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- The campus will benefit the 3.5 million Indian residents of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It will also pave the way for the IIFT brand to be recognized and expanded internationally.

143. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) will host the India International Science Festival (IISF) from 30th November to 3rd December 2024?

- 1) IIT Guwahati
- 2) IIT Madras
- 3) IIT Kanpur
- 4) IIT Bombay
- 5) IIT Delhi

Answer- **1) IIT Guwahati**

Explanation:

On 4th October 2024, **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology announced that **Northeast** will hold the first-ever International Science Festival. The 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) is to be hosted at **IIT Guwahati** from 30th November to 3rd December 2024.

- The theme of the festival is "Transforming India into an S&T driven Global Manufacturing Hub".
- The Northeast is an area rich in talent and natural resources, and this festival offers the rest of India to appreciate and interact with the region's potential.

144. Who has recently (in October '24) honoured with the 2024 Regional winners of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award in Africa?

- 1) Sister Rosita Milesi
- 2) Maimouna Ba
- 3) Maimouna Ba
- 4) Nada Fadol
- 5) Deepti Gurung

Answer- **2) Maimouna Ba**

Explanation:

Sister Rosita Milesi (79), Brazilian nun, lawyer and social worker was honoured with the 2024 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Nansen Refugee Award's **Global Laureate** for championing the rights and dignity of refugees and migrants of different nationalities in Brazil for nearly four decades.

UNHCR has also named 4 other women as the winners of 2024 Regional winners of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award, in recognition of their exceptional work with refugees, internally displaced, and stateless people.

- Maimouna Ba is an activist from **Burkina Faso**, who helped over 100 displaced children return to the classroom and supported more than 400 displaced women to attain financial independence.

145. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) acquired the Home and Personal Care (HPC) business division of Patanjali Ayurved Limited (PAL) for Rs 1100 crore?

- 1) Patanjali Foods Limited
- 2) Hindustan Unilever Limited

- 3) ITC Limited
- 4) Dabur Limited
- 5) Godrej Consumer Products Limited

Answer- **1) Patanjali Foods Limited**

Explanation:

The CCI has approved the proposed acquisition of Home and Personal Care (**HPC**) business division (non-food business) of Patanjali Ayurved Limited (**PAL**), one of the promoters of Patanjali Foods by Patanjali Foods Limited (**PFL**) for **Rs 1100 crore**.

- The acquisition comes under related party transactions being undertaken on a fair value and arms' length basis.
- Also, the acquisition will strengthen the Patanjali brand's Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) product portfolio, which will further boost the food growth of PFL.

146. Which country has hosted the World Habitat Day (WHD) on 7th October 2024?

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Egypt
- 3) Mexico
- 4) Russia
- 5) India

Answer- **3) Mexico**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**)'s World Habitat Day (**WHD**) is annually observed across the globe on the **first Monday of October** to reflect the condition of our habitats and to emphasize the fundamental right of every individual to adequate shelter.

- The WHD 2024 was observed on **7th October 2024**.
- The WHD 2024 global ceremony was held in **Mexico** at the "Educational Cultural Center of the state of Querétaro".

147. Who is the current (as of October '24) Governor of Andhra Pradesh(AP)?

- 1) R. N. Ravi
- 2) Arif Mohammed Khan
- 3) Jishnu Dev Varma
- 4) S. Abdul Nazeer
- 5) Thaawarchand Gehlot

Answer- **4) S. Abdul Nazeer**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh(AP):

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

Governor- S. Abdul Nazeer

Capital- Amaravati

National Park- Rajiv Gandhi National Park and Sri Venkateswara National Park

148. The currency of South Africa is South African _____.

- 1) Dollar
- 2) Lilangeni

3) Shekel

4) Pula

5) Rand

Answer- **5) Rand**

Explanation:

About South Africa:

President- Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa

Capital- Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), and Bloemfontein (judicial)

Currency- South African Rand (ZAR)

149. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?

1) Vienna, Austria

2) Brussels, Belgium

3) Washington, D.C, USA

4) Geneva, Switzerland

5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- **4) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

High Commissioner- Filippo Grandi

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Established- 1950

150. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman of Competition Commission of India(CCI)?

1) Ravneet Kaur

2) Rajiv Kumar

3) Dr. Arvind Panagariya

4) Arun Kumar Misra

5) Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar

Answer- **1) Ravneet Kaur**

Explanation:

About Competition Commission of India(CCI):

It is a statutory body constituted under Competition Act, 2002.

Chairman- Ravneet Kaur

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2003

151. When was the United Nations established?

1) 1939

2) 1945

3) 1956

4) 1963

5) 1975

Answer- **2) 1945**

Explanation:

About the United Nations:

Secretary general- António Guterres

Establishment- 1945

Headquarters- New York, The United States of America

152. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)?

- 1) Ajay Srivastava
- 2) Gurcharan Singh
- 3) Dr Samir V. Kamat
- 4) Anil Chauhan
- 5) Ashish Rajvanshi

Answer- **3) Dr Samir V. Kamat**

Explanation:

About the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)-

Chairman- Dr Samir V. Kamat

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Formed- 1958

153. Who has recently (in October '24) taken charge as Maldives Ambassador to India?

- 1) Sibi George
- 2) Aishath Azeema
- 3) Munu Mahawar
- 4) Ibrahim Shaheeb
- 5) Suhel Ajaz Khan

Answer- **2) Aishath Azeema**

Explanation:

On 15th October 2024, Senior diplomat **Aishath Azeema** is set to replace Ibrahim Shaheeb as the top **Maldivian envoy** to India.

- The decision to appoint a new ambassador to New Delhi comes as the island nation looks to strengthen and restore its relationship with India.
- This occurs a few days after President Mohamed Muizzu concluded his first official bilateral visit to India earlier in October 2024.
- She has served as the Maldivian ambassador to China from June 2019 to September 2023. She also previously served as deputy ambassador of the Maldives to the UK, and in various senior capacities in the Foreign Ministry including as an additional secretary and joint secretary.

154. Which district of Kerala is set to hold the country's largest global livestock conclave from 20th to 29th December 2024?

- 1) Wayanad
- 2) Kannur
- 3) Malappuram
- 4) Kozhikode
- 5) Palakkad

Answer- **1) Wayanad**

Explanation:

Wayanad is all set to hold the country's largest **Global Livestock Conclave** from 20th to 29th December 2024 at the Pookode Veterinary College, Wayanad, Kerala. Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister **J. Chinchurani** unveiled the logo for the Conclave.

- The conclave is organised by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (**KVASU**).
- The upcoming Global Livestock Conclave in Wayanad will play a vital role in advancing the dairy, cattle, and pet sectors, creating employment opportunities, and encouraging the younger generation to explore careers in agriculture.

155. Which country will host the World Pickleball Championship (WPC) 2024?

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) Australia
- 3) India
- 4) Bali
- 5) Nepal

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

The All India Pickleball Association (**AIPA**) will host the prestigious **World Pickleball Championship (WPC) 2024 Series** for the first time in **India**. It will be held in Mumbai from 12th to 17th November 2024.

- In the previous tournaments, Indian teams secured Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.
- The WPC Series in India will feature approximately 650 players from 6 to 7 countries, including Australia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Poland, and Singapore, among others.

156. Who has been recently (in October '24) re-elected as the president of All India Rubber Industries Association for 2024-25?

- 1) Anay Gupta
- 2) K. Ganesh
- 3) Vikram Makar
- 4) Ramesh Kejriwal
- 5) Shashi Kumar Singh

Answer- **5) Shashi Kumar Singh**

Explanation:

All India Rubber Industries Association (**AIRIA**) has re-elected **Shashi Kumar Singh** as its president succeeding Ramesh Kejriwal for the year 2024-25 during their Annual General Meeting held on 25th September 2024 in Mumbai.

- Shashi Singh has been serving 20 years in the rubber industry.
- **Anay Gupta** of Vinko Auto Industries Limited has been elected as Senior vice-president, and **K. Ganesh** from MRP Autorub Group of Companies as vice-president.

157. Which company has recently (in October '24) launched an AI-powered Remote Parent Monitoring (RPM) service to help NRIs (Non-Resident Indians) remotely monitor their parents' health in India?

- 1) Aidoc
- 2) Dozee
- 3) DeepMind
- 4) Babylon Health
- 5) Circadia Health

Answer- 2) Dozee

Explanation:

Dozee has introduced **Dozee Shraavan**, an AI-powered Remote Parent Monitoring (**RPM**) service designed to help NRIs (Non-Resident Indians) remotely monitor their parents' health in India.

- Dozee Shraavan offers real-time alerts and continuous, contactless health monitoring to help early detection of any critical health fall. Families living abroad may now frequently monitor their parents' health, guaranteeing prompt medical attention when needed.
- Dozee's contactless monitoring technology tracks vital parameters such as heart rate, respiration, blood pressure, and sleep patterns, sending real-time alerts to families and healthcare providers.

158. Which organisation under the Ministry of AYUSH, celebrated its 8th Foundation Day on October 9, 2024?

- 1) Central Ayurveda Research Institute
- 2) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga
- 3) National Institute of Naturopathy
- 4) Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth
- 5) All India Institute of Ayurveda

Answer- 5) All India Institute of Ayurveda

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, the President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** graced the 8th Foundation Day celebration of **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** held in AIIA campus, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The President of India launched the Ayush Aushadhi Pharmacy Programme and unveiled the Shashwat Ayush Expo during the celebration.
- The pharmacy aims to make quality Ayurvedic medicines accessible to all enhancing healthcare delivery through Ayurveda.

159. Where was the 44th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) 2024 held?

- 1) Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2) Toronto, Canada
- 3) Dresden, Germany
- 4) Chicago, USA
- 5) Wellington, New Zealand

Answer- 3) Dresden, Germany

Explanation:

India participated in the 44th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (**CCNFSDU**) held in **Dresden, Germany** from 2 to 6 October 2024.

- India extended its support to create harmonized probiotic guidelines for foods and nutritional supplements and offered insightful information on nutrient reference values for children aged 6 to 36 months.
- India highlighted that the current Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)/ World Health Organization (WHO) documents on probiotics are two decades old and need revision in light of scientific advancements.

