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) to commence business as a Finance Company in IFSC **GIFT City** Gujarat.

- It will be the first finance company in IFSC dedicated to power and infrastructure lending.
- The aim is to provide lending in India and in other countries in foreign currency, catering to both government and private players.

- The establishment of PIFIL will position PFC as a global brand and contribute to strengthening India's position as a global financial hub.

61. Who is the current (as of October '24) Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)?

- 1) Srinivasan Sridhar
- 2) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 3) Joydeep Dutta Roy
- 4) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 5) Suresh Kumar Rungta

Answer- **4) Ajay Kumar Srivastava**

Explanation:

About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB):

Managing Director(**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)– Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Headquarters– Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)

Establishment– 1937

Tagline– Good People to Grow with

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1. Which city will host the 25th edition of International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards from March 7 to 9th 2025?

- 1) Jaipur, India
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 4) Bangkok, Thailand
- 5) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Answer- **1) Jaipur, India**

Explanation:

Jaipur, the Pink City of India will host the **25th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards** from March 7 to 9th 2025, at the JECC Sitapura, Jaipur, Rajasthan. A Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) was signed between **Rajasthan Tourism Department** and the **IIFA** for the silver jubilee celebrations of the IIFA Awards, to be held in the state capital of Rajasthan in 2025.

- IIFA 2025 will promote tourism in Rajasthan, and its destinations, culture and history globally, adding it is for the second time IIFA awards is taking place in India. First IIFA awards in India were held in **Mumbai** in **2019**.
- The Rajasthan government has set aside a total budget of **Rs 100 crore** for the event. This comprises Rs 20 crore from the Rajasthan Industrial and Investment Corporation (RIICO), Rs 50 crore from the state government, and Rs 30 crore from the tourist department.
- The 2025 ceremony will also host the inaugural IIFA Digital Awards that would honour the best performances in digital entertainment, films and OTT content.
- The first IIFA Awards were held in 2000 in London. Since then, the IIFAs have been held annually across different geographies covering 14 different countries and 18 distinct cities.

2. Which tribe community has recently (in September '24) got habitat rights in Odisha under the Forest Rights Act, 2006?

- 1) Parajas
- 2) Banjara
- 3) Bhumia
- 4) Mankidia
- 5) Sounti

Answer- **4) Mankidia**

Explanation:

On 22nd September 2024, the **Mankidia community** became the **6th** Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (**PVTG**) under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 to get habitat rights over forests in Odisha, known for their traditional skills of rope making, trapping and eating monkeys.

- The Mankidia are an **Austro-Asiatic community** and are a semi-nomadic section of the Birhor tribe, they move around to find resources rather than staying in one place permanently. They traditionally engage in hunting, gathering, and activities related to the forest.
- With this new recognition, they now have legal rights to their ancestral lands, affirming their connection to these areas.
- The Mankidia are the second PVTG in Odisha to receive habitat rights, following the **Paudi Bhuyan** community. This process has also led to approvals for other PVTGs in the state, including the **Juang, Saora, Chuktia Bhunjia**, and **Hill Khadia** communities.
- They speak a form of **Munda language** and some of them are also conversant in Odia.

3. The currency of Maldives is Maldivian _____

- 1) Rupee
- 2) Dollar
- 3) Baht
- 4) Taka
- 5) Rufiyaa

Answer- **5) Rufiyaa**

Explanation:

About Maldives:

President- Dr Mohamed Muizzu

Capital- Malé

Currency- Maldivian Rufiyaa

4. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) signed an MoU with Next2Sun Germany and Wattkraft India to introduce an innovative vertical solar technology and revolutionize the agricultural landscape?

- 1) AgroStar
- 2) AgriVijay
- 3) Crofarm
- 4) Cropin
- 5) BharatAgri

Answer- **2) AgriVijay**

Explanation:

AgriVijay, an agtech climate action social organization, **Next2Sun Germany**, and **Wattkraft India** signed an MoU to introduce an innovative vertical solar technology to generate clean energy and revolutionize the agricultural landscape by enabling continued farming on the same land.

- The partnership aims to address the growing concerns over land usage in conventional solar installations, which often displace valuable agricultural land.
- The pilot projects, with a range of 100-kilowatt peak (kWp) to 500 kWp, are designed to showcase the effectiveness of vertical bifacial solar technology across different regions in India.

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

- 1) Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao
- 2) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 3) Pralhad Joshi
- 4) Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu
- 5) Anupriya Patel

Answer- **2) 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)

6. Where is the headquarters of the World Food Programme (WFP) situated?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Tokyo, Japan
- 4) Nairobi, Kenya
- 5) New York, USA

Answer- **1) Rome, Italy**

Explanation:**About World Food Programme (WFP):**

Executive Director (**ED**)- Cindy H. McCain

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Established- 1961

7. When was the United Nations (UN) established?

- 1) 1936
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1969
- 5) 1972

Answer- **2) 1945**

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

Secretary-General- Antonio Guterres

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

Members-193

Founded- 24th October 1945

8. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN WTO) situated?

- 1) The Hague, Netherlands
- 2) Turin, Italy
- 3) Madrid, Spain
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- 3) Madrid, Spain

Explanation:

About United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN WTO):

The UN WTO / UN Tourism is the UN agency responsible for promoting responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

Secretary-General- Zurab Pololikashvili

Headquarters- Madrid, Spain

Established- 1970

9. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) celebrated its 83rd Foundation Day?

- 1) National Informatics Centre
- 2) Development of Advanced Computing
- 3) Centre for Development of Telematics
- 4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 5) Centre for Advanced Research & Development

Answer- 4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

Explanation:

On 26th September 2024, The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**) celebrated its 83rd Foundation Day, inaugurated by Vice President of India **Jagdeep Dhankhar** at National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.

- CSIR Foundation Day is integrally connected with the firm foundation of Bharat.
- CSIR promotes women in science, driving economic growth, and ensuring innovations benefit society.
- A book titled "Innovation Trailblazers: The leadership legacies of CSIR" was released at the 83rd Foundation Day.

10. Under which allowance, the central government has recently (in September '24) increased minimum wages for unorganised sector workers?

- 1) Fixed Dearness Allowance
- 2) Variable Dearness Allowance
- 3) House Rent Allowance
- 4) Provident Fund Contributions
- 5) Special Compensatory Allowance

Answer- 2) Variable Dearness Allowance

Explanation:

On 27th September 2024, the central government **increased minimum wages** for unorganised sector workers from October 1, 2024, by revising **Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA)**. This adjustment is aimed at helping workers cope with the rising cost of living.

- The minimum wage rates are categorized based on skill levels - unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled as well as by geographical area - A, B, and C.
- Minimum wage rates in area "A" for workers in construction, sweeping, cleaning, loading & unloading for unskilled work will be Rs 783 a day (Rs 20,358 per month) for semi-skilled Rs 868 a day (Rs 22,568 per month) for skilled, clerical and watch & wards without arms Rs 954 a day (Rs 24,804 per month) and for highly skilled and watch & ward with arms Rs 1,035 a day (Rs 26,910 per month)
- The Central Government revises the VDA twice a year, effective from April 1 and October 1, based on the six-month average increase in the Consumer Price Index for industrial workers. Last revision was done in April 2024.

11. Who has recently (in September '24) inaugurated the 5G Open RAN testing Lab at Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), Bengaluru in Karnataka?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 5) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer- **2) Jyotiraditya Scindia**

Explanation:

On 26th September 2024, Minister of Communications, **Jyotiraditya M. Scindia** visited Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**) Bengaluru Campus and inaugurated a **5G O-RAN testing lab**. The Lab will help to establish an end-to-end 5G ecosystem in India, focusing on core, access, transport, cloud, orchestration, and security.

- He lauded C-DOT's collaborative research initiatives including BharatRAN-1 and BharatRAN-2 for the development of O-RAN compliant disaggregated 5G RAN solution capable of operation in the FR1 and FR2 bands for public & private 5G networks.
- He assured full policy support for facilitating research and innovation in Bengaluru, the 'Silicon Valley' of India.
- He later inaugurated the "Tejas Centre of Excellence for Wireless Communications" at their Bengaluru Headquarters.

12. Which company has recently (in September '24) decided to create a company dedicated exclusively to Maintenance, Repair and Overall (MRO) of its military activities?

- 1) Dassault Aviation
- 2) Deutsche Aircraft
- 3) Bombardier
- 4) Embraer
- 5) Airbus

Answer- **1) Dassault Aviation**

Explanation:

Dassault Aviation has decided to create a company dedicated exclusively to Maintenance, Repair and Overall (**MRO**) of its military activities. Dassault Aviation MRO India (DAMROI), incorporated in India and based in Noida (Uttar Pradesh), is a subsidiary of Dassault Aviation.

- It is dedicated to meeting the needs of the **Indian Air Force** by providing tailor-made products and services to support its **Mirage 2000 fleet** and the fighter aircraft supplied by Dassault Aviation in India, in order to ensure the best possible responsiveness and efficiency in meeting its requirements.
- Created under the "**Atmanirbhar Bharat**" policy to contribute to India's self-reliance and promote indigenous value-added services, DAMROI will benefit from Dassault Aviation's technological expertise.
- Alongside a significant industrial input to positioning India as an international aerospace supplier under the "Make in India" policy and a full commitment to the "Skill India" initiative through the implementation of training and education programmes.

13. Who has headed the recently (in September '24) formed Expert committee to discuss revising Ayushman Bharat package rates and insurance coverage increase?

- 1) Dr. Bimal Jalan
- 2) Dr VK Paul
- 3) Rajeev Kher
- 4) Santosh Kumar Mohanty,
- 5) Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra

Answer- **2) Dr VK Paul**

Explanation:

The **Expert Committee** headed by **Dr VK Paul**, Member (Health), Niti Aayog, will discuss recommendations for revising **Ayushman Bharat** package rates and also explore a possible increase in insurance coverage beyond the Rs 5 lakh limit.

