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- The UN Road Safety Collaboration Forum (UNRSC), established in 2004, deliberated on a global day to underscore road safety.
- UN Global Road Safety Week (**UNGRSW**) is a **biennial** global road safety campaign hosted by WHO. It brings together individuals, governments, NGOs, corporations, and other organisations from around the world to raise awareness of road safety and make changes that will reduce the number of road deaths.
- The **7th UNGRSW** was held from **15 to 21 May 2023**, with the theme **#RethinkMobility**. [Click here to read more.](#)

41. When is National Epilepsy Day(NED) annually observed across India?

- 1) November 17
- 2) October 15
- 3) September 29
- 4) August 17
- 5) July 26

Answer- **1) November 17**

Explanation:

National Epilepsy Day(NED) is annually observed across India on **17th November** to spread awareness about Epilepsy, a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures. The NED also highlights epilepsy’s impact on individuals, families and communities.

- The day offers a platform to eliminate the myths and misconceptions regarding epilepsy.
- The colour **purple** is associated with epilepsy because it’s the colour of Lavender, the international flower of epilepsy. The purple ribbon is a symbol of epilepsy awareness.
- The observance of National Epilepsy Day was proposed by the Indian physician couple – **Dr Eddie Bharucha** and **Dr Pilo Bharucha**.
- Epilepsy is a chronic Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) and a neurological condition that causes abnormal electrical activity in the brain, leading to seizures.
- Epilepsy can affect people of all ages, races, and ethnicities. It’s one of the most common disorders of the nervous system
- Around 50 million people across the globe have epilepsy, this is one of the most common neurological diseases globally.
- The 1st global report on epilepsy “**Epilepsy: A public health imperative**” was produced in 2019 by the World Health Organization (WHO) and key partners. The report highlighted the available evidence on the burden of epilepsy and the public health response required at global, regional and national levels. [Click to read more.](#)

42. When is International Students’ Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) July 9
- 2) August 15
- 3) September 5
- 4) October 15
- 5) November 17

Answer- **5) November 17**

Explanation:

International Students' Day is annually observed across the globe on **November 17** to celebrate multiculturalism, diversity, and teamwork among students. The day aims to ensure that every child worldwide has access to equal educational opportunities.

- The day marks the anniversary of the events that followed the Nazi invasion of Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, in 1939.
- The **first-ever** International Students' Day was observed on **17th November 1941**.
- The Velvet Revolution was ignited in Prague, by demonstrations commemorating the **50th anniversary** of International Students' Day on 17th November 1989.
- The 17th of November is also marked as Freedom and Democracy Day in both Czech Republic and Slovakia.

43. When is World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence annually observed across the globe?

- 1) July 29
- 2) August 19
- 3) October 23
- 4) November 19
- 5) September 22

Answer- **4) November 19**

Explanation:

World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence is annually observed across the globe on **18th November** to raise awareness about child abuse and violence.

- It aims to prevent abuse, protect children, and support the recovery and healing of survivors.
- The day was first observed on **18th November 2022**.
- The sexual abuse and exploitation of children is a violation of human rights and a public health problem with significant consequences for global health and development.
- The day offers a platform for open discussion on the need to prevent and eliminate their stigmatization, promote their healing, affirm their dignity, and protect their rights.
- The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, is an Indian law to protect children from sexual abuse, exploitation, and harassment.
- **CHILDLINE 1098** – A phone service that provides emergency care and protection for children in India. This is the service of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- Around the world, approximately 120 million females below 20 years have experienced various forms of forced sexual contact. [Click here to read more.](#)

44. National _____ Day is annually observed across India on 18th November to promote mental and physical health.

- 1) Siddha
- 2) Ayurveda
- 3) Naturopathy
- 4) Homoeopathy
- 5) Allopathy

Answer- **3) Naturopathy**

Explanation:

National Naturopathy Day is annually observed across India on **18th November** to promote mental and physical health through “**Naturopathy**”, a form of healthcare that combines modern treatment with traditional methods.