160. Who is the current (as of October '24) Minister of State(MoS) for Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- 1) Manohar Lal
- 2) Pralhad Joshi
- 3) Rao Inderjit Singh
- 4) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 5) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer- **3) Rao Inderjit Singh**

Explanation:**About the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI):**

Minister of State (Independent Charge, IC) (**MoS**) – Rao Inderjit Singh (Constituency- Gurugram, Haryana)

161. Who is the current (as of October '24) President of Colombia?

- 1) Irfaan Ali
- 2) Gustavo Petro
- 3) Santiago Peña
- 4) Gabriel Boric
- 5) Dina Boluarte

Answer- **2) Gustavo Petro**

Explanation:**About Colombia:**

President- Gustavo Petro

Capital – Bogotá

Currency – Colombian Peso

162. When was the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) established?

- 1) 1936
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1952
- 4) 1974
- 5) 1961

Answer- **5) 1961**

Explanation:

About World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF):

President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Carter Roberts

Headquarters– Gland, Switzerland

Established -1961

163. Where is the headquarters of the Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Russell situated?

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

Answer- 4) London, United Kingdom

Explanation:

About Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Russell:

It is a leading global index provider which manages a wide range of indices, data and analytic solutions to cater the diverse needs of its clients across the world.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Fiona Bassett

Headquarters- London, the United Kingdom (UK)

Established – 2015

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

- 1) 2012
- 2) 2014
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2017
- 5) 2019

Answer- 3) 2015

Explanation:

About National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog):

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

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

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Formed- 2015

165. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Forbes?

- 1) Mike Federle
- 2) Jack Landow
- 3) Lara Boro
- 4) John Borthwick
- 5) Joseph Giarraputo

Answer- 1) Mike Federle

Explanation:

About Forbes:

It is a global media company, focusing on business, investing, technology, entrepreneurship, leadership and lifestyle.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Mike Federle

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

Established- 1917

166. In which city, the International Institute of Administrative Sciences(IIAS) -Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances(DARPG) India Conference-2025 will be held?

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

Answer- **5) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (**DARPG**), Government of India (GoI) in collaboration with International Institute of Administrative Sciences (**IIAS**), Brussels will host the **IIAS-DARPG India Conference-2025** from 10 to 14 February 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The **theme** of the Conference is: “Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile”.
- The event will provide opportunities for academia, students, scholars, research institutions, Public Administrative Institutes like IIT/IIM/Universities/IIPA/ATI, etc. to interact with international experts and present their research work.

167. Which country has recently (in September '24) launched Operation “Sadbhav” to send urgent supplies to the countries devastated by Typhoon Yagi?

- 1) India
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **1) India**

Explanation:

On 15th September 2024, **India** launched Operation “**Sadbhav**” to send urgent supplies to the countries devastated by **Typhoon Yagi** that has claimed more than 200 lives so far. Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar, these three countries have been reeling under heavy floods after the Typhoon made landfall.

- The typhoon first made landfall in the Philippines. After striking the Philippines, Yagi continued its westward journey impacting southern China before affecting parts of Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos.

- India has sent humanitarian relief assistance worth USD 10,00,000 to Vietnam and USD 1,00,000 to Laos. The Indian Air Force transported 10 tonnes of relief materials to Laos, while 35 tonnes of aid is being sent to Vietnam.

168. Which state is set to host the 38th National Games from 28th January to 14th February, 2025?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **5) Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

The **38th National Games** will take place in **Uttarakhand** from 28th January to 14th February 2025. On 25th October 2024, the complete program will be unveiled during the general assembly meeting of the Indian Olympic Association. Additionally, Uttarakhand will also host the **Winter National Games**.

- The Uttarakhand government had developed infrastructure for the arrangements to accommodate the participants and visitors.
- The Games will feature competitions in 38 sports and over 10,000 athletes, officials, and coaches are expected to participate.

169. In which city, India has recently (in October '24) launched the 'Study in India' campaign at the 20th International Education Show?

- 1) Sharjah, UAE
- 2) Manila, Philippines
- 3) Montreal, Canada
- 4) Brussels, Belgium
- 5) Washington, DC, USA

Answer- **1) Sharjah, UAE**

Explanation:

India has officially launched its '**Study in India**' campaign at the 20th International Education Show in **Sharjah**, United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) marking a significant push to attract international students to its universities. The campaign was organised by EdCIL, a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Education.

- The 'Study in India' programme showcases over 590 Indian universities and institutions, offering a variety of courses and exclusive benefits such as fee waivers and scholarships for international students.
- The campaign highlights India's commitment to providing quality education at affordable prices, making it an attractive destination for students from developing countries. It also seeks to position India as a leading global education hub.

170. Which company has recently (in October '24) partnered with Startup India to help startups scale growth through e-commerce?

- 1) Swiggy
- 2) Meesho

- 3) Flipkart
- 4) Amazon
- 5) Ajo

Answer- **4) Amazon**

Explanation:

Amazon India has partnered with **Startup India** under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) to help startups scale growth through e-commerce.

- Through a dedicated page on the Startup India portal, the e-commerce firm and Startup India will work together to allow eligible startups to make use of e-commerce opportunities by registering on Amazon India's marketplace.
- Also, Amazon will work to empower select women entrepreneurs through its Saheli programme.

171. Who is the current (as of October '24) Director General (DG) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)?

- 1) Jean-Marie Paugam
- 2) Angela Ellard
- 3) Xiangchen Zhang
- 4) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- 5) Anabel González

Answer- **4) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**

Explanation:

About World Trade Organisation (WTO):

Director-General (**DG**)- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Established- 1995

172. Who is the current (as of October '24) Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)?

- 1) Omar Abdullah
- 2) Sakeena Masood
- 3) Surinder Kumar Choudhary
- 4) Chering Dorjay
- 5) Manoj Sinha

Answer- **5) Manoj Sinha**

Explanation:

About Jammu & Kashmir (J&K):

Capital- Jammu (in winter) and Srinagar (in summer)

Chief Minister (CM)- Omar Abdullah

Lieutenant Governor- Manoj Sinha

173. What is the capital of Tunisia?

- 1) Tunis
- 2) Beirut
- 3) Rabat
- 4) Algiers

5) Tripoli

Answer- **1) Tunis**

Explanation:

About Tunisia:

Prime Minister(**PM**)– Kamel Maddouri

Capital– Tunis

Currency– Tunisian Dinar

174. When was the Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) established?

1) 2002

2) 1999

3) 2008

4) 2001

5) 2000

Answer- **1) 2002**

Explanation:

About Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Elon Musk

Headquarters -Hawthorne, California, The United States of America (USA)

Founded – 14 March 2002

175. Where is the headquarters of Universal Postal Union (UPU) situated?

1) Vienna, Austria

2) Montreal, Canada

3) Bern, Switzerland

4) Washington, D.C., USA

5) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer- **3) Bern, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About the Universal Postal Union(UPU):

Director General(DG)– Masahiko Metoki

Established– 1874

Headquartered– Bern, Switzerland

Member countries– 192

176. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of Indian Air Force (IAF)?

1) Harjit Singh Arora

2) Sujeet Pushpakar Dharkar

3) V.R. Chaudhari

4) Amar Preet Singh

5) Birender Singh Dhanoa

Answer- **4) Amar Preet Singh**

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

Chief of the Air Staff(CAS)- Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh

Motto- Touch the sky with Glory (Nabhah Sparsam Diptam – नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्)

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1932

177. Which tennis championship has recently (in October '24) announced to replace line judges with Live Electronic Line Calling (Live ELC) from 2025?

- 1) Wimbledon
- 2) Australian Open
- 3) US Open
- 4) French Open
- 5) Paris Masters

Answer- 1) Wimbledon

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, All England Club confirmed that **Wimbledon** will replace all 300 line judges with Live Electronic Line Calling (**Live ELC**) from 2025, marking the end of a 147-year history.

- The line judges standing or crouching at the side and back of the grass courts has been a feature at the Grand Slam for 147 years.
- was first used as an experiment at the ATP Next Gen Finals in Milan in 2017. It will be used on all courts across ATP Tour events from 2025.

178. Which division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has recently (in October '24) announced the partnership of the UMANG app with DigiLocker to provide citizens easy access to a wide range of government services?

- 1) National Knowledge Network
- 2) National e-Governance Division
- 3) e-Governance Infrastructure
- 4) R & D in Electronics Division
- 5) Internet Governance

Answer- 2) National e-Governance Division

Explanation:

The National e-Governance Division (**NeGD**) has announced the integration of the **UMANG** app with **DigiLocker**- India's Digital Wallet. This collaboration aims to provide citizens with seamless access to a wide range of government services bringing greater convenience and allowing users to manage multiple services through a single platform.

- DigiLocker is a flagship initiative under the Digital India program aimed at providing secure cloud-based storage of essential documents.
- By integrating with e-governance services such as UMANG, DigiLocker further is committed to further enhance accessibility and ease of living.
- The UMANG app is a mobile application that provides citizens with access to a variety of government services and information.

179. Which Indian naval ship participated in the maritime partnership Carrier Strike Groups exercise held in October 2024 between Indian Navy and Italian Navy?

- 1) INS Kesari
- 2) INS Godavari
- 3) INS Airavat
- 4) INS Sindhughosh
- 5) INS Vikramaditya

Ans - **5) INS Vikramaditya**

Explanation:

The Italian Navy's flagship aircraft carrier, **ITS Cavour**, and the Indian Navy's **INS Vikramaditya** held their first-ever carrier exercise off the coast of Goa from 1st to 6th October 2024.

- Along with INS Visakhapatnam and ITS Alpino, the carriers INS Vikramaditya and ITS Cavour led the exercise's sea phase, which took place on October 5 and 6.
- During the exercise, Indian Navy's Mig-29K fighters and IAF's Su-30MKI, Rafale and early warning aircraft exercised with F-35Bs and other aerial assets of the Italian CSG.

180. When is the 40th National Security Guard (NSG) Raising Day annually observed across India?

- 1) 14th September 2024
- 2) 30th September 2024
- 3) 14th October 2024
- 4) 16th October 2024
- 5) 19th October 2024

Answer- **4) 16th October 2024**

Explanation:

On 16th October 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his wishes to National Security Guard (**NSG**) **personnel** on **NSG Raising Day** and commended them for their unwavering dedication and bravery in protecting the nation.

- He said on the occasion of NSG Raising Day India salutes all NSG personnel for their unwavering dedication, courage and determination in safeguarding India.
- Home Minister Amit Shah also greeted NSG personnel and their families on NSG Raising Day.

181. Where is the Melghat Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

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

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About Maharashtra:

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

Governor– C.P. Radhakrishnan

Wildlife Sanctuary-Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Melghat Wildlife Sanctuary

182. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chief Executive Officer of L&T Technology Services Limited (LTTS)?