- There are nearly 1,949 medical procedures that are covered in the scheme and rates of these are fixed for treatment at empanelled hospitals that include both State-owned and private ones.
- A 16-member expert committee, led by Dr. VK Paul, Member (Health) of NITI Aayog, has been tasked with reviewing these revisions. The committee will also explore extending the coverage beyond the Rs 5 lakh limit, particularly for families with elderly members who already receive an additional Rs 5 lakh.

14. The Union Cabinet has recently (in September '24) approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA) with a budgetary allocation of _____.

- 1) Rs 63,156 crore
- 2) Rs 69,156 crore
- 3) Rs 75,156 crore
- 4) Rs 79,156 crore
- 5) Rs 86,156 crore

Answer- **4) Rs 79,156 crore**

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, the Union Cabinet approved PM JUGA with budgetary allocation of **Rs 79,156 crore**, of which Centre government will provide Rs 56,333 crore and state governments will provide Rs 22, 823 crores.

- The main objective of the scheme is to improve the socio-economic condition of tribal communities, by adopting saturation coverage for tribal families in tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts.
- In the Union Budget for FY25, the GoI announced that the scheme will cover **around 63,000 villages**, comprising 549 districts and 2,740 blocks spread across all tribal majority villages across 30 states/UTs, which will benefit **over 5 crore** tribal people.

15. The currency of China is _____

- 1) Euro
- 2) Krone
- 3) Ringgit
- 4) Renminbi
- 5) Pound

Answer- **4) Renminbi**

Explanation:**About China:**

Capital – Beijing

President – Xi Jinping

Currency – Renminbi

16. Who is the current (as of October '24) Union Minister of Panchayati Raj?

- 1) Rajiv Ranjan Singh
- 2) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 3) Jitan Ram Manjhi
- 4) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 5) Pralhad Joshi

Answer- **1) Rajiv Ranjan Singh**

Explanation:**About Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR):**

Union Minister- Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh (Constituency- Munger, Bihar)

Minister of State (MoS) – S.P. Singh Baghel (Constituency- Agra, Uttar Pradesh, UP)

17. Where is Akola Airport located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra

Chief Minister (CM)– Eknath Shinde

Governor– C. P. Radhakrishnan

Airport– Akola Airport; Aurangabad Airport

UNESCO Heritage Sites– Ajanta Cave; Ellora Caves

18. Where is the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) situated?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Bonn, Germany
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Washington, DC, USA
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):

It is the global forum for Intellectual Property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation with 193 member states (as of October 1, 2024).

Director General– Daren Tang

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment– 1967

19. Who is the current (as of October '24) Metropolitan Commissioner of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)?

- 1) Anurag Jain
- 2) Ravneet Kaur
- 3) Arun Kumar Singh
- 4) Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee
- 5) Siddhartha Mohanty

Answer- 4) Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee

Explanation:

About Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA):

Metropolitan Commissioner- Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

20. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)?

- 1) Parminder Chopra
- 2) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi
- 3) Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- 4) Praveer Sinha
- 5) K Sreekant

Answer- 1) Parminder Chopra

Explanation:

About Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC):

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Parminder Chopra

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1986

21. Who has been recently (in September '24) elected as the President of The Indian Newspaper Society (INS)?

- 1) M.V. Shreyams Kumar
- 2) Rakesh Sharma
- 3) Vivek Gupta
- 4) K. Raja Prasad Reddy
- 5) Karan Rajendra Darda

Answer- **1) M.V. Shreyams Kumar**

Explanation:

MV Shreyams Kumar, the Managing Director (MD) of the renowned **Mathrubhumi** newspaper, has been elected as the new president of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) an apex body of publishers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals in India for the year 2024-25. He is succeeding **Rakesh Sharma** of Aaj Samaj.

- Vivek Gupta of Sanmarg was elected the Deputy President and Karan Rajendra Darda of Lokmat the Vice President and Tanmay Maheshwari of Amar Ujala honorary treasurer of the society.

22. Which company has recently (in September '24) laid the foundation stone for a new manufacturing facility of auto major with an investment of Rs 9,000 crore in Chennai, Tamil Nadu?

- 1) Maruti Suzuki
- 2) Tata Motors
- 3) Bajaj Auto
- 4) Mahindra & Mahindra
- 5) Ashok Leyland

Answer- **2) Tata Motors**

Explanation:

On 28th September 2024, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M K Stalin** laid the foundation stone for a new manufacturing facility of auto major **Tata Motors** here entailing investment of **Rs 9,000 crore** in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This facility is expected to generate 5,000 new jobs.

- The plant will manufacture vehicles of flagship models of luxurious Jaguar and Land Rover, apart from four-wheelers of the Tata Motors portfolio.
- Tata Motors had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Tamil Nadu for setting up the factory in March 2024.

23. In which state, the Car Garbage Eco-Friendly Bag Distribution Campaign has recently (in September '24) launched under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' initiative?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Maharashtra

- 3) Haryana
- 4) Assam
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- **1) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

On 27th September 2024, Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched the **Car Garbage Eco-Friendly Bag Distribution Campaign** under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' initiative to mark World Environment Day. The campaign aims to raise awareness about cleanliness.

- Chief Minister Dhami emphasized that people often litter food wrappers and plastic waste on the roads while driving. By using garbage bags in cars, people can develop the habit of disposing of waste properly in dustbins.
- Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, significant progress is being made in various fields to transform Uttarakhand. The state government is working to make this decade the 'decade of Uttarakhand,' with efforts in cleanliness to make the state an ideal place.
- Uttarakhand has achieved the top position in the Sustainable Development Goals ranking by Niti Aayog and has seen a 4.4% decrease in the unemployment rate.

24. The Government of India has recently (in September '24) released the revised operational guidelines and training manual for all medical officers on _____ (disease).

- 1) Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
- 2) Metabolic Syndrome
- 3) Cardiovascular Disease
- 4) Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
- 5) Chronic Kidney Disease

Answer- **1) Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease**

Explanation:

On 27th September 2024, the Government of India released the revised operational guidelines and training manual for all medical officers on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) in **New Delhi, Delhi**.

- These guidelines and training modules are crucial for identifying individuals with NAFLD. It will provide a framework for all healthcare workers and help develop the capacity to identify non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
- The government will constitute a committee to address NAFLD at the United Nations General Assembly next year.

25. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) introduced the 7th Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP 2024) to further strengthen the Make in India initiative?

- 1) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- 2) Ministry of Communications
- 3) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer- **4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, the MoC&I introduced the 7th Business Reforms Action Plan (**BRAP 2024**) to further strengthen the Make in India initiative.

- It aims to establish a seamless business regulatory framework across the country, enhancing the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB).
- The new initiative will be led by the DPIIT under the MoC&I and will introduce next-generation reforms to address the evolving needs of both businesses and citizens.

26. Which country has recently (in September '24) signed an MoU with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to improve food safety through joint projects and technical collaboration?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Morocco
- 3) Japan
- 4) Nepal
- 5) China

Answer- **1) Brazil**

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of World Food India (**WFI 2024**), the biennial mega food event, organised by The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (**MoFPI**), was held from **19th** to **22nd** September 2024, in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (**MAPA**) of Brazil under the umbrella of Global Food Regulators Summit, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 21st September 2024.
- The MoU involves cooperation to improve food safety through joint projects and technical collaboration.

27. Where is the headquarters of Dev Information Technology Limited (DEV IT) situated?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Answer- **5) Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

Explanation:**About Dev Information Technology Limited (DEV IT):**

DEV IT specialises in digital transformation services, managed IT services, cloud solutions, and custom software development tailored to the business.

Founder & Chairman– Pranav Pandya

Headquarters– Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Established– 1997

28. When was Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) established?

- 1) 1946
- 2) 1950
- 3) 1954
- 4) 1957
- 5) 1962

Answer- **3) 1954**

Explanation:

About Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL):

BEL is a Navratna Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence (MoD)

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)– Manoj Jain

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

Establishment– 1954

29. Who is the current (as of October '24) Prime Minister of Nepal?

- 1) Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli
- 2) Sheikh Hasina
- 3) Shehbaz Sharif
- 4) Tshering Tobgay
- 5) Xi Jinping

Answer- **1) Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli**

Explanation:

About Nepal

President- Ram Chandra Poudel

Prime Minister– Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

Capital- Kathmandu

Currency– Nepalese Rupee

30. Where is the headquarters of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) situated?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Washington, DC, USA
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

Secretary General – Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Founded – 1865

31. Where is Rajiv Gandhi National Park situated?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Gujarat

4) Assam

5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Chief Minister (**CM**)- N. Chandrababu Naidu

Governor- Syed Abdul Nazeer

Capital- Amaravati

National Park- Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Sri Venketeswara National Park

32. Where is Anshi National Park situated?

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Karnataka

3) Kerala

4) Maharashtra

5) Bihar

Answer- **2) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Chief Minister (**CM**)- Siddaramaiah

Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot

Capital- Bengaluru

National Park- Bandipur National Park, Anshi National Park

33. Which stadium has been recently (in September '24) demolished due to safety issues and years of inadequate maintenance?

1) Aviva Stadium, Ireland

2) Shah Alam Stadium, Malaysia

3) Wembley Stadium, England

4) Michigan Stadium, United States of America

5) Narendra Modi Stadium, India

Answer- **2) Shah Alam Stadium, Malaysia**

Explanation:

The renowned **Shah Alam Stadium** in **Malaysia**, which once hosted up to **80,000 spectators**, has been demolished due to safety issues and years of inadequate maintenance. This stadium has been declared unsafe in 2020 and the demolition process began in July 2024, with complete dismantling anticipated by May 2025.