- This annual observance is led by the **Ministry of AYUSH** (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Homoeopathy).
- The theme of the 7th National Naturopathy Day is “**Naturopathy for Healthy Aging and Longevity**”.
- The Ministry of AYUSH declared the 18th November of every year as National Naturopathy Day in 2018.
- The first ever National Naturopathy Day was observed on **18th November 2018**.
- Naturopathy, also known as naturopathic medicine, is a holistic system of health care that uses natural agents and physical means to treat disease. This is a drug-free medical system that uses natural remedies to help the body heal itself. This avoids the use of surgery and conventional medicines.
- The 7th Naturopathy Day was celebrated at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy (CRIYN), Nagamangala(Karnataka), under the aegis of the Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), Ministry of Ayush. [Click here to read more.](#)

45. When is United Nations (UN’s) World Toilet Day(WTD) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) November 19
- 2) October 19
- 3) September 19
- 4) August 19
- 5) July 19

Answer- **1) November 19**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN’s) World Toilet Day(WTD)** is annually observed across the globe on **19 November** to draw attention to the public health, environmental, and dignity challenges posed by inadequate sanitation. The day also highlights the need to provide safe and secure toilets for all.

- The day is dedicated to emphasizing the importance of safe and accessible toilet facilities as part of Sustainable Development Goal(SDG) 6: Ensuring water and sanitation for all by 2030.
- The theme of WTD 2024 is “**Toilets – A Place for Peace**”.
- **Hummingbird** is the symbol of WTD. This associates Toilet which is small but mighty like a hummingbird.
- The first ever UN recognised WTD was observed on **19th November 2013**.
- The World Health Organization (**WHO**) stated that unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene are responsible for approximately 1,000 deaths of children under the age of 5 every day in 2023 and improved sanitation could save 1.4 million lives annually.
- The Government of India(**GoI**) also launched the campaign “**Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman**”, which will run from 19th November 2024 to 10th December 2024 (Human Rights Day). [Click here to read more.](#)

46. National Integration Day (or) Quami Ekta Diwas commemorates the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?

- 1) Sarojini Naidu
- 2) Subash Chandra Bose
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi
- 4) BR Ambedkar
- 5) Indira Gandhi

Answer- **5) Indira Gandhi**

Explanation:

National Integration Day (or) Quami Ekta Diwas is observed annually across India on **November 19** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Indira Gandhi**, India's First Female Prime Minister (**PM**).

- The day aims to promote unity, peace, and love across India's diverse communities.
- The day marks the beginning of National Integration Week (**Quami Ekta Week**), which is observed annually from **November 19 to 25**.
- Indira Gandhi, the daughter of India's 1st PM Jawaharlal Nehru, was born on November 19, 1917, in Allahabad (now Prayagraj), Uttar Pradesh (**UP**).
- She served as the 3rd PM of Independent India from 1966 to 1977 and again from 1980, till her assassination in 1984.
- She was India's 2nd-longest-serving PM after Nehru (15th August 1947 – 27th May 1964). She was known as the 'Iron Lady of India'.
- She was awarded the **Bharat Ratna**, India's highest civilian honour, in **1971**, and the Lenin Peace Prize in 1984.
- She wrote '**My Truth**' book which depicts the unexplored aspects of her life.
- National Integration Week is a week-long celebration that aims to strengthen the spirit of national unity, communal harmony, and pride in India's diverse cultural heritage.
- National Integration Week 2024, also known as Quami Ekta Week, was observed from **19th to 25th November 2024**. [Click here to read more.](#)

47. When is International Men's Day (IMD) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) September 19
- 2) October 30
- 3) November 19
- 4) July 29
- 5) August 26

Answer- **3) November 19**

Explanation:

The International Men's Day (IMD) is annually observed across the globe on **November 19** to honour and celebrate the vital role of men in society, family, and communities.

- The theme for IMD 2024 is "**Positive Male Role Models**".
- The IMD project was launched by Thomas Oaster on 7th February 1992 in the Republic of Malta, after being conceived on 8 February 1991.
- The project was revived in 1999 by **Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh**, a history lecturer at the University of the West Indies in **Trinidad and Tobago**.
- The first ever IMD was observed on **19th November 1999**.