- 1) Apurva Purohit
- 2) Amit Chadha
- 3) S. N. Subrahmanyam
- 4) Narayanan Kumar
- 5) Abhishek Sinha

Answer- **2) Amit Chadha**

Explanation:

About L&T Technology Services Limited (LTTS):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Amit Chadha

Headquarter: Vadodara, Gujarat

Founded- 2012

183. The currency of Lao PDR is Laotian _____.

- 1) Lek
- 2) Kip
- 3) Rial
- 4) Krone
- 5) Ngultrum

Answer- **2) Kip**

Explanation:

About Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

Prime Minister – Sonexay Siphandone

Capital – Vientiane

Currency – Laotian Kip

184. Who is the current (as of October '24) President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)?

- 1) Michelle Bachelet
- 2) Kao Kim Hourn
- 3) Volker Türk
- 4) Omar Zniber
- 5) Filippo Grandi

Answer- **4) Omar Zniber**

Explanation:

About the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC):

UNHRC is an intergovernmental body within the United Nations system which is responsible for human rights.

President- Omar Zniber

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Founded- 2006

185. Where is the headquarters of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) situated?

- 1) Bangkok, Thailand
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 4) Vientiane, Laos
- 5) Manila, Philippines

Answer- **2) Jakarta, Indonesia**

Explanation:

About the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Secretary-General – Kao Kim Hourn

Headquarters – Jakarta, Indonesia

Founded – August 1967

Member States– 10

186. Who is the current (as of October '24) Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy?

- 1) Manoj Pande
- 2) Dinesh K Tripathi
- 3) R. Hari Kumar
- 4) Tarun Sobti
- 5) Krishna Swaminathan

Answer- **5) Krishna Swaminathan**

Explanation:

About Indian Navy(IN):

Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)– Dinesh K Tripathi

Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS)– Krishna Swaminathan

Founded– 1950

187. Where is the Abubshahar Wildlife Sanctuary located?

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

Answer- **1) Haryana**

Explanation:

About Haryana:

Governor– Bandaru Dattatreya

Chief Minister (CM)– Nayab Singh Saini

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Abubshahar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary

188. Where is the headquarters of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) situated?

- 1) The Hague, Netherlands
- 2) Vienna, Austria

- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Washington, D.C., USA
- 5) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer- **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About the International Organization for Standardization (ISO):

President – Sung Hwan Cho

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Established in – 1947

189. Who is the current (as of October '24) Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?

- 1) Catherine Russell
- 2) Hannan Sulieman
- 3) Victor Aguayo
- 4) Omar Abdi
- 5) Terry Durnnian

Answer- **1) Catherine Russell**

Explanation:

About United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Purpose – To provide humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide.

Executive Director – Catherine Russell

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

Founded – 1946

190. Name the hurricane that has recently (in October '24) formed in the Atlantic Ocean.

- 1) Hurricane Fiona
- 2) Hurricane Milton
- 3) Hurricane Helene
- 4) Hurricane Francine
- 5) Hurricane Michael

Answer- **2) Hurricane Milton**

Explanation:

On 5th October 2024, **Tropical Storm Milton** formed in the Atlantic Ocean, on 6th October storm turned into **Hurricane Milton**

- Hurricane Milton made landfall on October 9 in Florida, a region still suffering the effects of Hurricane Helene. The initial impact zone was near Siesta Key on Florida's central west coast.
- Milton crossed Florida and headed into the Atlantic on October 10 and 11.

191. Which Artificial Intelligence (AI) model has recently (in October '24) upgraded its image generation model Imagen 3?

- 1) Copilot
- 2) ChatGPT
- 3) Perplexity AI
- 4) Gemini

5) Meta AI

Answer- **4) Gemini**

Explanation:

Google has announced a major update to its AI model **Gemini** incorporating its latest image generation model **Imagen 3** to power the visual capabilities of the Gemini chatbot.

- Imagen 3 offers greater versatility, improved prompt understanding, higher quality images, and better text rendering.
- It is the best quality image generating model ever, delivering an even higher level of photorealism, better instruction following, and less distracting artefacts than ever before.

192. Name the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Standard Chartered's India and South Asia who will be retiring on April 1, 2025.

1) Noel Quinn

2) José Viñals

3) Bill Winters

4) Zarin Daruwala

5) Kevin McGeeney

Answer- **4) Zarin Daruwala**

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, **Standard Chartered** announced **Zarin Daruwala** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Standard Chartered India & South Asia has decided to retire from 1st April 2025.

- Zarin joined the Bank in 2016 as CEO of Standard Chartered India, capping a more than 35 years in the banking career.

193. Which company has been recently (in October '24) awarded the prestigious Mahatma Award 2024 under the 'CSR Excellence and Social Impact' category?

1) CEAT Tyres

2) Apollo Tyres

3) MRF Limited

4) Bridgestone

5) JK Tyre & Industries

Answer- **5) JK Tyre & Industries**

Explanation:

JK Tyre & Industries, India's leading tyre manufacturer has been awarded the prestigious **Mahatma Award 2024** under the 'CSR Excellence and Social Impact' category at the ceremony held in New Delhi on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's 155th birthday.

- The company has made a significant impact on people's lives through its dedicated efforts toward sustainable development and community building.
- JK Tyre provides a number of initiatives focused on water conservation, healthcare, education, and the environment and also adult literacy programs, the adoption of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), skill development initiatives, assistance for self-help groups, and healthcare for children and women.

194. Who is the author of the recently (in October '24) released book 'War'?

- 1) Nick Schifrin
- 2) Bob Woodward
- 3) John Carreyrou
- 4) Shane Bauer
- 5) Patrick Radden Keefe

Answer- **2) Bob Woodward**

Explanation:

Legendary journalist **Bob Woodward** wrote a book titled "**War**" and published on 15th October 2024. The book "War" is about war in Ukraine, war in the Middle East and a war for the American presidency.

- This much awaited book explores the power struggles between Russian President Vladimir Putin, current President Joe Biden, and former U.S. President Donald Trump, offering startling new perspectives on their leadership and the present world challenges.
- The book was published by Simon & Schuster.

195. Who has recently (in October '24) created a world record as the youngest person to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 metres?

- 1) Kami Rita Sherpa
- 2) Apa Sherpa
- 3) Mingma Gyabu Sherpa
- 4) Nima Rinji Sherpa
- 5) Lhakpa Sherpa

Answer- **4) Nima Rinji Sherpa**

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, **Nima Rinji Sherpa**, a Sherpa climber from Nepal created a world record as the youngest person at 18 to summit all 14 peaks above **8,000 metres** after he reached the summit of **Mount Shishapangma**. This Expedition was organised by Seven Summit Treks.

- Nima's achievement was confirmed by the Nepal Mountaineering Association
- Nima started his epic journey in September 2022 when he climbed Nepal's 8,163m Manaslu. Over the next two years, he summited all 14 "8000ers" including Everest, the world's highest mountain at 8,848.86m, and the notoriously dangerous K2 at 8,611m.

196. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) celebrated the completion of two years of Tele MANAS?

- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Communications
- 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 4) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer- **5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

Explanation:

On 11th October 2024, the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** celebrated the completion of two years of National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP), Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking across States (**Tele MANAS**) on World Mental Health Day.

- NTMHP was launched by the Government of India (GoI) on 10th October 2022.
- Tele MANAS offers 24/7 free mental health support through phone-based services, ensuring that individuals across India can easily access the help they need.
- The aim of Tele MANAS is to provide universal access to equitable, affordable, and quality mental health care through a tele-mental health service.

197. Which University has recently (in October '24) launched the Climate Institute with a focus on the Global South?

- 1) Ahmedabad University, Gujarat
- 2) Calcutta University, West Bengal
- 3) Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- 4) Anna University, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Mizoram University, Mizoram

Answer- **1) Ahmedabad University, Gujarat**

Explanation:

Ahmedabad University has launched **The Climate Institute** to address global growth that has been driven by fossil fuels, leading to climate change and environmental degradation, focusing on three key aspects of research, education and impact.

- The Institute is developing India's first comprehensive Climate, Energy, and Environmental education programme, preparing future leaders to tackle global climate issues.
- The Institute operates across three verticals: Energy and Climate Change, Cities and Settlements, and Air and Water.

198. Where is the headquarters of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) situated?

- 1) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **5) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**)- Dr. D.K. Sunil

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established in- 1940

199. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO)?

- 1) Atul Dinkar Rane
- 2) Samir Vankatpati Kamat
- 3) G Satheesh Reddy
- 4) Sanjay Seth
- 5) Upendra Kumar Singh

Answer- **2) Samir Vankatpati Kamat**

Explanation:

About Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO):

It is the Research and Development (R&D) wing of the Ministry of the Defence (MoD), (GoI).

Chairman- Dr. Samir Vankatpati Kamat

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

Established-1958

200. Who is the current (as of October '24) Governor of Madhya Pradesh?

- 1) C. H. Vijayashankar
- 2) Conrad Sangma
- 3) Mohan Yadav
- 4) Mangubhai C. Patel
- 5) C. P. Radhakrishnan

Answer- 4) Mangubhai C. Patel

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister (CM)- Mohan Yadav

Governor- Mangubhai C. Patel

Capital- Bhopal

National Parks (NPs)- Bandhavgarh NP, Kanha NP

201. Where is the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) located?

- 1) Berlin, Germany
- 2) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 3) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) Tokyo, Japan

Answer- 3) Abu Dhabi, UAE

Explanation:

About International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA):

Director-General (DG)- Francesco La Camera

Headquarters- Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Established- 2011

202. Which among the following companies/organisations is a CPSE Navratna Enterprise (as of October '24)?

- 1) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) Airports Authority of India
- 4) GAIL India Limited
- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency

Answer- 5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency

Explanation:

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency(IREDA):

IREDA is a Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) 'Navratna' category non-banking financial institution, engaged in promoting, developing and extending financial support to set up sustainable projects.

Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) - Pradip Kumar Das

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1987

203. In which year was the International Labour Organisation (ILO) established?

- 1) 1919
- 2) 1914
- 3) 1908
- 4) 1916
- 5) 1920

Answer- **1) 1919**

Explanation:

About International Labour Organisation (ILO):

Director-General (DG) - Gilbert Houngbo

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Member nations- 187

Established- 1919

204. Which country has named the recently (in October '24) formed Cyclone 'Dana'?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Qatar
- 3) Oman
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- **2) Qatar**

Explanation:

Cyclone Dana has formed over the east-central Bay of Bengal and is likely to move north-westwards and intensify into a severe cyclone over the northwest Bay of Bengal. It was expected to cross the **North Odisha** and **West Bengal** coasts between **Puri** and **Sagar Island** from 24th October to 25th October.