- This iconic stadium has hosted important events such as the 2017 SEA Games and concerts by international performers like Bon Jovi, Deep Purple, and Maroon 5.
- This will be replaced by the **Shah Alam Sports Complex (KSSA)**.
- The new facility will have a capacity of 35,000 to 45,000 and will primarily cater to football matches. The KSSA project is projected to be completed by **2029**.

34. Which country is the second largest producer of steel in the world?

- 1) India
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) United States of America

Answer- **1) India**

Explanation:

Bhupathiraju Srinivasa, Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries said that **India** is currently the **second-largest** producer of steel, with a production of **144 million metric tonnes** in a three-day international conference on green steel production in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The technological innovation and material efficiency in the steel sector drive the global steel production close to 2 billion metric tonnes.
- The steel sector will be built on digitisation and sustainable steel production to minimise emission levels and reduce its environmental carbon footprint.

35. Who has recently (in September '24) won the gold medal in the men's 5,000 metres race at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Niigata, Japan?

- 1) Surender Singh
- 2) Avinash Sable
- 3) Gulveer Singh
- 4) Mebuki Suzuki
- 5) Kotaro Shinohara

Answer- **3) Gulveer Singh**

Explanation:

On 28th September 2024, **Gulveer Singh**, a 26-year-old Indian athlete, won the **gold medal** in the men's 5,000 metres race at the **World Athletics Continental Tour** in Niigata, Japan. He set a new national record of 13 minutes and 11.82 seconds.

- He broke his own previous record of 13 minutes and 18.92 seconds, which he had set earlier in 2024.
- In March 2024, he set the 10,000m national record in California with a time of 27 minutes and 41.81 seconds. His effort broke Surender Singh's 16-year-old record.
- Despite his efforts, he missed the Paris Olympic qualification time by over 41 seconds.

36. In which state, the Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) has been recently (in September '24) inaugurated by Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari?

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On 28th September 2024, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated **Oxygen Bird Park** (Amrit Mahotsav Park) along the Nagpur-Hyderabad **National**

Highway-44 in Nagpur, Maharashtra. It is an eco-initiative developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

- With a total area of 8.23 hectares, 2.5 of which are dedicated to social forestry, the park is designed to serve both as a natural bird habitat and as a recreational space for locals and tourists.
- The project was officially approved in March 2023, with a development cost of Rs 14.31 crores. It integrates environmental sustainability and leisure features.

37. Which atomic power project's Unit-7 has recently (in September '24) reached criticality marking the start of a controlled nuclear fission chain reaction?

- 1) Kakrapar Atomic Power Project
- 2) Tarapur Atomic Power Project
- 3) Rajasthan Atomic Power Project
- 4) Narora Atomic Power Project
- 5) Kaiga Atomic Power Project

Answer- **3) Rajasthan Atomic Power Project**

Explanation:

On 19th September 2024, the Unit-7 of the **Rajasthan Atomic Power Project-7 & 8** (RAPP-7 & 8, 200 MW each), one of the country's largest nuclear reactors, achieved a significant milestone by reaching **criticality**.

- Reaching criticality in a nuclear reactor refers to the point at which a sustained and controlled nuclear fission chain reaction begins.
- The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) have been working relentlessly to ensure the timely progress of the project.
- The achievement of criticality at RAPP-7 is a landmark moment in India's journey toward energy independence and sustainability.

38. Which state government has recently (in September '24) launched a program called 'Darshini' to give students educational experiences outside the classroom?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Telangana

Answer- **5) Telangana**

Explanation:

The **Telangana** government has launched '**Telangana Darshini**', a scheme aimed at providing students with an immersive learning experience outside the classroom. The programme is designed to take school and college students on educational tours across the State under the Youth Advancement, Tourism, and Culture (T&PMU) Department.

- The main goal is to help students engage with Telangana's rich cultural heritage, historical sites, and scientific institutions, giving students a chance to interact more deeply with their environment.
- The Telangana government has allocated an estimated Rs 12.10 crore to cover the expenses of the tours, which include travel, accommodation and meals for the participating students.

39. In the context of the International WASH Conference, what does WASH stands for?

- 1) Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- 2) Water, Safety and Health
- 3) Waste, Air, Sanitation and Health
- 4) Water, Agriculture, Sanitation and Health
- 5) Waste, Agriculture, Sanitation and Hygiene

Answer- **1) Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**

Explanation:

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (**DDWS**), MoJS, organised the International **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)** Conference on the sidelines of the IWW 2024 held between 17th to 19th September 2024, in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This 3-day event was focused on the theme ‘**Sustaining Rural Water Supply**’.
- The main objective was to provide a platform for knowledge exchange, showcasing innovations, and sharing best practices to deal with global WASH challenges, with a special focus on achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 (**SDG 6**).

40. Who has received the 1st Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1969?

- 1) Asha Bhosle
- 2) Prithviraj Kapoor
- 3) Akkineni Nageswara Rao
- 4) Birendranath Sircar
- 5) Devika Rani Roerich

Answer- **5) Devika Rani Roerich**

Explanation:

The 1st Dadasaheb Phalke Award was received by **Devika Rani Roerich** in 1969.

- It was instituted in **1969** by the Government of India (GoI) to commemorate the contribution of **Dhundiraj Govind Phalke** (Dada Saheb Phalke) to Indian cinema.
- Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, considered as the Father of Indian cinema, had directed India’s 1st full-length feature film named “**Raja Harishchandra**” in 1913.

41. Which organisation regulates the Foreign Portfolio Investors(FPIs) in India?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development

Answer- **2) Securities and Exchange Board of India**

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has established a dedicated Foreign Portfolio Investor(**FPI**) **Outreach Cell** to focus on direct engagement with FPIs and to support FPIs in accessing the Indian Securities Market seamlessly.

- This was as part of SEBI’s Alternative Investment Fund (**AIF**) and FPIs Department (**AFD**).

42. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) participated as a Partner Ministry in India Water Week (IWW) 2024.

- 1) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer- **1) Ministry of Panchayati Raj**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)** has participated as a Partner Ministry in IWW 2024. MoPR is committed to advance sustainable water practices in rural India for which it is promoting **Water-sufficient Villages** as part of its focus to achieve Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals through targeted Panchayat Development Plans by way of convergence of resources.

- The **Water Sufficient Panchayat Theme** is one of the nine Themes of the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) that aligns with the goals of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

43. Who is the current (as of October '24) Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting (MoI&B)?

- 1) Pralhad Joshi
- 2) Piyush Goyal
- 3) Bhupender Yadav
- 4) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 5) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Answer- **4) Ashwini Vaishnaw**

Explanation:

About Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MoI&B):

Union Minister- Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha member- Odisha)

Minister of State (MoS)- Longanathan Murugan (Rajya Sabha- Madhya Pradesh, MP)

44. Name the capital of Kazakhstan.

- 1) Bishkek
- 2) Tashkent
- 3) Astana
- 4) Zhezqazghan
- 5) Oskemen

Answer- **3) Astana**

Explanation:

About Kazakhstan:

President- Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

Prime Minister (PM)- Oljas Bektenov

Capital- Astana

Currency- Kazakhstani Tenge

45. Where is the headquarters of Hurun India situated?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **2) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Hurun Report Inc. (Hurun Report):

It is a leading research, luxury publishing and events group established in 1998 in London, the United Kingdom (UK). Hurun India was launched in 2012.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Rupert Hoogewerf

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Researcher (Hurun India)- Anas Rahman Junaid

Headquarters (Hurun India)- Mumbai, Maharashtra

46. Which country has recently (in September '24) became the first G7 country to end coal-fired power production with the closure of its last plant?

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

Answer- **1) United Kingdom**

Explanation:

The United Kingdom (UK) became the first G7 country to end coal-fired power production with the closure of its last plant, Uniper Ratcliffe-On-Soar in Nottinghamshire. This marks the end of an era in the UK's 140-year relationship with coal power, which began with the world's first coal plant opening in **London** in **1882**.

- In 2015, the UK announced plans to close coal plants as part of wider measures to reach its climate targets within the next decade. At that time almost 30% of the country's electricity came from coal but this had fallen to just over 1% in 2023.
- The UK, which has a target to reach net zero emissions by 2050, also plans to decarbonise the electricity sector by 2030, a move which will require a rapid ramp-up in renewable power such as wind and solar.

47. Which state government has recently (in September '24) declared their State's indigenous cows as "Rajya Mata"?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, the **Maharashtra** government, led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde conferred the title of '**Rajya Mata**' to indigenous cows to promote their welfare, ahead of the upcoming assembly elections in the state.

- A subsidy scheme is decided to implement offering Rs 50 per day for the rearing of these cows in 'goshalas'.
- The initiative managed by the Maharashtra Goseva Commission, aims to support struggling goshalas and reverse the declining population of indigenous cows, which fell by 20.69 per cent according to the 2019 census.

48. Which company has recently (in September '24) raised USD 500 million through green dollar bonds to support various renewable energy projects?

- 1) Ramco Industries Limited
- 2) Everest Industries Limited
- 3) REC Limited
- 4) Bajaj Finserv Limited
- 5) Jio Financial Services Limited

Answer- **3) REC Limited**

Explanation:

On 28th Saturday 2024, State-owned **REC Limited** raised **USD 500 million** through green dollar bonds to support various renewable energy projects. The 5-year note has a coupon rate of 4.75% per annum to be paid semi-annually and the maturity date of September 27, 2029.

- This is the first US dollar bond issuance from an Indian public sector enterprise in 2024.
- The proceeds will be used to finance eligible green projects, in accordance with REC's Green Finance Framework as per green bond principles of Climate Bond Initiative.