- Cyclone Dana named by **Qatar**, carries the meaning of "generosity" in Arabic. The name also symbolises "the most perfectly sized, valuable, and exquisite pearl" in Arabic.

205. Which company has recently (in October '24) partnered with Bharti Airtel to launch the 'Green 5G' initiative to reduce carbon emissions?

- 1) Nokia
- 2) Samsung
- 3) Vodafone
- 4) Motorola
- 5) Vivo

Answer- **1) Nokia**

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel has collaborated with **Nokia** to advance its "**Green 5G**" initiative, focusing on making its 4G and 5G mobile networks more energy efficient and to reduce carbon emissions.

- This collaboration will focus on enhancing energy efficiency across Airtel's extensive 4G/5G Radio Access Network (RAN) by leveraging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) as well as a suite of advanced software features and innovative solutions.
- In addition to improving energy efficiency during peak and off-peak hours, the all-inclusive solution is anticipated to lower Airtel's yearly carbon emissions by an estimated 143,413 metric tons of CO₂.

206. In which year was the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) founded?

- 1) 1891
- 2) 1895
- 3) 1900
- 4) 1902
- 5) 1870

Answer- **2) 1895**

Explanation:

About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

President – Sanjiv Puri

Headquarters – New Delhi, India

Founded – 1895

207. Who is the current (as of October '24) Prime Minister of Mauritius?

- 1) Anerood Jugnauth
- 2) Eddy Boissézon
- 3) Prithvirajsing Roopun
- 4) Pravind Jugnauth
- 5) Kailesh Jagutpal

Answer- **4) Pravind Jugnauth**

Explanation:

About Mauritius:

Prime Minister (PM) – Pravind Jugnauth

Capital – Port Louis

Currency – Mauritian Rupee

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

- 1) 1980
- 2) 1975
- 3) 1977
- 4) 1982
- 5) 1972

Answer- **3) 1977**

Explanation:

About Indian Coast Guard (ICG):

It was established by the Coast Guard Act, 1978 on February 1, 1977.

Director General (DG)– Paramesh Sivamani

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

209. Who is the current (as of October '24) Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?

- 1) Kamala Harris
- 2) Pam Melroy
- 3) Joe Acaba
- 4) Joe Biden
- 5) Bill Nelson

Answer- **5) Bill Nelson**

Explanation:

About National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):

Administrator– Bill Nelson

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

Established– 1958

210. Where is the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) headquartered?

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

Answer- **1) Munich, Germany**

Explanation:

About International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF):

ISSF is the world governing body of shooting events at the Olympic Games.

President – Luciano Rossi

Founded– 1907

Headquarters– Munich, Germany

211. Who is the current (as of October '24) Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)?

- 1) Richard Bailey
- 2) Natalia Alonso Cano
- 3) Kamal Kishore
- 4) Amjad Abbashar
- 5) Paola Albrito

Answer- **3) Kamal Kishore**

Explanation:

About United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR):

The UNDRR is a member of the UN Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG).

Head– Kamal Kishore

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Established – 1999

212. In which year was the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) founded?

- 1) 1972
- 2) 1975
- 3) 1960
- 4) 1974
- 5) 1980

Answer- **2) 1975**

Explanation:

About International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB):

President – Caroline Casey

Founded – 1975

Headquarters – London, the United Kingdom(UK)

213. In which year was the “Bharat 6G Vision” introduced?

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2024
- 3) 2019
- 4) 2023
- 5) 2020

Answer- **4) 2023**

Explanation:

Bharat 6G Vision, a plan by the Government of India (GoI), was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March **2023** with an aim to make India a global leader in 6G technology by **2030**. The Bharat 6G Vision is founded on the principles of affordability, sustainability, and ubiquity.

- The objective of this vision is to create and deploy 6G network technologies that provide secure, intelligent, and pervasive connectivity, enabling people all over the world to live better lives.
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has funded two next-generation testbeds to advance 6G research. DoT is also evaluating 470 proposals on "Accelerated research on 6G Ecosystem".

214. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) co-organized the India Digital Agri Conference 2024 with IIT Ropar Technology and Innovation Foundation (TIF) – AwaDH in New Delhi?

- 1) The Food and Agriculture Organization
- 2) Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- 3) The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- 4) National Commission on Farmers
- 5) Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture

Answer- **5) Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture**

Explanation:

On 11th October 2024, The India Digital Agri Conference 2024, co-organized by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and IIT Ropar Technology and Innovation Foundation (TIF) – AwaDH at New Delhi, Delhi.

- The purpose is to improve rural livelihoods and enable improved decision-making by providing farmers with real-time information and support tools.
- This conference aimed to foster knowledge exchange, showcase cutting-edge innovations, and encourage cross-sector collaboration including policymakers, industry experts, entrepreneurs, academicians, researchers, and farmers.
- The event has shown the way to shape the future of agriculture in the digital era, positioning it for sustainable growth and development.

215. For which states, the Government has recently (in October '24) released the first instalment of the 15th Finance Commission (XV FC) grants for the financial year 2024-25 to the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs)?

- 1) Maharashtra and Haryana
- 2) Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Assam and Meghalaya
- 4) Karnataka and West Bengal
- 5) Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan

Answer- 5) Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan

Explanation:

The Union Government has released the first instalment of the **15th Finance Commission (XV FC)** grants for 2024-25 to Rural Local Bodies (**RLBs**) in **Andhra Pradesh** and **Rajasthan**.

- Andhra Pradesh has received untied grants amounting to Rs 395.5091 crores and tied grants totalling Rs 593.2639 crores. These funds are for duly elected 9 eligible District Panchayats, 615 eligible Block Panchayats, and 12,853 eligible Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh.
- While in Rajasthan, untied grants of Rs 507.1177 crores and tied grants of Rs 760.6769 crores have been released for the duly elected 22 eligible District Panchayats, 287 eligible Block Panchayats and 9,068 eligible Gram Panchayats in the state.

216. The Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for major agricultural products are fixed by the government of India based on recommendations of _____.

- 1) National Commission on Farmers
- 2) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- 3) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
- 4) National Advisory Committee
- 5) Committee on Doubling on Farmer's Income

Answer- 3) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

Explanation:

The Minimum Support Prices (**MSP**) for major agricultural products are fixed by the government each year after taking into account the recommendations of the **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)**.

- CACP recommends MSPs of 23 commodities, which comprise 7 cereals (paddy, wheat, maize, sorghum, pearl millet, barley and ragi), 5 pulses (gram, tur, moong, urad, lentil), 7 oilseeds

(groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean, seasmum, sunflower, safflower, nigerseed), and 4 commercial crops (copra, sugarcane, cotton and raw jute).

- CACP is mandated to recommend minimum support prices (MSPs) to incentivize the cultivators to adopt modern technology, and raise productivity and overall grain production in line with the emerging demand patterns in India.

217. According to Forbes, the combined wealth of India's top 100 Richest tycoons breached the mark of _____ for the 1st time.

- 1) USD 1.3 trillion
- 2) USD 1 trillion
- 3) USD 856 billion
- 4) USD 799 billion
- 5) USD 654 billion

Answer- **2) USD 1 trillion**

Explanation:

According to the Forbes, the combined wealth of India's top 100 Richest tycoons breached the mark of USD 1 trillion for the 1st time as total wealth of these individuals increased significantly by **40%** i.e. from USD 799 billion (in 2023) **to USD 1.1 trillion** (in 2024) which is more than twice in 2019.

- This increase is mainly due to the robust performance of the stock market, with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Sensex rising 30% since 2023.
- As per the Forbes, over 80% of those on the list are wealthier, with 58 individuals having added USD 1 billion or above to their fortunes.
- For year 2024, the minimum net worth to enter the Forbes list increased from USD 2.3billion (in 2023) to **USD 3.3 billion** (in 2024), which led to the exclusion of 11 billionaires from this year list.

218. Which country has recently (in October '24) topped the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun 2024 with 8 medals?

- 1) Italy
- 2) France
- 3) Germany
- 4) China
- 5) India

Answer- **4) China**

Explanation:

China topped the medal tally of the International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) **World Cup Final Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun 2024** with 8 medals (5 Gold and 3 Bronze) followed by Italy with 5 medals (1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze) and Germany with 3 Medals (1 Gold and 2 Silver).

- ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun was held from 13th to 18th October 2024 in Dr Karni Singh Range, New Delhi, Delhi.
- 2024 Paris Olympic medalist Yuting Huang of China won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle.

219. Who has recently (in October '24) won the Shanghai Masters in China by defeating 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic?

- 1) Jannik Sinner
- 2) Shang Juncheng
- 3) Carlos Alcaraz
- 4) Daniil Medvedev
- 5) Amanda Anisimova

Answer- **1) Jannik Sinner**

Explanation:

On 13th October 2024, World No.1 **Jannik Sinner** became the youngest man to win the **Shanghai Masters** after beating the 24-time Grand Slam champion **Novak Djokovic** in straight sets in the final in China.

- The 23-year-old also became the first Italian to claim the title and won his fourth ATP Masters 1000 title.
- Sinner also became the first man to win more than six titles in a calendar year since former tennis star, Andy Murray, won nine titles back in 2016.

220. Which desert has recently (in October '24) flooded with water for the first time in 50 years?

- 1) Sahara Desert, Africa
- 2) Thar Desert, India
- 3) Lut Desert, Iran
- 4) Mojave Desert, California
- 5) Atacama Desert, Chile

Answer- **1) Sahara Desert, Africa**

Explanation:

The **Sahara Desert**, one of the world's most dry and arid regions, has experienced severe flooding after two days of torrential rainfall in southeastern Morocco. This rainfall exceeded the region's typical yearly averages, creating a rare and intense situation for the typically arid landscape.

- According to Morocco's meteorology agency, the village of Tagounite located 450 km south of the capital Rabat received over 100 mm of rain in just 24 hours in September. Just 2 days of rainfall surpassed the yearly average of 250 mm, including in most arid areas.
- Lake Iriqui is filled with rainwater which is a famous lake bed between Zagora and Tata and has been dry for 50 years.

221. Which country has recently (in October '24) become the third largest provider of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF's) health and nutrition support to children globally?

- 1) Iran
- 2) China
- 3) Japan
- 4) India
- 5) Singapore

Answer- **4) India**

Explanation:

Indian suppliers are the **third largest provider** of The United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF's**) health and nutrition support to children globally.

- Indian businesses have supplied goods and services worth nearly USD 6 billion to UNICEF for its global work.
- This contribution includes vaccines, pharmaceuticals, and nutrition supplies that are vital for addressing children's health and nutritional needs worldwide.

222. When is the International Day of Diplomats celebrated annually across the globe?

- 1) September 24
- 2) September 30
- 3) October 21
- 4) October 24
- 5) October 19

Answer- **4) October 24**

Explanation:

The **International Day of Diplomats** is celebrated every year on **October 24** honouring the invaluable role that diplomats play in maintaining international relations, fostering peace, and promoting cooperation between countries.

- This day was first commemorated in Brasília, Brazil in 2017 by Indian diplomat Abhay Kumar. This celebration brought together diplomats from various countries, including India, Bangladesh, France, South Africa, and Israel.
- The day emphasizes the need to appreciate the hard work, patience, and skill required in international diplomacy often overlooked by the general public.

223. Where is the headquarters of SKYBER Aerospace Private Limited situated?

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

Answer- **5) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:**About SKYBER Aerospace Private Limited:**

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Joseph George

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

Establishment– 2023

224. Who is the current (as of October '24) Union Minister of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD)?

- 1) B. L. Verma
- 2) Ravneet Singh
- 3) Pralhad Joshi
- 4) Chirag Paswan
- 5) Pabitra Margherita

Answer- 3) Pralhad Joshi

Explanation:

About Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD):

Union Minister– Pralhad Joshi (Constituency- Dharwad, Karnataka)

Ministers of State (MoS)- Banwari Lal (BL) Verma (Rajya Sabha- Uttar Pradesh(UP); Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya (Constituency- Bhavnagar, Gujarat).

225. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD), established in _____.

- 1) 2008
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2014
- 4) 2019
- 5) 2007

Answer- 2) 2020

Explanation:

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (**CCPA**), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) was established on 20 July 2020 under the Consumer Protection Act of 2019.

Chief Commissioner of CCPA - Commissioner Nidhi Khare

226. Who is the current (as of October '24) Secretary General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)?

- 1) Zhang Ming
- 2) Wang Yi
- 3) Xi Jinping
- 4) Fu Cong
- 5) Chen Xu

Answer- 1) Zhang Ming

Explanation:

About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO):

SCO was formed on **15th June 2001**, in **Shanghai**, China, to boost mutual trust among member states, promote cooperation in trade, economics, science, and technology, and jointly maintain peace, security, and stability in the region.

Secretary-General – Zhang Ming

Members– Belarus, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Headquarters – Beijing, China

227. In which year was the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) launched?

- 1) 2023
- 2) 2024
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2016
- 5) 2019

Answer- **1) 2023**

Explanation:

The Global Biofuels Alliance (**GBA**) was launched by **India** during its G20 presidency in **2023** led by the Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi. The GBA aims to bring together the largest biofuel producers and consumers to accelerate the development and deployment of biofuels worldwide.

- It is a multistakeholder initiative that includes governments, international organisations, and industries. The initiating members of the alliance are India, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Italy, Mauritius, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States of America (USA).
- The Alliance consists of 27 countries and 12 international organisations as its members.

228. Which country will host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in 2025?

- 1) China
- 2) Moscow
- 3) India
- 4) Peru
- 5) Brazil

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President Luciano Rossi confirmed that **India** will host the **ISSF Junior World Cup** in 2025. India has been awarded the hosting rights.

- This milestone decision underscores India's growing influence in the world of shooting sports and its commitment to fostering talent at the junior level.
- Mr. Rossi also hailed India's increasing contribution to the development and growing popularity of shooting around the world.

229. Which cricket team has recently (in October '24) set a new record score for T20 international cricket by posting a highest-ever team total of 344 for 4 at the Ruaraka Sports Club Ground in Nairobi, Kenya?

- 1) Gambia
- 2) Nepal
- 3) India
- 4) Afghanistan
- 5) Zimbabwe

Answer- **5) Zimbabwe**

Explanation:

On 23rd October 2024, **Zimbabwe** cricket team created history by posting the highest-ever team total in T20 internationals amassing **344 for 4** against Gambia during a Group B clash at the **T20 World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier** in Nairobi, Kenya.

- The total surpassed the previous record of 314 by Nepal against Mongolia in the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- Captain **Sikandar Raza** scored 133 not out from just 43 balls, hammering 15 sixes in his innings.

- He reached his century in just 33 balls, he is the second player to score a T20I century for Zimbabwe. His achievement matches the fastest T20I centuries on record, equaling the 33-ball century by Namibia's Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton earlier in 2024.

230. Who has been recently (in October '24) given the additional charge of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of public procurement portal Government e Marketplace (GeM)?

- 1) P K Singh
- 2) Nitin Yadav
- 3) Manoj Kumar
- 4) L Satya Srinivas
- 5) Prashant Kumar Singh

Answer- **4) L Satya Srinivas**

Explanation:

The government has given **L Satya Srinivas**, Additional Secretary in Department of Commerce, the additional charge of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of public procurement portal Government e Marketplace (GeM).

- The previous CEO of GeM P K Singh has been appointed as secretary in the renewable energy ministry.
- Srinivas is an officer of the 1991 batch of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Indirect Taxes).

231. Who has recently (in October '24) broke the women's world record in the Chicago Marathon?

- 1) Tigst Assefa
- 2) Ruth Chepngetich
- 3) Irine Cheptai
- 4) Sifan Hassan
- 5) Sutume Kebede

Answer- **2) Ruth Chepngetich**

Explanation:

On 13th October 2024, Kenya's **Ruth Chepngetich** broke the women's world record in the **Chicago Marathon**, taking nearly two minutes off the previous best to win in 2:09:56, making her the first woman to run under **2:10** in marathon history.

- Chepngetich's remarkable performance surpassed the previous record of 2:11:53 set by Ethiopian runner Tigst Assefa at the Berlin Marathon in 2023.
- Ethiopia's Sutume Kebede crossed the line seven minutes and 36 seconds later while Kenyan Irine Cheptai (2:17:51) was third.

232. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the Director General Medical Services (Navy)?

- 1) Naveen Chawla
- 2) Paramesh Sivamani
- 3) Sadhna Saxena Nair
- 4) Arti Sarin
- 5) Kavita Sahai

Answer- **5) Kavita Sahai**

Explanation:

On 14th October 2024, Surgeon Vice Admiral **Kavita Sahai**, SM, VSM, assumed charge as **Director General Medical Services (Navy)**. Commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on December 30, 1986, she has a distinguished career in military medicine.

- She is the first woman officer to be elected as Col Commandant of Army Medical Corps.
- She has a special interest in Medical Education and was awarded the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) Fellowship for advancement of Med Education from Philadelphia, USA in 2013-14.
- She has been awarded the Sena Medal in 2024 and Vishisht Seva Medal in 2018.

233. Who has recently (in October '24) set a new national record in 76 kg Senior section women category in IWLFF National Weightlifting Championships in Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) Sangita Sadanidhar
- 2) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 3) Rakhi
- 4) Heena
- 5) Himanshee

Answer- **2) Harmanpreet Kaur**

Explanation:

On 11th October 2024, **Harmanpreet Kaur** set a new national record in **76 kg** Senior section women category and won gold medal in Indian Weightlifting Federation (**IWLFF**) **National Weightlifting Championships** at Rainbow Khelo India Residential Academy, Nagrota Bagwan in Himachal Pradesh.

- In the Junior section, **Heena** lifted 123 kg in clean & jerk and 211 kg in total and set a new record in the 76 kg category.
- G. Ravishankar also set a new national record with a combined lift of 311 kg, surpassing the previous record of 304 kg held by Ramkaran Prajapati in the Junior section.

234. Who has recently (in October '24) became the first IPS officer to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth International Classic Bench Press Competition 2024 in South Africa?

- 1) Anita Roy
- 2) Ranjeeta
- 3) Bhavana Sharma
- 4) Vanshika Patidar
- 5) Supriya Supekar

Answer- **1) Anita Roy**

Explanation:

Anita Roy Senior Superintendent of Police (**SSP**) in **Puducherry** became the first IPS officer to bag the gold medal in this powerlifting competition by **lifting 70 kg** in the **Commonwealth International Classic Bench Press Competition 2024** held in Sun City, South Africa.

- She competed and won among competitors from 43 countries.
- In 2023 she won the National bench press championship held in Bengaluru to be nominated to the world bench press championship held in Texas.

235. When is the International Dwarfism Awareness Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) September 25
- 2) September 30
- 3) October 19
- 4) October 23
- 5) October 25

Answer- **5) October 25**

Explanation:

International Dwarfism Awareness Day is annually observed on **25th October**. This day is to remember the little people, also called dwarfs and to raise awareness about the lives and challenges faced by people with dwarfism.

- Dwarfism is short stature that results from a genetic or medical condition. It is generally defined as an adult height of less than 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters).
- The day also spreads awareness for Achondroplasia, a bone growth disorder that causes dwarfism.

236. Who is the current (as of October' 24) Secretary General of Supreme Court of India (SCI)?

- 1)Puneet Sehgal
- 2)Rakesh Kumar
- 3)Pavanesh D
- 4)D Y Chandrachud
- 5)Atul Madhukar Kurhekar

Ans - **5) Atul Madhukar Kurhekar**

Explanation:

About Supreme Court of India (SCI):

SCI established on January 26, 1950, is the highest judicial authority under the Indian Constitution, as mandated by Article 124.

Secretary General- Atul Madhukar Kurhekar

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

237. Who is the current (as of October '24) Union Minister of the Ministry of Textiles?

- 1)Giriraj Singh
- 2)Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya
- 3)Raksha Nikhil Khadse
- 4)Ravneet Singh
- 5)Pabitra Margherita

Ans - 1) Giriraj Singh

Explanation:

About Ministry of Textiles (MoT):

Union Minister- Giriraj Singh (Constituency- Begusarai, Bihar)

Minister of State (**MoS**)- Pabitra Margherita (Rajya Sabha- Assam)

238. Who is the current (in October'24) Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- 1)Imran Khawaja
- 2)Geoffrey John Allardice

3) Jay Shah

4) Greg Barclay

5) Shashank Manohar

Ans - **4) Greg Barclay**

Explanation:

About International Cricket Council (ICC):

Chairman- Greg Barclay

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Geoffrey John Allardice

Headquarters- Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Established- 1909

239. Which among the following is the nodal ministry of India AI Mission?

1) Ministry of Science and Technology

2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

3) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

4) Ministry of Education

5) Ministry of Communications

Ans - **3) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

Explanation:

In **March 2024**, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved **India AI mission** with budget outlay of Rs 10,371.92 crore (USD 1.25 billion) for over the next 5 years.

- It aims to democratise the benefits of AI across all strata of society, strengthen India's global leadership in AI, promote technological self-reliance, and ensure ethical and responsible use of AI.
- It is being implemented by 'India AI' Independent Business Division (IBD) under the Digital India Corporation (DIC) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**).