49. Name the renowned singer, songwriter, and actor who won an Oscar award for his singing in the film 'A Star Is Born', who had passed away in September 2024.

- 1) Glynis Johns
- 2) Luther Kent
- 3) Kinky Friedman
- 4) Kris Kristofferson
- 5) Derrick McIntyre Jamiroquai

Answer- **4) Kris Kristofferson**

Explanation:

Kris Kristofferson, the renowned country singer, songwriter, and actor passed away at the age of 88 in Hawaii on 28th September 2024. He was born on 22 June 1936 in Brownsville, Texas.

- Kristofferson was known for his songwriting, notably for hits such as 'Me and Bobby McGee' and 'Help Me Make It Through the Night'.
- Kristofferson and Streisand sang together on love theme Evergreen in the film 'A Star Is Born', which won an **Oscar** for best original song, and Kristofferson won a **Golden Globe** for his acting for this film.

50. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as India's next Ambassador to Germany?

- 1) R. Ravindra
- 2) Jawed Ashraf
- 3) Manish Prabhat
- 4) Ajit Vinayak Gupte
- 5) Dinesh K. Patnaik

Answer- 4) Ajit Vinayak Gupte

Explanation:

On 7th October 2024, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that Senior diplomat **Ajit Vinayak Gupte**, 1991 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer was appointed India's next ambassador to the Federal Republic of **Germany**.

- He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- He is currently India's ambassador in **Egypt** and former ambassador of India to the Kingdom Denmark.

51. Where is the headquarters of Lokesh Machines Limited situated?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Gurugram, Haryana
- 5) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer- 5) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

About Lokesh Machines Limited:

Managing Director (MD)– Mullapudi Lokeswara Rao

Headquarters– Hyderabad, Telangana

Incorporated– 1983

52. When was the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) established?

- 1) 1942
- 2) 1947
- 3) 1951
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1969

Answer- 3) 1951

Explanation:

About the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD):

President– Joseph J. Murray

Headquarters– Helsinki, Finland

Established– 1951

53. Who is the current (as of October '24) Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)?

- 1) Justice V. Kameswar Rao
- 2) Justice B.S. Chauhan

- 3) Justice N. V. Ramana
- 4) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- 5) Justice DY Chandrachud

Answer- **4) Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

Explanation:

About National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

It was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987. It has been mandated to provide legal aid to vulnerable sections of the society and spread legal literacy.

Executive Chairman – Justice Sanjiv Khanna

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1995

54. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

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

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

Explanation:

About United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

President– Philemon Yang

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

Founded– 1945

55. Who is the current (as of October '24) President of the International Institute for Management Development (IMD)?

- 1) David Bach
- 2) António Costa
- 3) Teresa Patricio
- 4) Tom Cardamone
- 5) Jeffrey Sachs

Answer- **1) David Bach**

Explanation:

About the International Institute for Management Development (IMD):

President– David Bach

Headquarters– Lausanne, Switzerland

56. Where is Phawngpui National Park situated?

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

Answer- **1) Mizoram**

Explanation:

About Mizoram

Chief Minister (CM)- Lalduhoma

Capital- Aizawl

National Park- Murlen National Park, Phawngpui National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Lengteng Wildlife Sanctuary, Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary

57. Where is Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tripura
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **4) Tripura**

Explanation:

About Tripura:

Chief Minister (CM)- Manik Saha

Governor- Indra Sena Reddy Nallu

Capital- Agartala

National Park- Bison National Park, Sepahijala Zoological Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Gomti Wildlife Sanctuary

58. Where is Binsar wildlife sanctuary situated?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Assam

Answer- **2) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister(CM)- Pushkar Singh Dhama

Governor- Gurmit Singh

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Binsar wildlife sanctuary, Mussoorie wildlife sanctuary

Airports- Jolly Grant Airport, Pant Nagar Airport

59. Who has recently (in October '24) become the first woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)?

- 1) Priya Jhingan
- 2) Abhilasha Barak
- 3) Arti Sarin
- 4) Shanti Tigga
- 5) Sadhna Saxena Nair

Answer- **3) Arti Sarin**

Explanation:

On 1st October 2024, **Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin** became the first woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (**DGAFMS**). The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Ministry of Defence for overall medical policy matters which relate to the Armed Forces.

- She has the rare distinction of serving in all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces, serving as Lieutenant to Captain in the **Indian Army**, from Surgeon Lieutenant to Surgeon Vice-Admiral in the **Indian Navy** and as an Air Marshal in the **Indian Air Force**.
- She has been awarded **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal** in 2024 and **Vishisht Seva Medal** in 2021.

60. Which company has recently (in September '24) signed a contract with the Indian Army for the procurement of 'Quantum Secure Key Generation' technology?

- 1) QuNu Labs
- 2) IronCore Labs
- 3) Panther Labs
- 4) NSS Labs
- 5) Context Labs

Answer- **1) QuNu Labs**

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, the **Indian Army** signed the 8th procurement contract through the government's flagship initiative Innovations for Defence Excellence (**iDEX**) in New Delhi. The contract for procurement of Generation of Quantum Secure Key (Quantum Key Distribution) was signed with

QuNu Labs.

- QuNu Labs' proposal for a 200-kilometer single-hop Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) was selected under iDEX's Open Challenge 2.0.
- This contract will replace the algorithm-based encryption systems thus enabling greater security and also optimising manpower commitment.
- With over 74 projects of the Indian Army currently under iDEX is hand holding 77 startups to develop state-of-the-art solutions for national defence.

61. In which city Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024 has been recently (in September '24) inaugurated?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Gurugram, Haryana
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer- **2) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, Shri **Prataprao Jadhav**, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush, and Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MoHFW**), Government of India (GoI), inaugurated the **Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024**, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The theme of the summit was '**Global Synergy in Ayush: Transforming Health and Wellness through Medical Value Travel**'.

- The summit was organised by the Ministry of Ayush, GoI, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, the Government of Maharashtra, and key partners.
- The summit aims to strengthen India's position in Medical Value Travel (**MVT**) by integrating traditional Indian systems of medicine Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (Ayush) with modern healthcare systems.

62. Name an exo-planet that was recently (in September '24) discovered by Astronomers which looks like a future earth.

- 1) KMT-2021-BLG-1547
- 2) KMT-2019-BLG-1339
- 3) KMT-2022-BLG-0440
- 4) KMT-2021-BLG-1898
- 5) KMT-2020-BLG-0414

Answer- **5) KMT-2020-BLG-0414**

Explanation:

Astronomers have discovered an **exo-planet** known as **KMT-2020-BLG-0414**, that has offered a rare glimpse of what Earth may look like 8 billion years in the future.

- In about 5 billion years, the Sun is expected to burn out into a white dwarf after expanding into a red giant, a phase that will consume Mercury and Venus, and potentially Earth and Mars.
- If Earth survives this transformation, it could eventually resemble KMT-2020-BLG-0414, drifting further from the remnants of a star.
- It is about 1.9 times the mass of Earth and is likely a rocky planet. The findings, published in **Nature Astronomy**.

63. Name the INS ship that was recently (in September '24) visited Mombasa(Kenya) and concluded with maritime exercise.

- 1) INS Aditya
- 2) INS Chakra
- 3) INS Satpura
- 4) INS Talwar
- 5) INS Kamorta

Answer- **4) INS Talwar**

Explanation:

INS Talwar made a port call at **Mombasa, Kenya**, from 22nd to 25th September 2024, to strengthen India's growing ties with East Africa in accordance with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision of **SAGAR** - Security and Growth for All in the Region.

- During the harbour phase, personnel from the Indian Navy and Kenyan Navy participated in a variety of professional interactions and cross-exchange visits to improve interoperability and cooperation.
- The Command team of KNS Shujaa visited INS Talwar to familiarise themselves with and finalise the exercise programme for the Exclusive Economic Zone(EEZ) Surveillance and Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX).

64. Who has been recently (in September '24) awarded 2024 Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize for the struggle for democracy under the iron-fisted rule of President Nicolas Maduro?

- 1) Osman Kavala
- 2) Vladimir Kara-Murza
- 3) Maria Kalesnikava
- 4) Loujain al-Hathloul
- 5) Maria Corina Machado

Answer- 5) Maria Corina Machado

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, the **Council of Europe** awarded its **2024 Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize** to Venezuelan politician and human rights defender **Maria Corina Machado** for her struggle for democracy under President Nicolas Maduro's iron-fisted rule.

- She was deeply moved, honoured and grateful to be the first Latin American to win the award, named after the late Czech dissident, playwright and post-communist president Vaclav Havel.
- The award was received on her behalf at Council of Europe headquarters in Strasbourg by her daughter Ana.

65. In September 2024, the government extended the benefits of Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) till _____.

- 1) November 2024
- 2) January 2025
- 3) March 2025
- 4) June 2025
- 5) September 2025

Answer- 5) September 2025

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, the government **extended benefits** under the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (**RoDTEP**) scheme for exports made from domestic tariff area (**DTA**) units for one year till **September 30, 2025**.

- This scheme was launched in January 2021 and valid till September 30, 2024.
- For Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) units, the RoDTEP scheme has been extended till September 30, 2025.
- For Advance Authorisation (AA) holders, Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), the scheme is extended till December 31, 2024.

66. Where is Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary located?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 2) Jharkhand

Explanation:

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister– Hemant Soren

Governor– Santosh Kumar Gangwar

Airports– Birsa Munda International Airport; Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Airport (Deoghar Airport)

Bird Sanctuary– Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary

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

- 1) 1932
- 2) 1946
- 3) 1955
- 4) 1963
- 5) 1978

Answer- **1) 1932**

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force(IAF):

Chief of Air Staff (**CoAS**) – Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Motto- Touching the sky with Glory

Established– October 8, 1932

68. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC Limited?