240. Who has recently (in October '24) won the Women's Singles Title at the Bendigo International Challenge badminton tournament title in Australia?

1) Tung Ciou-Tong

2) Anmol Kharb

3) Unnati Hooda

4) Tanya Hemanth

5) Yann Jaslyn Hooi

Answer- **4) Tanya Hemanth**

Explanation:

On 13th October 2024, India's **Tanya Hemanth** beat Tung Ciou-Tong of Chinese Taipei in straight games to win the **women's singles title** at the Bendigo International Challenge badminton tournament title in Bendigo, Australia.

- This was Tanya's third international title. She finished runner-up at the Polish Open and Azerbaijan International in 2024. She won titles at the India International in 2022 and Iran Fajr International in 2023.
- In the men's doubles final, the top-seeded Indian pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi lost to the Taipei duo of Chen Cheng Kuan and Po Li-Wei.

241. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in October '24) introduced a compact device for early detection of breast cancer at an affordable cost?

- 1) IIT Kanpur
- 2) IIT Delhi
- 3) IIT Indore
- 4) IIT Patna
- 5) IIT Kharagpur

Answer- **3) IIT Indore**

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Indore** has developed a compact device for early detection of **breast cancer** especially among women in rural and remote areas at an "incredibly" affordable cost.

- This device was developed by Prof Srivathsan Vasudevan of the Department of Electrical Engineering of IIT Indore. It aims at saving the lives of patients by detecting breast cancer in its early stages.
- The device is based on the principle of Photoacoustic Spectral Response (PASR), which combines optical and acoustic signals to detect abnormal tissue changes.

242. Name the chatbotAI that was recently (in October '24) launched by the Punjab Police to assist with cybercrime queries.

- 1) Cyber Mittar
- 2) Cyber Saarthi
- 3) Cyber Mitra
- 4) Cyber Connect
- 5) Cyber Cop

Answer- **1) Cyber Mittar**

Explanation:

Punjab Police has launched '**Cyber Mittar**' chatbot to assist with cybercrime queries. As part of the state's attempts to improve real-time cybercrime reporting and resolution, the Punjab Cyber Crime Cell is leading the program.

- To tackle real time cybercrime reporting, Punjab Cyber Crime Cell have upscaled and increased our capabilities on #Helpline 1930 and on the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting & Management System (CFCFRMS).
- Cyber Mittar Chatbot provides 24x7 support, ensuring instant access to information and confidential reporting to safeguard citizens' details.

243. Which state's postal circle has recently (in October '24) released a special cover to honour Ratan Tata's contributions to industry and philanthropy?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **5) Bihar**

Explanation:

On 10th October 2024, In a tribute to the legacy of **Ratan Naval Tata**, the **Bihar Postal Circle** released a special cover honouring chairman emeritus of Tata Sons. The special cover was unveiled by Anil Kumar, Chief Postmaster General of the Bihar Circle in Patna.

- This release honours Ratan Naval Tata's numerous contributions to industry, philanthropy, and national development. His visionary leadership and commitment to social causes have inspired millions across the nation.

244. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Sweden?

- 1) A R Anuradha
- 2) R. Ravindra
- 3) Dr. Neena Malhotra
- 4) Chitra Narayanan
- 5) Manish Prabhat

Answer- **3) Dr. Neena Malhotra**

Explanation:

The Government of India has appointed **Dr Neena Malhotra** as India's next Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden. She is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

- Currently, Dr Neena Malhotra is serving as a Special Duty Officer in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- She has served as the Indian Ambassador to Italy, the Republic of San Marino, and the United Nations Organisations in Rome.

245. Which company has recently (in October '24) announced that its Goa plant is classified as 'Official Action Indicated' (OAI) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration?

- 1) Aarti Drugs Limited
- 2) Indoco Remedies Limited
- 3) Cipla Limited
- 4) Medico Remedies Limited
- 5) Beryl Drugs Limited

Answer- **2) Indoco Remedies Limited**

Explanation:

On 11th October 2024, Drugmaker **Indoco Remedies Limited** announced that its **Goa plant-II and III** facilities located in the Verna Industrial Area, have been classified as 'Official Action Indicated' (**OAI**) by the US Food and Drug Administration (**US FDA**).

- The OAI status follows an inspection conducted by the US FDA in July 2024 and indicates that regulatory or enforcement actions may be recommended due to observed compliance issues.

246. Who is the current (as of October' 2024) chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- 1) Nitin Gupta
- 2) Sangeeta Singh
- 3) Ravi Agarwal

- 4) Sushil Chandra
- 5) Pramod Chandra Mody

Answer- **3) Ravi Agarwal**

Explanation:

About Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):

Chairman– Ravi Agrawal

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment– 1963

247. Which company recently (in October' 24) released an educational film featuring Bollywood star 'Ayushmann Khurrana', highlighting common scams and safety features on social media platforms to empower users in online safety?

- 1) Google
- 2) Meta
- 3) Twitter
- 4) Amazon
- 5) Microsoft

Answer- **2) Meta**

Explanation:

Meta also released an educational film featuring Bollywood star **Ayushmann Khurrana** that showcases the most common scams that people face in their daily lives and highlights a series of safety features on various Social Media Platforms that empower users to take control of their online safety.

About Meta Platforms Inc.(Meta):

Meta Platforms, Inc., is an American multinational technology corporation. It was formerly known as Facebook, Inc.

Chief Operating Officer (**CEO**)- Mark Zuckerberg

Headquarter – Menlo Park, California, the United States of America (USA)

Founded – 2004

248. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR) situated?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer-**2) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR):

Director– Dr. Prashant Mathur

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established– 2011

249. The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is running the largest project under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with a 3200 TPD plant in _____

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

Answer-2) Jharkhand

Explanation:

New Delhi (Delhi) based Steel Authority of India Limited (**SAIL**) is running the largest project under the NGHM, with a **3200 TPD** plant in **Ranchi** (Jharkhand), aimed at advancing green hydrogen in steel production.

250. Who is the current (as of October' 24) Managing Director (MD) and CEO Tata Steel Limited?

- 1) N. Chandrasekara
- 2) TV Narendran
- 3) Bhaskar Bhat
- 4) Suresh D. Prabhu
- 5) Koushik Chatterjee

Answer-2) TV Narendran

Explanation:

About Tata Steel:

MD and CEO - TV Narendran

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established - 1907

251. Who became the second Indian, after GrandMaster Viswanathan Anand, to reach an Elo rating of 2800?

- 1) Praggnanandhaa
- 2) Arjun Erigaisi
- 3) Nihal Sarin
- 4) Karthik Venkataraman
- 5) Harikrishna Pentala

Answer-2) Arjun Erigaisi

Explanation:

Arjun Erigaisi became the **2nd Indian** after GM **Viswanathan Anand** and the **16th player** in the **world** to achieve over 2800 elo ratings.

252. In which year was the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Established?

- 1) 1962
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1949
- 4) 1954
- 5) 1960

Answer-2) 1945

Explanation:

About Food and Agriculture Organization(FAO):

Director General(DG)- Qu Dongyu

Headquarters – Rome, Italy

Established – 1945

253. Which company has recently (in October '24) secured a contract worth Rs 866.87 crore to build two indigenous high-speed trains for Indian Railways?

- 1) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- 2) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited
- 3) Titagarh Wagons Limited
- 4) Bharat Earth Movers Limited
- 5) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

Answer- 4) Bharat Earth Movers Limited

Explanation:

Bharat Earth Movers Limited (**BEML**), a public sector company has secured a contract worth **Rs 866.87 crore** to build two indigenous high-speed train sets for the Indian Railways. The contract was awarded by Integral Coach Factory (**ICF**) Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- Each set will comprise eight coaches, costing Rs 27.86 crore each. The trains will be manufactured at BEML's Bengaluru complex and are expected to be delivered by the end of 2026.
- The contract includes design, manufacturing, and commissioning, and covers one-time costs for development, fixtures, tooling, and testing facilities, which will benefit future high-speed projects.

254. Which company has recently (in October '24) merged with MX Player to expand its advertising video-on-demand (Avod) business in India?

- 1) Amazon
- 2) Netflix
- 3) Disney+ Hotstar
- 4) Sony Pictures Networks India
- 5) Zee Entertainment Enterprises

Answer- 1) Amazon

Explanation:

Amazon has completed the acquisition of free streaming platform **MX Player** and merged it with its **miniTV** as part of a strategy to expand its advertising video-on-demand (**Avod**) business in India.

- With this acquisition, Amazon is merging two of India's most popular free Avod services MX Player and Amazon miniTV into one service Amazon MX Player.
- The integration of Amazon miniTV and MX Player into Amazon MX Player will be done automatically on the apps without the need for users to reinstall or upgrade the app.

255. When is India Sweden Innovation Day observed annually?

- 1) September 15
- 2) September 29

3) September 23

4) October 26

5) October 14

Answer- **5) October 14**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Jitendra Singh**, Ministry of Science and Technology (I/C), Ministry of Earth Sciences (I/C) addressed the **11th India Sweden Innovation Day (ISID)** held on **14th October 2024** in Stockholm, Sweden.

- 2024 **theme** is “Accelerating Green Growth for Inclusive Transition”.
- According to the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024 Sweden is one of the global leaders in innovation, ranking 2nd among 133 global economies featured in GII 2024.
- In GII 2024, India ranks 1st among the 10 economies in Central and Southern Asia and 39th among the 133 economies.

256. Where was the foundation stone of a Very Low Frequency (VLF) Station for the Indian Navy laid recently (in October '24) by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?

1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

2) Uchipuli, Tamil Nadu

3) Kochi, Kerala

4) Vikarabad, Telangana

5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Vikarabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

On 15 October 2024, Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Ministry of Defence, laid the foundation stone of a Very Low Frequency (**VLF**) Station of the Indian Navy at the Damagundam Reserve Forest site, Pudur Mandal in **Vikarabad, Telangana**.

- The facility built at a cost of Rs 3,200 crore across 2,900 acres is set to be operational in 2027.
- It will bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness, ensuring effective command and control capabilities in challenging maritime environments.

257. According to a recent (in October '24) report of the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of India rose to _____ in September 2024 from 3.65% in August 2024.

1) 1.84%

2) 3.65%

3) 5.49%

4) 3.11%

5) 4.11%

Answer- **3) 5.49%**

Explanation:

According to the National Statistical Office (**NSO**) report, the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) rose to **5.49%** in **September 2024** from 3.65% in August 2024, marking it the highest retail inflation in India for **CY24**.