- 1) V. Balasubramaniam
- 2) Sanjai Kumar
- 3) Pradip Kumar Das
- 4) Pushp Kumar Joshi
- 5) Vivek Kumar Dewangan

Answer- **5) Vivek Kumar Dewangan**

Explanation:

About REC Limited:

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

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1969

69. Where is Ranthambore National Park situated?

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

Answer- **1) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

About Rajasthan:

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

Governor-Haribhau Bagde

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

70. When was U.S. International Development Finance Corporation(DFC) founded?

- 1) 2014
- 2) 2016
- 3) 2018
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2021

Answer- **4) 2019**

Explanation:

About U.S. International Development Finance Corporation(DFC):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Scott Nathan

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

Founded - 2019

71. Where is the headquarters of the World Heart Federation(WHF) situated?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Strasbourg, France
- 4) London, UK
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **2) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Heart Federation(WHF):

WHF is a global non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to the prevention and control of CVDs.

President- Daniel José Piñeiro

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

72. Who is the current (as of October '24) Governor of Telangana?

- 1) R. N. Ravi
- 2) Thaawarchand Gehlot
- 3) Jishnu Dev Varma
- 4) Arif Mohammed Khan
- 5) Acharya Dev Vrat

Answer- **3) Jishnu Dev Varma**

Explanation:

About Telangana

Chief Minister (CM)- Revanth Reddy

Governor- Jishnu Dev Varma

Capital- Hyderabad

UNESCO Heritage Site- Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple (Cultural Heritage)

73. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chief Executing Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog?

- 1) B. V. R. Subrahmanyam
- 2) Dr. Arvind Panagariya
- 3) Sanjay Kumar Jain

4) Anil Kumar Lahoti

5) G. Kamala Vardhana Rao

Answer- **1) B. V. R. Subrahmanyam**

Explanation:

About NITI Aayog

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

Chairperson- Narendra Modi

Established in – 2015

74. Which organisation has celebrated its 83rd Foundation Day on 1st October 2024?

1) World Health Organization

2) National Research Development Corporation

3) Central Leather Research Institute

4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

5) United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Answer- **4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**

Explanation:

On 1st October 2024, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) celebrated the **83rd Foundation Day** of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.

- CSIR works to bridge the gap between science and industry. CSIR has been working on the misconception that India lacks scientific temper.
- CSIR is successfully creating synergy between higher education, research, and innovation, positioning India to become a global leader in science and innovation."

75. Where was the "World Green Economy Forum" recently (in October '24) launched?

1) Jakarta, Indonesia

2) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

3) London, United Kingdom

4) Brussels, Belgium

5) Washington, DC, USA

Answer- **2) Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024, the **World Green Economy Forum** was launched in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**, bringing together global leaders and experts to address pressing environmental challenges and focusing on international cooperation and innovative solutions for climate change and sustainability.

- The theme was "**Empowering Global Action: Unlocking Opportunities and Advancing Progress**"
- A panel debate on aviation and the green economy which examined the future of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). Panellists discussed the audacious plan to increase SAF output by 300 million tonnes by 2050, from the current 200,000 tonnes.

76. Who has recently (in October '24) inaugurated India's first supercapacitor manufacturing facility in Kannur, Kerala?

- 1) Draupadi Murmu
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 5) Pinarayi Vijayan

Answer- 5) Pinarayi Vijayan

Explanation:

On 1st October 2024, Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated **India's first supercapacitor** manufacturing facility at Keltron Component Complex Limited (KCCL) in Kalliasseri, Kannur, Kerala.

- The supercapacitor manufacturing plant was developed in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- The plant is expected to improve Kerala's position as a hub for the electronics industry and support the country's defence and electric vehicle sectors with an initial investment of Rs 420 million.

77. Which organisation has celebrated its 8th Annual Day on 1st October 2024?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) University Grants Commission
- 3) General Medical Council
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

Answer- 5) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

Explanation:

On 1st October 2024, the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India** (IBBI) celebrated its 8th Annual Day.

- Former Chief Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, President of the National Company Law Tribunal was the Chief Guest, and Mr. Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa and Former CEO of NITI Aayog delivered the Annual Day Lecture.
- Chief Justice Sudhakar highlighted the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code's (IBC / Code) transformative impact, noting its contribution to India's global ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index, rising 79 positions in 2014 to 63rd in 2016.
- He emphasized the need for further strengthening the IBC ecosystem and announced plans for an integrated technology platform to enhance consistency, transparency, and timely outcomes in insolvency resolution.

78. Which group has recently (in October '24) entered into a strategic partnership with Bhutan's Druk Holding and Investment to boost investments in solar and hydropower projects?

- 1) Tata Group
- 2) Bajaj Group
- 3) Reliance Group
- 4) Network18 Group

5) Aditya Birla Group

Answer- **3) Reliance Group**

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024, Anil Ambani's **Reliance Group** entered into a strategic partnership agreement with **Druk Holding and Investments Ltd (DHI)**, the commercial and investment arm of the Royal Government of Bhutan, planning to establish 1,270 megawatts of solar and hydroelectric projects in the Himalayan Kingdom.

- It aimed at bolstering investment in the renewable and green energy landscape of Bhutan.
- The partnership will prioritise green energy generation, focusing on solar and hydropower initiatives while also exploring innovative green technologies.

79. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched 'Bharat Gen', an pioneering initiative in generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) designed to revolutionise public service delivery?

- 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Ministry of Communications
- 3) Ministry of Science & Technology
- 4) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- 5) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer- **3) Ministry of Science & Technology**

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge, IC) **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Ministry for Science & Technology (MoS&T) virtually launched '**Bharat Gen**', a pioneering initiative in generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) designed to revolutionise public service delivery and boost citizen engagement.

- This initiative marks the **world's 1st government-funded** Multimodal Large Language Modal (**LLM**) project which aims to create efficient and inclusive AI in Indian languages.
- It is led by **IIT Bombay**, Mumbai (Maharashtra) under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (**NM-ICPS**) of the DST.
- The nature of foundational models of Bharat Gen are **multilingual** and **multimodal**. [Click here to read more.](#)

80. Which country has recently (in September '24) signed the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement called the 'High Seas Treaty'?

- 1) India
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **1) India**

Explanation:

On 26th September 2024, **India** signed the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (**BBNJ**) Agreement called the '**High Seas Treaty**'.

- This agreement allows the country to enhance its strategic presence in areas beyond its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and work for conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity.
- It aims at addressing the growing concerns over the long term protection of marine biodiversity in the high seas.

81. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Health Authority (NHA)?

- 1) LS Changsan
- 2) M Suresh
- 3) Ghanshyam Prasad
- 4) Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
- 5) Dr. Atul Mohan Kochhar

Answer- **1) LS Changsan**

Explanation:

About National Health Authority (NHA):

It is the apex body responsible for implementing Gol's flagship scheme called AB PM-JAY. It is the successor of the National Health Agency, which has been functioning as a registered society since 23rd May, 2018. Later, the National Health Agency was reconstituted as NHA on 2nd January, 2019.

Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)**- LS Changsan

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

82. Who is the current (as of October '24) Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF)?

- 1) Sanjay Kumar Jain
- 2) Anurag Jain
- 3) Satish Kumar
- 4) Rahul Mithal
- 5) Manoj Yadava

Answer- **5) Manoj Yadava**

Explanation:

About Railway Protection Force (RPF):

RPF is an armed force under the Ministry of Railways.

Director General- Manoj Yadava

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

83. The currency of Uzbekistan is Uzbekistani ____.

- 1) Yen
- 2) Won
- 3) Som
- 4) Ruble
- 5) Rupee

Answer- **3) Som**

Explanation:

About Uzbekistan:

Prime Minister- Abdulla Aripov

Capital- Tashkent

Currency- Uzbekistani Som

84. Where is Inderkilla National Park located?

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

Answer- 2) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh (HP):

Chief Minister(CM)- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla

National Parks- Inderkilla National Park, Khirganga National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanwar Wildlife Sanctuary

85. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- 1) Apurva Chandra
- 2) Debasish Panda
- 3) Jaxay Shah
- 4) Ravi Agrawal
- 5) Sanjay Kumar Agarwal

Answer- 4) Ravi Agrawal

Explanation:

About Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):

Chairman - Ravi Agrawal

Headquarter - New Delhi, Delhi

Established - 1963

86. When was the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) established?

- 1) 1932
- 2) 1946
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1966
- 5) 1978

Answer- 3) 1958

Explanation:

About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):

DRDO is a Research and Development (R&D) wing of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

Chairman- Dr Samir V Kamat

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1958

87. Who is the current (as of October '24) President of the International Federation of Translators (FIT)?

- 1) Alison Rodriguez
- 2) Arkady Dvorkovich
- 3) Pichai Chunhavajira
- 4) Luciano Rossi
- 5) Cindy Brown

Answer- **1) Alison Rodriguez**

Explanation:

About International Federation of Translators (FIT):

President- Alison Rodriguez

Secretary-General- Alexandra Jantscher

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established- 1953

88. Name the cricketer who was recently (in October '24) banned by International Cricket Council (ICC) from all forms of cricket for breaching its anti-corruption code.

- 1) Devon Thomas
- 2) Ihsanullah Jannat
- 3) Brydon Carse
- 4) Praveen Jayawickrama
- 5) Rizwan Javed

Answer- **4) Praveen Jayawickrama**

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024, The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** banned Sri Lankan spinner **Praveen Jayawickrama** from all forms of cricket for breaching for one year, six months of his ban were suspended as he admitted to the breach of ICC anti-corruption code.

- According to Article 2.4.7, Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the ACU, including concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to that investigation and/or that may be evidence or may lead to the discovery of evidence of corrupt conduct under the Anti-Corruption Code.
- In August 2024, he was charged by the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) for neglecting to disclose information about an approach he had received requesting him to persuade another player to participate in match-fixing in the 2021 Lanka Premier League on behalf of a corrupter.
- He was also accused of obstructing the investigation by deleting messages related to the approaches and offers of corrupt conduct.

89. Which telescope has recently (in October '24) discovered carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide on the surface of Pluto's moon?

- 1) James Webb Space Telescope
- 2) Giant Magellan Telescope
- 3) Hubble Space Telescope
- 4) Kepler Space Telescope
- 5) Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope

Answer- **1) James Webb Space Telescope**

Explanation:

Nasa's **James Webb Space Telescope** has for the first time identified the traces of carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide on the surface of Pluto's largest moon, **Charon**, which was discovered in 1978.

- Astronomers at the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado have gathered new details about the composition of the moon, using the Webb Telescope, which were published in the journal **Nature Communications**.
- The recent finding is significant as it sheds a spectrum of light wavelength on the chemical makeup of the Charon and the organic reactions happening there, leading to the evolution of its surface composition.

90. Name the tennis player who has recently (in October '24) won the first China Open title by defeating World No. 1 Jannik Sinner.

- 1) Tomas Machac
- 2) Shang Juncheng
- 3) Carlos Alcaraz
- 4) Aryna Sabalenka
- 5) Amanda Anisimova

Answer- **3) Carlos Alcaraz**

Explanation:

Carlos Alcaraz won the men's singles finals match by beating the World No. 1 Jannik Sinner in a thriller and won his **first China Open title** at the China Open tennis tournament, National Tennis Center in Beijing, China.

- Meanwhile, China's Zheng Qinwen entered into the quarterfinals of the women's singles after defeating Amanda Anisimova of the United States.
- Aryna Sabalenka secured her place in the quarterfinals by overcoming Madison Keys of the United States. Sabalenka faces the Czech Republic's Karolina Muchova.

91. Which company has recently (in October '24) signed an Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Rs 46 crore with the Ministry of Defence(MoD)?

- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 2) Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited
- 3) Zen Technologies Limited
- 4) Signaltron Systems Private Limited
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer- **3) Zen Technologies Limited**

Explanation:

Zen Technologies Limited has signed an annual maintenance contract (AMC) worth Rs 46 crore, including 18% GST, with the Ministry of Defence. The contract covers the maintenance of simulators developed by Zen for a five-year period.

- This contract aims to strengthen Zen's long-standing partnership with the Ministry of Defence, reaffirming its position as a trusted provider of advanced defence solutions.
- The AMC ensures that Zen will continue to maintain high operational standards for the simulators used by India's defence forces, enabling seamless training and readiness for the nation's military personnel.

92. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in October '24) signed an MoU with Headquarters Maintenance (HQ) Command, Indian Air Force to collaborate on advancing innovative technologies for aviation textiles?

- 1) IIT Delhi
- 2) IIT Kanpur
- 3) IIT Bombay
- 4) IIT Patna
- 5) IIT Hyderabad

Answer- 1) IIT Delhi

Explanation:

IIT Delhi and Headquarters Maintenance (**HQ**) **Command**, Indian Air Force, Nagpur have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on advancing innovative technologies for aviation textiles focusing on parachutes and other safety equipment.

- Under the MoU, IIT Delhi and HQ Maintenance, IAF Nagpur, will cooperate, collaborate and promote research and development in areas of obsolescence management, self-reliance, upgradations and digitisation through indigenisation in the field of aviation-grade textiles.

93. Which company has recently (in October '24) entered into an MoU with the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) and the Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (MPSF) to develop a cutting-edge green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai Port?

- 1) Gas Authority of India Limited
- 2) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 3) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 4) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 5) Reliance Industries Limited

Answer-4) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Explanation:

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the Mumbai Port Authority (**MbPA**) and the Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (**MPSF**) to create a state-of-the-art green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai Port.

- This MoU represents a crucial advancement in India's shift toward cleaner energy alternatives. With a focus on innovations in green fuel, the initiative seeks to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions, thereby supporting the nation's climate objectives.
- BPCL, MbPA, and MPSF are dedicated to pioneering sustainable practices that align with India's commitment to environmental stewardship.

94. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman & Managing Director(MD) of Food Corporation of India (FCI)?

- 1) Ashok Kumar Meena
- 2) Abhishek Dev
- 3) Amitava Mukherjee
- 4) Sunil Kumar Sinha
- 5) G. Kamala Vardhana Rao

Answer- 1) Ashok Kumar Meena

Explanation:

About Food Corporation of India (FCI):

Chairman & Managing Director(MD) – Ashok Kumar Meena

Headquarters – New Delhi(Delhi)

Established – 1965

95. Who is the current (as of October '24) Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)?

- 1) Sanjay Jaju
- 2) S. Krishnan
- 3) Niraj Mittal
- 4) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- 5) Deepti Gaur Mukerjee

Answer- **3) Niraj Mittal**

Explanation:

About Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

Secretary– Niraj Mittal

Headquarters- New Delhi, India

Formed -1985

96. What is the currency of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- 1) Ruble
- 2) Dinar
- 3) Dirham
- 4) Rupee
- 5) Baht

Answer- **3) Dirham**

Explanation:

About The United Arab Emirates (UAE):

President– Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Capital– Abu Dhabi

Currency– Dirham

97. When was PhonePe established?

- 1) 2009
- 2) 2015
- 3) 2016
- 4) 2017
- 5) 2018

Answer- **2) 2015**

Explanation:

About PhonePe:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Sameer Nigam

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established- 2015

98. When was the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) established?

- 1) 1975
- 2) 1986
- 3) 1996
- 4) 1998
- 5) 2000

Answer- **2) 1986**

Explanation:

About Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

Chairman & Managing Director (**CMD**)- Parminder Chopra

Headquarters- New Delhi(Delhi)

Founded-1986

99. Who has recently (in September '24) entered into the USD 200 billion club and became the world's fourth-richest person in the world?

- 1) Gautam Adani
- 2) Bill Gates
- 3) Mukesh Ambani
- 4) Larry Ellison
- 5) Mark Zuckerberg

Answer- **5) Mark Zuckerberg**

Explanation:

According to **Bloomberg's Billionaire Index**, USD 200 billion club has Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, Tesla CEO Elon Musk, and Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy (LVMH) Chairman Bernard Arnault. Now, Meta CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** has officially hit a net worth of USD 200 billion and joined the elite USD 200 billion club of tech titans reshaping the world economy.

- As of now, Elon Musk retains the title of the world's richest individual with an incredible net worth of USD 272 billion, while Jeff Bezos follows closely with USD 211 billion and Bernard Arnault with USD 207 billion.
- Mark Zuckerberg's net worth has surged to **USD 201 billion** and became the **fourth-richest person** globally.

100. Which company has recently (in October '24) signed an agreement with FlixBus India to transform the bus transportation ecosystem between cities?

- 1) Toyota Motor Corporation
- 2) Hyundai Motor
- 3) Ashok Leyland
- 4) Maruti Suzuki
- 5) Tata Motors

Answer- **3) Ashok Leyland**

Explanation:

On 1st October 2024, **Ashok Leyland**, the country's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer signed an agreement with **FlixBus India**, an international travel technology company, to "transform the bus transportation ecosystem" between cities.

- This cooperation will provide seamless nationwide operations by giving FlixBus' operational partners access to Ashok Leyland's chassis and extensive after-sales service.
- FlixBus India has transported over 300,000 passengers and it will connect major cities like Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Chennai.

101. Whose biographical book has been recently (in October '24) selected for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Award 2024?

- 1) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- 2) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 3) Indira Gandhi
- 4) B. R. Ambedkar
- 5) Subash Chandra Bose

Answer- **4) B. R. Ambedkar**

Explanation:

On 3rd October 2024, the **New India Foundation** announced the shortlist for the 7th iteration of the reputed prize that recognises "the finest non-fiction writing about the history of Independent India". 5 books have been selected based on the lives of Indian leaders like **B. R. Ambedkar** and Sheikh Abdullah and the Dom community of Varanasi for the **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Award 2024**.

- The five books are Ashok Gopal's "**A Part Apart: The Life and Thought of B.R. Ambedkar**" (Navayana), Chitralekha Zutshi's "Sheikh Abdullah: The Caged Lion of Kashmir" (HarperCollins), Neerja Choudhury's "How Prime Ministers Decide" (Aleph Book Company), Radhika Iyengar's "Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras" (HarperCollins) and Kunal Purohit's "H-Pop: The Secretive World of Hindutva Pop Stars" (HarperCollins).
- The Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize was established in 2018. The winner will be announced in November, 2024 and the winner will get a cash award of **Rs 15 lakh** and a citation.

102. Which state's leopard population has recently (in October '24) increased by 22%?

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

Answer- **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

On 3rd October 2024, the '**All Odisha Leopard Estimation 2024**' report was released. According to the report, **Odisha's** leopard population has increased by **22%** rising from 568 to 696 in two years between 2022 and 2024.

- The Forest department had conducted estimation across 47 forest divisions, aimed at much more intensive State-level leopard monitoring. A statewide field survey was also conducted to identify the presence of leopards.
- As per the latest National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) report, the leopard population in India stands at 13,874. The leopard population has decreased by 75-90% across the country over the last 120-200 years.

- According to the Wildlife Protection Society of India, around 1,485 leopards were poached in the country in the last 10 years.

103. Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched and laid the foundation stone in New Delhi, Delhi for several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness worth more than _____.