- Meanwhile, Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation, reported by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, increased to 1.84% in September 2024 from 1.31% in August 2024.

- This spike was mainly driven by food price inflation, which surged to 11.53% (Sept 2024) from 3.11% (August 2024).

258. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in October '24) signed the partnership charter of the India-Kenya Innovation Nexus with Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA)?

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

Answer- 1) IIT Hyderabad

Explanation:

On 15th October 2024, **IIT Hyderabad** and the Kenya National Innovation Agency (**KeNIA**) signed the partnership charter of the **India-Kenya Innovation Nexus** with the goal of facilitating opportunities for cross-border startup growth, knowledge sharing, and capacity-building efforts.

- The Kenyan delegation was led by KeNIA and its 11 universities, and Members of Parliament Amina Dika Abdullahi and Edith Vethi Nyenze.
- The two-day visit at IIT-H witnessed discussions on incubation, technology commercialisation, and startup ecosystems by both sides.

259. India secured ____ position in the latest Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) rankings.

- 1) 114
- 2) 119
- 3) 124
- 4) 125
- 5) 121

Answer- 4) 125

Explanation:

India climbed one place to **125th** in the official rankings released by the world football governing body Fédération Internationale de Football Association (**FIFA**).

- World champion Argentina maintains its top spot, while France, European champion Spain and England occupy the second, third and fourth positions, respectively.
- Five-time world champion Brazil occupies fifth place.

260. Who is the current (as of October '24) Minister of State for the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change?

- 1) Bhupender Yadav
- 2) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 3) Kirti Vardhan Singh
- 4) Kamlesh Paswan
- 5) Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani

Answer- 3) Kirti Vardhan Singh

Explanation:

About Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC):

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

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

261. Where is the headquarters of InCorp Global Pte Ltd situated?

- 1) India
- 2) Singapore
- 3) China
- 4) Brazil
- 5) Malaysia

Answer- **2) Singapore**

Explanation:

About InCorp Global Pte Ltd.

Chairman- Lennard Yong

Chief Executing Officer (CEO) India – Manish Modi

Headquarters- Singapore

Established- 2015

262. Who is the current (in October '24) Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)?

- 1) Priyank Kanoongo
- 2) Dharmendra Bhandari
- 3) Vijay Kumar Adewa
- 4) Divya Gupta
- 5) Rupali Banerjee Singh

Answer- **1) Priyank Kanoongo**

Explanation:

About National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR):

It is the statutory body established under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 under the administrative control of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoW&CD).

Chairperson- Priyank Kanoongo

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2007

263. In which year was the International Energy Agency (IEA) established?

- 1) 1977
- 2) 1974
- 3) 1970
- 4) 1976
- 5) 1980

Answer- **2) 1974**

Explanation:

About International Energy Agency (IEA):

Executive Director (ED) – Fatih Birol

Headquarters – Paris, France

Founded: 18 November 1974

264. Where is the headquarters of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) situated?

- 1) New York, USA
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Brussels, Belgium
- 5) Berne, Switzerland

Answer- 3) Paris, France

Explanation:

About Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

It is an intergovernmental organisation which acts as an international watchdog to combat Money Laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats.

President- Elisa de Anda Madrazo (Mexico)

Headquarters- Paris, France

Member nations- 39 (including India)

Established- 1989

265. Which ministry administers the “Lakhpatri Didi” initiative launched in 2023?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer- 4) Ministry of Rural Development

Explanation:

The “**Lakhpatri Didi**” initiative was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**) in 2023 under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (**DAY-NRLM**) scheme to empower women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and individual entrepreneurs.

- This initiative aims to improve access to credit, promote entrepreneurship, and increase financial inclusion.

266. Who is the current (as of October '24) Governor of Punjab?

- 1) Banwarilal Purohit
- 2) Gulab Chand Kataria
- 3) Bandaru Dattatreya
- 4) Rajendra Arleka
- 5) Bhagwant Singh Mann

Answer- 2) Gulab Chand Kataria

Explanation:

About Punjab:

Chief Minister – Bhagwant Singh Mann

Governor – Gulab Chand Kataria

Wildlife Sanctuary – Bir Moti Bagh Wildlife Sanctuary, Bir Bhunerheri Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Park – Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park

267. Which organisation has celebrated its 46th Foundation Day on 15th October 2024?

- 1) Indian Telephone Industries Limited
- 2) RailTel Corporation of India Limited
- 3) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited
- 4) Telecommunications Consultants India Limited
- 5) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Answer- 4) Telecommunications Consultants India Limited

Explanation:

On 15th October 2024, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (**TCIL**), a leading public sector undertaking, celebrated its **46th Foundation Day** at a glittering function organised at SCOPE Convention Center, New Delhi.

- Sanjeev Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of TCIL emphasized the strategic alignment with the government's '**Make in India**' vision and its ambitious plans to expand its services globally.
- TCIL's impressive financial performance including a cumulative dividend of Rs 4,055.69 crore paid to the government was also acknowledged.

268. Which company has recently (in October '24) became the Official FIFA Technology Partner for the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027?

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) Lenovo
- 3) Google
- 4) Samsung
- 5) Vivo

Answer- 2) Lenovo

Explanation:

Lenovo and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (**FIFA**) announced the multinational corporation as an **Official FIFA Technology Partner** at Lenovo's annual Tech World innovation event.

- This agreement covers FIFA's top tier sponsorship category, which includes the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027 in Brazil and the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
- The two tournaments will provide the perfect platform for Lenovo to further grow its global brand among fans of the world's most popular sport.

269. Which state has recently (in October '24) celebrated the Mera Hou Chongba Festival?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- 1) Manipur

Explanation:

On 17th October 2024, the **Mera Hou Chongba** 2024 festival was celebrated in **Manipur**. It was an annual festival observed in order to strengthen the cordial bond between the indigenous communities living in hills and valley people, Imphal.

- This event falls on the 15th Lunar day of Mera Month of the Meitei Calendar, and was organised by the state level organising committee.
- Exchanges of gifts and cultural programmes of the participants were the main highlights of the event. It is the only festival wherein both hills and valley indigenous communities are observed together in the state.

270. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the new Chief Justice of India?

- 1) Justice D Y Chandrachud
- 2) Justice Ramesh Sinha
- 3) Justice Hima Kohli
- 4) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- 5) Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur

Answer- **4) Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

Explanation:

On 24th October 2024, **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** was appointed the **51st Chief Justice of India (CJI)**. He will take oath on November 11, 2024, a day after incumbent Justice D Y Chandrachud demits office on attaining the age of 65.

- Justice Khanna will have a tenure of a little over six months as CJI and would demit office on May 13, 2025.
- He is currently serving as the executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority.

271. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) released the report that highlights poor households globally lose 5% of their total income in an average year due to heat stress and 4.4% due to floods?

- 1) World Meteorological Organisation
- 2) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- 3) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 4) Climate Finance Action Fund
- 5) International Union for Conservation of Nature

Answer- **3) Food and Agriculture Organization**

Explanation:

On 16th October 2024, the Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) of the United Nations released the report "**The unjust climate: Measuring the impacts of climate change on rural poor, women, and youth**", Poor households globally lose **5%** of their total income in an average year due to heat stress and **4.4%** due to floods compared with households that are relatively better off, warning about the negative impacts of climate change on the farming population in India.

- The report said on-farm income sources of the rural poor in India were affected in different ways depending on the type of climate stress.
- The total incomes of poor households are reduced compared with those of families that have not been exposed to a significant climate stressor.

272. Who is the current (as of October '24) Prime Minister of Oman?

- 1) Shihab bin Tariq
- 2) Haitham bin Tariq
- 3) Fahd bin Mahmoud
- 4) Mohammed bin Abdulrahman
- 5) Tamim Bin Hamad

Answer- **2) Haitham bin Tariq**

Explanation:

About Oman:

Prime Minister(PM)- Haitham bin Tariq

Capital- Muscat

Currency- Omani Rial

273. In which year was the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) founded?

- 1) 1907
- 2) 1922
- 3) 1918
- 4) 1911
- 5) 1920

Answer- **4) 1911**

Explanation:

About Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR):

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) (formerly known as Indian Research Fund Association (**IRFA**)) is an organization responsible for coordination and promotion of biomedical research and is one of the oldest and largest medical research bodies in the world.

Director General – Rajiv Bahl

Founded- 1911

274. Seychellois _____ is the currency of the Republic of Seychelles.

- 1) Lev
- 2) Dollar
- 3) Rupee
- 4) Franc
- 5) Real

Answer- **3) Rupee**

Explanation:

About Republic of Seychelles:

President- Wavel Ramkalawan

Capital-Victoria

Currency-Seychellois Rupee

275. Where is the headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) situated?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Madrid, Spain
- 3) California, USA

4) Wellington, New Zealand

5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **5) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

President – Tulia Ackson

Secretary General – Martin Chungong

Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

276. Where is the headquarters of Fraser Institute situated?

1) Berlin, Germany

2) Vienna, Austria

3) The Hague, Netherlands

4) Vancouver, Canada

5) New York, USA

Answer- **4) Vancouver, Canada**

Explanation:

About Fraser Institute:

President- Niels Veldhuis

Headquarters- Vancouver, Canada

Established- 1974

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

1) Parminder Chopra

2) Sandeep Kumar Gupta

3) Shantanu Roy

4) Gurdeep Singh

5) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi

Answer- **1) Parminder Chopra**

Explanation:

About Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited:

PFC is a 'Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)' under the Ministry of Power.

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Parminder Chopra

Headquarters – New Delhi, India

Founded – July 1986

278. When was the National Commission for Women (NCW) established?

1) 1989

2) 1990

3) 1992

4) 1988

5) 1995

Answer- **3) 1992**

Explanation:

About National Commission for Women (NCW):

The NCW functions under the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD).

Chairperson – Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1992

279. Who is the current (as of October '24) Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Sreedhara Panicker Somanath
- 3) Jitendra Singh
- 4) B H M Darukesha
- 5) K. Sivan

Answer- **2) Sreedhara Panicker Somanath**

Explanation:

About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Chairman – Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

Founded– 15 August 1969

280. Where is the Anshi National Park located?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Chief Minister (CM)- Siddaramaiah

Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot

Capital-Bengaluru

National Park –Bandipur National Park, Anshi National Park

281. Which National Park has recently (in October '24) been recognized as India's second-largest hub for butterfly diversity, with over 446 butterfly species?