- 1) Rs 6,500 crore
- 2) Rs 7,600 crore
- 3) Rs 8,500 crore
- 4) Rs 9,600 crore
- 5) Rs 10,500 crore

Answer- 4) Rs 9,600 crore

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi participated in the **Swachh Bharat Diwas** program held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi on the occasion of the **155th** birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

- During the event, PM Modi launched and laid the foundation stone for several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness, worth more than **Rs 9,600 crore**.
- It will include projects worth over Rs 6,800 crore, 10 projects worth more than Rs 1550 crore and 15 Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants worth over Rs 1332 crore will be launched.

104. Who is the current (as of October '24) Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs?

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Manohar Lal Khattar
- 3) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 4) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 5) Chandrakant Raghunath Patil

Answer- 2) Manohar Lal Khattar

Explanation:

About Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA):

Union Minister- Manohar Lal Khattar (Constituency- Karnal, Haryana)

Minister of State (MoS)- Tokhan Sahu (Constituency- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh)

105. Where is the headquarters of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 5) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

About Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited(RINL):

i.It is a corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (Vizag Steel) and is a Navaratna PSE under the Ministry of Steel.

ii.It is the 1st shore based integrated steel plant in India.

Chairman & Managing Director– Ajit Kumar Saxena

Headquarters– Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Established- 1982

106. What is the capital of Jamaica?

- 1) Manchester
- 2) Westmoreland
- 3) Kingston
- 4) Hanover
- 5) Portland

Answer- **3) Kingston**

Explanation:

About Jamaica

Prime Minister – Andrew Holness

Capital – Kingston

Currency – Jamaican Dollar

Continent – North America

107. Who is the current (as of October '24) Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

- 1) Zurab Pololikashvili
- 2) Audrey Azoulay
- 3) Philemon Yang
- 4) Rebeca Grynspan
- 5) Catherine M. Russell

Answer- **2) Audrey Azoulay**

Explanation:

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

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

Director-General– Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters– Paris, France

108. Where is Salonibari Airport located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Tripura
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- **1) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Chief Minister(CM)– Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor– Lakshman Prasad Acharya

Airports– Jorhat Airport (Rowrah Airport); Salonibari airport

UNESCO Heritage Sites– Kaziranga National Park; Manas Wildlife Sanctuary

109. India was the _____ best performing major global market during the first half of financial year 2024-25 (H1FY25).

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

Answer- 2) Second

Explanation:

India was the **second-best** performing major global market during the first half of financial year 2024-25 (H1FY25) after Hong Kong. Singapore, United States of America (USA) and China were among the top five best-performing markets.

- The gains in the domestic markets were supported by strong investor flows, the status quo in the government after the general elections in May 2024 and high economic growth outlook.
- During the H1FY25, domestic mutual funds pumped in Rs 1.8 trillion, while foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) bought shares worth Rs 92,400 crore (Rs 924 billion).

110. Which committee/ministry has recently (in October '24) approved the deals for the purchase of 31 MQ-9B High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) from General Atomics of the USA and indigenous construction of two Nuclear Attack Submarines (SSN)?

- 1) Ministry of Defence
- 2) Cabinet Committee on Security
- 3) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 4) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Finance

Answer- 2) Cabinet Committee on Security

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved deals for the purchase of **31 MQ-9B** High Altitude Long Endurance (**HALE**) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (**UAV**) from **General Atomics** of the United States of America (**USA**), and indigenous construction of **two Nuclear Attack Submarines (SSN)**.

- 31 MQ-9B HALE UAVs are for the three services viz, Indian Army (IA), Indian Navy (IN), and Indian Air Force (IAF).
- As part of the deal, General Atomics to establish a Global Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India.

111. Which country has recently (in October '24) signed an MoU with India to expand and diversify the critical minerals supply chain at a bilateral commercial dialogue?

- 1) Poland
- 2) Germany
- 3) Morocco
- 4) Spain
- 5) United States of America

Answer- **5) United States of America**

Explanation:

On 3rd October 2024, Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and **Gina Raimondo**, United States (US) Secretary of Commerce, co-chaired the **6th consecutive India-US Commercial Dialogue** held in the US Department of Commerce, in Washington D.C., the United States of America (USA).

India and the **United States of America (USA)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to expand and diversify the critical minerals supply chain at a bilateral commercial dialogue held in Washington DC., United States of America (USA).

- The MoU aims to cooperate on strengthening supply chains in India and USA for lithium, cobalt and other critical minerals that are mainly used in electric vehicles and clean energy applications.
- This will provide complementary strengths and will mutually benefit the development of Indian and US **critical minerals** exploration, extraction, processing, recycling, and related activities.

112. Where is Sanjay Gandhi National Park situated?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister (CM) – Eknath Shinde

Governor- CP Radhakrishnan,

National Parks –Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Chandoli National Park

113. Where is the headquarters of the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL) situated?

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

Answer- **5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL):

Director General– N. Muruganandam

Parent Ministry– Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW)

Headquarters– Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

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

- 1) 1936
- 2) 1948
- 3) 1952
- 4) 1964
- 5) 1974

Answer- **2) 1948**

Explanation:

About World Health Organisation (WHO):

Director General (DG)- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia- Saima Wazed

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Established – 7th April, 1948

115. Who is the current (as of October) Managing Director (MD) of International Finance Corporation (IFC)?

- 1) Richard Scholtz
- 2) John Thornton
- 3) Scott Nathan
- 4) David Haigh
- 5) Makhtar Diop

Answer- **5) Makhtar Diop**

Explanation:

About International Finance Corporation (IFC):

Managing Director (MD)– Makhtar Diop

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

Established- 1956

116. Who is the current (as of October '24) President of International Association of Chiefs of Police(IACP)?

- 1) Michel Landry
- 2) John Letteney
- 3) Jürgen Stock
- 4) Alison Rodriguez
- 5) David Bach

Answer- **2) John Letteney**

Explanation:

About International Association of Chiefs of Police(IACP):

President – John Letteney

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

Founded – 1893

117. Where is the Nokrek National Park located?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland

- 3) Tripur
- 4) Assam
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **1) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

About Meghalaya

Chief Minister (**CM**)- Congrad Kongkal Sangma

Governor- Chadrashekhhar H. Vijayashankar

Capital- Shillong

National Parks- Balpakram National Park, Nokrek National Park

118. Who has recently (in October '24) appointed as the Managing Director of Nestle India effective from August 1, 2025?

- 1) Manish Tiwary
- 2) Andy Jassy
- 3) Gautam Garg
- 4) Laurent Freixe
- 5) Shamalbhai B Patel

Answer- **1) Manish Tiwary**

Explanation:

On 7th October 2024, **Manish Tiwary**, former Amazon India head, was appointed as the Managing Director (**MD**) of **Nestle India** with effect from 1st August 2025. As current Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of Nestle India Suresh Narayanan will retire on 31st July 2025 after serving 26 years.

- Manish is a well-known business executive with almost thirty years of experience in managing strategic projects and large-scale operations in the consumer goods and e-commerce industries.
- He is currently a Director at Amazon Digital Services Private Limited and More Consumer Brands Private Limited, and he will resign from his position on 30th October 2024.

119. Name the Artificial Intelligence(AI) model that was recently (in October' 24) built by Meta to generate video and audio from text prompts.

- 1) Pics Gen
- 2) Movie Gen
- 3) Cine Gen
- 4) Next Gen
- 5) Video Gen

Answer- **2) Movie Gen**

Explanation:

On 4th October 2024, **Meta** announced its new artificial intelligence model **Movie Gen** to generate realistic video and audio clips based on user prompts, demonstrating potential to rival AI tools from startups like OpenAI, Runway, and ElevenLabs.

- It can also produce personalised videos using actual photos of individuals to depict them in various scenarios.
- It creates short videos, adds background music, and syncs sound effects. Videos can be up to 16 seconds long and audio can be up to 45 seconds long.

120. Who has recently (in September '24) received the prestigious Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation Service Award for protecting forests?

- 1) J. Yogaraja
- 2) Sabu Varghese
- 3) Siddesh D
- 4) Tirupathi Pujara
- 5) M.N. Jayachandran

Answer- **2) Sabu Varghese**

Explanation:

Sabu Varghese also known as Kunjumon, a member of the Ex-Vayana Bark Collectors Eco Development Committee (**EDC**) in Thekkady received the prestigious **Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation Service Award** in recognition of his inspiring transformation from smuggler to forest protector in the Periyar Tiger Reserve (**PTR**).

- Kunjumon, once involved in smuggling Vayana bark (the bark of cinnamon trees) has now dedicated his life to protecting the forest once he exploited it.
- Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation, this initiative was conceptualised by former Indian cricketers Sandeep Patil, Yusuf Pathan, and Harbhajan Singh to motivate the foot soldiers protecting India's forests. It aims to recognise the unsung heroes of forest conservation.

121. Red Panda Conservation Breeding and Augmentation Programme of Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling has been shortlisted for which award?

- 1) AABC Conservation Award
- 2) World Conservation Award
- 3) CPAWS Conservation Award
- 4) WAZA Conservation Award
- 5) Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award

Answer- **4) WAZA Conservation Award**

Explanation:

The **Red Panda Conservation Breeding and Augmentation Programme** of Darjeeling's Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (**PNHZP**) has been selected as a finalist for the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (**WAZA**) **Conservation Award 2024**.

- PNHZP has collaborated with numerous universities and the Government of India on a number of habitat restoration projects. Nine captive-bred red pandas in which seven females and two males were released into West Bengal's Singalila National Park between 2022 and 2024.
- Gametes, tissues, and DNA of Red Pandas and other endangered species are stored for future use at PNHZP's Biobanking and Genetic Resource Facility, which strengthens the organisation's conservation efforts even more.
- The winner for the WAZA award will be announced on the 7th November 2024 at the 79th WAZA Annual Conference in Australia's Taronga Zoo.

122. Name the campaign that was recently (in October '24) launched by Rubber Board to boost the rubber production.

- 1) Sustainable Rubber Initiative
- 2) Natural Rubber
- 3) Replant and Reap Rewards

- 4) Resurgence in Rubber
- 5) Reformation of Rubber Producers Societies

Answer- **3) Replant and Reap Rewards**

Explanation:

M. Vasanthagesan Executive Director of **Rubber Board** launched the '**Replant and Reap Rewards**' campaign in traditional growing areas and the Northeast to promote self-sufficiency in natural rubber production, which will be continued up to February 15, 2025.

- There has been a huge gap between the production and consumption of natural rubber in the country.
- India ranks 5th in the world in production and 2nd in consumption after China. The production during 2023-24 was 8.75 lakh tonnes against the consumption of 14.15 lakh tonnes. The production-consumption gap needs to be addressed seriously.
- The main aim of the campaign is to step up domestic production and to arrest the drain of foreign exchange occurring through imports.

123. Which country has recently (in October '24) received the Indian government's RuPay card?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Bhutan
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **1) Maldives**

Explanation:

During Maldives President **Dr. Mohamed Muizzu's** visit to India from **6th to 10th October 2024**, the Indian government introduced the **RuPay card** to the **Maldives** as a part of the development of financial collaboration between India and the Maldives.

- This will facilitate digital payments and enhance financial inclusion.

124. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)?

- 1) D K Sunil
- 2) Hemant Khatri
- 3) Arun Misra
- 4) C.B. Ananthkrishnan
- 5) Pushp Kumar Joshi

Answer- **1) D K Sunil**

Explanation:

About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – D K Sunil

Established – 1940

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

125. What is the capital of Maldives?

- 1) Malé
- 2) Hithadhoo
- 3) Addu City
- 4) Haa Dhaalu Atholhu
- 5) Fuvahmulah

Answer- **1) Malé**

Explanation:

About Maldives:

President- Mohamed Muizzu

Capital- Malé

Currency- Maldivian Rufiyaa

126. Where is Shirdi Airport located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **3) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

Governor- C. P. Radhakrishnan

Chief Minister (CM)- Eknath Shinde

Airports- Shirdi Airport, Kolhapur Airport

127. Who is the current (as of October '24) Director-General(DG) of World Health Organization (WHO)?

- 1) Jarbas Barbosa
- 2) Dr Monique Eloit
- 3) Michel Landry
- 4) Amal Omer Salim
- 5) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Answer- **5) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

Explanation:

About World Health Organization (WHO):

Director-General(DG) - Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

Founded - 7 April 1948

Member countries - 194 member states

128. Where is the headquarters of Welthungerhilfe (WHH)?

- 1) Bonn, Germany
- 2) Solna, Sweden
- 3) Nairobi, Kenya

- 4) New York, USA
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **1) Bonn, Germany**

Explanation:

About Welthungerhilfe (WHH):

It is one of the largest private aid organisations in Germany, without political or religious affiliation.

President- Marlehn Thieme

Headquarters- Bonn, Germany

Established- 1962

129. When was Fortune Magazine established?

- 1) 1914
- 2) 1929
- 3) 1932
- 4) 1938
- 5) 1943

Answer- **2) 1929**

Explanation:

About Fortune Magazine:

Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)- Anastasia Nyrkovskaya

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

Established- 1929

130. Who is the current (as of October '24) Executive Director (ED) of the International Coffee Organization (ICO)?

- 1) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 2) Helena Leurent
- 3) Vanúsia Nogueira
- 4) Alvaro Lario
- 5) Sanda Ojiambo

Answer- **3) Vanúsia Nogueira**

Explanation:

About the International Coffee Organization (ICO):

Executive Director(**ED**) – Vanúsia Nogueira

Headquarters – London, the United Kingdom(UK)

Established – 1963

131. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) approved an X-band radar to be installed in Wayanad, Kerala?

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer- **3) Ministry of Earth Sciences**

Explanation:

The Union **Ministry of Earth Sciences** approved the installation of an **X-band radar** after devastating floods and landslides killed more than 200 people in the valley above Punchirimattom near the Mundakkai region in **Wayanad**, Kerala in July 2024.

- Radar is short for 'radio detection and ranging'. The device uses radio waves to determine the distance, velocity, and physical characteristics of objects around the device.
- An X-band radar is radar that emits radiation in the X-band of the electromagnetic spectrum: 8-12 GHz, corresponding to wavelengths of around 2-4 cm.
- The new radar in Wayanad is anticipated to be able to monitor the movements of particles such as soil to inform landslide warnings. The device will also perform high temporal sampling or rapidly sampling its surroundings, allowing it to detect particle motions in shorter periods of time.

132. Which team has recently (in October '24) scored the second highest team score in all men's T20 International cricket?

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) Australia
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) India

Answer- **5) India**

Explanation:

India has the **second highest** team score of **297/6** in all men's Twenty20 (T20) International cricket during the India vs Bangladesh 3rd T20 International cricket at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

- The highest total in T20 International cricket is by **Nepal** who scored 314/3 against Mongolia in the Asian Games in Hangzhou (China) in September 2023.

133. Which country has recently (in October '24) topped in the 27th edition of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Asian Table Tennis Championships (2024)?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) India
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Kazakhstan

Answer- **1) Japan**

Explanation:

Japan topped the Medal tally with 8 medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze) followed by China with 5 medals (2 Gold; 2 Silver and 1 Bronze) and North Korea with 3 medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) in the **27th** edition of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) **Asian Table Tennis Championships (2024)**.

- The 2024 championship was held from **7th to 13th October 2024** at the Beeline Arena in **Astana, Kazakhstan**.

134. Who is the current (as of October '24) Governor of Chhattisgarh?

- 1) Pratap Shukla
- 2) Ramen Deka
- 3) Bandaru Dattatreya
- 4) Biswabhusan Harichandan
- 5) Santosh Gangwar

Answer- **2) Ramen Dek**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Chief Minister- Vishnu Deo Sai

Governor- Ramen Deka

National Park- Indravati (Kutru) National Park; Kanger Valley National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Badalkhol Wildlife Sanctuary; Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary

135. Where is the headquarters of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Answer- **3) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Department of Atomic Energy (DAE):

It comes under the control of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** holds the portfolio of DAE.

Minister of State (**MoS**)- Dr Jitendra Singh

Secretary- Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty

Headquarter- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Formation- 1954

136. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)?

- 1) PR Hari
- 2) Rajeev Prakash
- 3) Subrato Ghosh
- 4) Sanjeeb Mohanty
- 5) Sanjay Dattatraya Panse

Answer- **1) PR Hari**

Explanation:

About Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE):

GRSE is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)- Cmde PR Hari, IN (Retd.)

Headquarter- Kolkata, West Bengal (WB)

Established- 1884

137. When was the International Table Tennis Federation(ITTF) founded?

- 1) 1919
- 2) 1926
- 3) 1933
- 4) 1945
- 5) 1952

Answer- **2) 1926**

Explanation:

About International Table Tennis Federation(ITTF):

President- Petra Sörling

Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland

Founded- 1926

138. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) situated?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) Dhaka, Bangladesh

Answer- **1) Vienna, Austria**

Explanation:

About the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA):

Director - Aarti Holla-Maini

Headquarters - Vienna, Austria

Established - 1958

139. Where is Gaya International Airport located?

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

Answer- **2) Bihar**

Explanation:

About Bihar:

Chief Minister (CM)- Nitish Kumar

Governor- Rajendra Viswanath Arlekar

Airports- Gaya International Airport, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Airport

140. Which airline has recently (in October '24) awarded the title of Asia's Leading Airline Inflight Entertainment 2024 at the World Travel Awards (WTA)?

- 1) Malaysia Airlines
- 2) Singapore Airlines
- 3) SriLankan Airlines

- 4) Air India
- 5) Air China

Answer- **4) Air India**

Explanation:

Air India has achieved a remarkable milestone as the airline by winning the title of **Asia's Leading Airline Inflight Entertainment 2024** at the prestigious World Travel Awards (**WTA**) in Manila. This victory marks the first time an Indian airline has received this honor.

- World Travel Awards, often called the **"Oscars of the travel industry,"** celebrates excellence across all sectors of global travel and tourism.
- With this award, Air India joins an exclusive group of airlines recognized for their inflight entertainment.

141. Name the all-rounder cricketer, who has recently (in October '24) announced his retirement from T20 Internationals.

- 1) Mahmudullah
- 2) Tamim Iqbal
- 3) Mushfiqur Rahim
- 4) Mashrafe Mortaza
- 5) Shakib Al Hasan

Answer- **1) Mahmudullah**

Explanation:

On 8th October 2024, Bangladesh all-rounder **Mahmudullah** announced his retirement from the **T20 Internationals** and the third and final match of the ongoing series against India will be his last game in this format.

- He said that he will retire from this format and concentrate on One Day International (**ODI**).
- The all-rounder batsman who is also known as Riyad made his debut for Bangladesh in 2007 against Sri Lanka in a three-match ODI bilateral series between the two South Asian countries.
- He has played 50 Tests, 232 ODIs and 139 T20 matches for Bangladesh with 10,500 runs and 165 wickets with his off-spin.

142. In which city, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade will open its first overseas campus in 2025?

- 1) New York
- 2) Beijing
- 3) Dubai
- 4) London
- 5) Abu Dhabi

Answer- **3) Dubai**

Explanation:

On 7th October 2024, the Ministry of Commerce announced that the **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)** will open its first overseas campus in **Dubai** in **2025**. India Pavilion at the Expo City in Dubai will host the first overseas campus of IIFT in 2025.

- IIFT will launch short and medium-term training programmes, research and will then launch MBA (International Business).