- 1) Namdapha National Park
- 2) Chandoli National Park
- 3) Bannerghatta National Park
- 4) Kaziranga National Park
- 5) Dehing Patkai National Park

Answer- **4) Kaziranga National Park**

Explanation:

Assam's **Kaziranga National Park** has been recognized as **India's second-largest** hub for butterfly diversity, with an impressive **446 butterfly species** after Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh.

- Dr. Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi, a young scientist native of Kaziranga studied the park since 2007 and highlighted the park's rich variety of wildlife.
- Among the new species, 18 are new records for India.

282. Name the exercise that was recently (in October '24) conducted in the coast of Goa and Maharashtra by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) to protect the country's maritime interests and to test the agencies' collective response to security threats.

- 1) KONKAN
- 2) Prasthan
- 3) Sagar Kavach
- 4) Sea Vigil-22
- 5) TROPEX

Answer- **3) Sagar Kavach**

Explanation:

On 17th October 2024, the Indian Coast Guard (**ICG**) in co-ordination with other agencies undertook '**Sagar Kavach**' exercise along the coast of **Goa** and **Maharashtra** to protect the country's maritime interests and to test the agencies' collective response to security threats.

- The two-day 'Sagar Kavach' coastal security drill began on 23rd October 2024.
- The Coast Guard is conducting the exercise in co-ordination with the Indian Navy, Customs, Coastal Police, Central Industrial Security Force, Mormugao Port Authority and the Goa government's Fisheries and Captain of Ports departments.

283. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) unveiled a redesigned version of the 'Lady Justice' statue, marking a significant departure from its colonial past?

- 1) Supreme Court of India
- 2) National Judicial Academy
- 3) Law Commission of India
- 4) Central Administrative Tribunal
- 5) National Legal Services Authority

Answer- **1) Supreme Court of India**

Explanation:

The **Supreme Court (SC) of India** has unveiled a redesigned version of the '**Lady Justice**' statue, marking a significant departure from its colonial legacy. The Lady Justice has traditionally been depicted with its eyes blindfolded and holding scales and a sword.

- Now, the **new Lady Justice** statue in the Supreme Court has shed its blindfold, replacing the sword with the Constitution in one hand, symbolising that the law in India is neither blind nor punitive.

284. Which Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) has recently (in October '24) developed a handheld X-ray to improve early detection of Tuberculosis in partnership with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)?

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

Answer- **5) IIT Kanpur**

Explanation:

IIT Kanpur in partnership with **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** has developed a **handheld X-ray** for screening **Tuberculosis (TB)** that would help in early detection and treatment efforts, and ultimately improve public health outcomes.

- During the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA) INDIA-2024 on 16th October 2024, the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) Director General Rajiv Bahl said that Handheld X-rays are available at a very high cost. This handheld X-ray will be less than half the cost of imported handheld X-rays.
- India has developed three testing kits for Mpox as well and IMCR has approved 18 tests for Sickle cell Anaemia and each test costs Rs 30, while earlier tests cost Rs 400 per test.

285. Where is India's first self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility 'Pavana Chitra' that was recently (in October '24) unveiled by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh?

- 1) Chennai International Airport
- 2) Mangalore International Airport
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- 4) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
- 5) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

Answer- **5) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport**

Explanation:

On 17th October 2024, Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, unveiled the country's first self-powered indoor air quality monitor, **Pavana Chitra**, at **Thiruvananthapuram International Airport**.

- Pavana Chitra embodies a powerful fusion of technology, tradition, and art, presenting an off-grid, self-powered indoor air quality monitor powered by indigenous indoor solar cells developed by CSIR-NIIST.

286. When is the International Chefs Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) September 20
- 2) September 25
- 3) October 20
- 4) October 25
- 5) October 28

Answer- **3) October 20**

Explanation:

International Chefs Day is celebrated annually across the globe on **October 20**.

This day is to honour and appreciate chefs who dedicate their knowledge and culinary skills to the next generation. It also focuses on educating kids around the world about eating healthy.

- The theme is “**Growing Great Chefs**”, and is to continue the commitment undertaken in 2023.
- International Chefs Day was first created by the late Chef Dr Bill Gallagher, a well-known master chef and former president of the World Association of Chefs Societies (Worldchefs) in 2004.

287. Where is the headquarters of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) situated?

- 1) California, USA
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) The Hague, Netherlands
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **5) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About International Astronautical Federation (IAF):

President – Eugene Clayton Mowry

Headquarters – Paris, France

Founded – 1951

288. Who is the current (as of October '24) Prime Minister of Vietnam?

- 1) Simon Harris
- 2) Trần Hồng Hà
- 3) Pham Minh Chinh
- 4) Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- 5) Sonexay Siphandone

Answer- **3) Pham Minh Chinh**

Explanation:

About Vietnam:

President– Luong Cuong

Prime Minister– Pham Minh Chinh

Capital– Hanoi

Currency-Vietnamese dong

289. In which year the Competition Commission of India (CCI) was established?

- 1) 1999
- 2) 2003
- 3) 2007
- 4) 2002
- 5) 2000

Answer- **2) 2003**

Explanation:

About Competition Commission of India(CCI):

It is a statutory body constituted under Competition Act, 2002.

Chairman- Ravneet Kaur

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2003

290. Who has recently (in October '24) won the Emerging Illustrator category at the Victoria and Albert Museum's Illustration Awards for the artwork "Marigolds"?

- 1) Maisy Summer
- 2) Aditi Anand
- 3) Shuyan Chen
- 4) Jorge González Varela
- 5) Coralie Bickford-Smith

Answer- 2) Aditi Anand

Explanation:

Aditi Anand, upcoming artist from Karnal, Haryana, received the prestigious **Victoria and Albert Museum's Illustration Awards** in the Emerging Illustrator category for her thought-provoking artwork "**Marigolds**" in London.

- Marigolds will be on display at the world-famous Victoria and Albert (V&A) Design Museum in London until September 2025.
- This artwork bagged the GBP 3,000 prize and addresses the theme of child labour and lost childhoods.

291. Where was the first ASEAN - India Cyber Policy Dialogue held in October 2024?

- 1) India
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- 2) Singapore

Explanation:

The first Association of Southeast Asian Nations (**ASEAN**) -**India Cyber Policy Dialogue** was held in **Singapore** on October 17, 2024. The dialogue was co-chaired by **Amit A. Shukla**, Joint Secretary of the Cyber Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs of India, and **David Koh**, Chief Executive of the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore.

- The Dialogue explored exchanged views on cyber threat landscape, national cyber strategies and policies, threat assessment and policies and developments in the global cyber governance dialogues under the aegis of the United Nations.

292. Where is India's first coal gallery 'Black Diamond: Unveiling the Depths' situated?

- 1) Talcher, Odisha
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Neyveli, Tamil Nadu

5) Telangana, Hyderabad

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

Explanation:

On 17 October 2024, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Culture & Tourism, and Satish Chandra Dubey, MoS, Ministry of Coal inaugurated **India's first** coal gallery (exhibition) titled '**Black Diamond: Unveiling the Depths**' at the National Science Centre, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The Coal Gallery is designed to be an educational and interactive space dedicated to exploring coal's journey from formation to its pivotal role in modern energy consumption.
- The gallery aims to educate about the history and presence of coal, and to inspire future innovations in sustainability and energy production.

293. Which institute has recently (in October '24) organised the first International Conference - Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024)?

- 1) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda
- 2) National Institute of Naturopathy
- 3) North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy
- 4) All India Institute of Ayurveda
- 5) National Institute of Ayurveda

Answer- **4) All India Institute of Ayurveda**

Explanation:

The Chief Justice of India **Justice DY Chandrachud** inaugurated the first-ever International Conference - Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (**AROHA-2024**) which was held from 17 to 19 October 2024 in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The conference was organised by **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.
- This event aligns with AIIA's vision of positioning Ayurveda as a key pillar of global health and wellness and to explore the integration of traditional Ayurvedic wisdom with modern scientific advancements.

294. Which state government has recently (in October '24) announced renaming of all government residential schools as 'Maharshi Valmiki Residential Schools'?

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

Answer- **5) Karnataka**

Explanation:

Karnataka Chief Minister (CM) Siddaramaiah announced that all government residential schools in Karnataka will be renamed as '**Maharshi Valmiki Residential Schools**'. This announcement was made on the occasion of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti on **17th October 2024**.

- Raichur University will be renamed as 'Maharishi Valmiki University,' aligning with efforts to honour the contributions of Maharishi Valmiki.

295. Name the bridge that was recently (in October '24) renamed as 'Captain Amit Bhardwaj Setu' to honour the Kargil War Hero Captain Amit Bhardwaj?

- 1) Kaksar bridge
- 2) Jawahar Setu Bridge
- 3) Vikramshila Bridge
- 4) Vembanad Rail Bridge
- 5) Pamban Bridge

Answer- 1) Kaksar bridge

Explanation:

On 15 October 2024, The Kaksar bridge in Ladakh was renamed as **Captain Amit Bhardwaj Setu**, in honour of Captain Amit Bhardwaj who sacrificed his life during the **Kargil War**. Sunita Dhonkaria, Capt. Bhardwaj's sister, inaugurated a memorial at the bridge in honour of her brother.

- During the 1999 Kargil War, Capt. Amit Bhardwaj of the **4 JAT Battalion**, deployed in Kaksar, led a search and rescue patrol where he successfully saved his platoon from an ambush by infiltrators, ultimately sacrificing his life in service to the nation.

296. In which year was the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) established?

- 1) 2003
- 2) 1996
- 3) 1999
- 4) 2000
- 5) 1992

Answer- 4) 2000

Explanation:

About Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL):

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**)- A. Robert Jerad Ravi

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2000

297. Which ministry does the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) come under?

- 1) Ministry of Cooperation
- 2) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 4) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Finance

Answer- 5) Ministry of Finance

Explanation:

About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):

It was constituted in 1999 as an apex body to regulate and develop the insurance industry in India. Later, it was incorporated as a statutory body in April 2000 under the IRDA Act, 1999. It works under the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

Chairman - Debasish Panda

Headquarters - Hyderabad, Telangana

298. Who is the current (as of October '24) Director-General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

- 1) Anshuman Yadav
- 2) Anish Dayal Singh
- 3) Vitul Kumar
- 4) Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- 5) Rajwinder Bhatti

Answer- **2) Anish Dayal Singh**

Explanation:

About the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF):

Director-General- Anish Dayal Singh

Establishment- 27 July 1939

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

299. When was the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) established?

- 1) 1942
- 2) 1948
- 3) 1957
- 4) 1963
- 5) 1985

Answer- **3) 1957**

Explanation:

About Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL):

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)- Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay

Headquarters- Vasco-da-Gama, Goa

Founded- 1957