- The day provides a chance to address key issues related to men’s health, well-being, and the challenges they face.
- The day aims to inspire hope for the depressed, faith for the lonely, comfort for the heartbroken, break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and promote a kinder, more compassionate world. [Click here to read more.](#)

48. When is Women’s Entrepreneurship Day (WED) observed annually across the globe?

- 1) November 24
- 2) October 18
- 3) September 26
- 4) November 19
- 5) October 29

Answer- **4) November 19**

Explanation:

Women’s Entrepreneurship Day (WED) is observed annually across the globe on **19th November** to recognize and celebrate the achievements of female entrepreneurs. The day highlights the women’s role in business and their contributions to the entrepreneurial landscape.

- The annual observance of WED was organized by the Women’s Entrepreneurship Day Organization (**WEDO**), a non-governmental organization(**NGO**) founded by Wendy Diamond, a social entrepreneur in 2013.
- The **1st WED** was observed on **19th November 2014**, at the United Nations (**UN**) headquarters in New York, the United States of America(**USA**).
- It is a global initiative celebrated at the UN and in 144 countries to empower women in business to help alleviate poverty economically.
- WEDO launched the international digital campaign **#ChooseWOMEN campaign** in **2013**, to empower women entrepreneurs, drive economic growth, and alleviate poverty.
- The mission of WEDO is to empower the 4 billion women globally, enabling them to become catalysts for change and improve the lives of over 250 million girls living in poverty worldwide.

49. When is World Children’s Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) November 20
- 2) November 14
- 3) October 19
- 4) September 25
- 5) August 30

Answer- **1) November 20**

Explanation:

The United Nations (**UN**)’s **World Children’s Day** is annually observed across the globe on **20th November** to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare.

- This is an annual day of action for children by children led by the United Nations Children’s Fund (**UNICEF**).
- The theme of World Children’s Day 2024 is **“Listen to the Future!”**.

- The [“State of the World’s Children 2024: The Future of Childhood in a Changing World”](#) examines the forces and trends shaping our world today and reflects on how they might shape the future.
- Currently, only 15% of children aged 3 attend early education programmes, the lowest rate in the Europe and Central Asia region. [Click here to read more.](#)

50. When is United Nations (UN)’s Africa Industrialization Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) September 19
- 2) November 20
- 3) October 31
- 4) July 26
- 5) August 15

Answer- **2) November 20**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)’s **Africa Industrialization Day** is annually observed across the globe on **20th November** to raise awareness about the importance of Africa’s industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent.

- The theme of Africa Industrialization Day 2024 is **“Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Green Industrialization to Accelerate Africa’s Structural Transformation”**.
- The first ever Africa Industrialization Day was observed on **20th November 1990**.
- Since 2018, Africa Industrialization Day has been observed through week-long celebrations known as “Africa Industrialization Week.”
- This year, Africa Industrialization Week is set to take place in **Kampala, Uganda**, from the 25th to the 29th of November 2024.
- Agenda 2063 was adopted in January 2015 by the Heads of State and Governments of the African Union in Addis Ababa. [Click here to read more.](#)

51. When is World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) Last Sunday of October
- 2) Second Saturday of November
- 3) Last Friday of September
- 4) Third Wednesday of November
- 5) First Sunday of November

Answer- **4) Third Wednesday of November**

Explanation:

World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (**COPD**) Day is annually observed across the globe on the **3rd Wednesday of November** to raise awareness, exchange knowledge, and explore strategies to reduce the impact of COPD.

- World COPD Day 2024 was observed on **20th November 2024**.
- The theme for World COPD Day 2024 is **“Know Your Lung Function”**
- The 1st World COPD Day was observed on **20th November 2002**.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a common lung disease causing restricted airflow and breathing problems.

- According to the World Health Organization (**WHO**) report, COPD ranks as the fourth leading cause of death globally and the eighth leading cause of poor health worldwide. [Click here to read more.](#)

52. When is National Newborn Week annually observed across India?

- 1) 8th to 14th November
- 2) 3rd to 9th November
- 3) 16th to 22nd November
- 4) 23rd to 30th November
- 5) 15th to 21st November

Answer- **5) 15th to 21st November**

Explanation:

National Newborn Week is annually observed across India from **15th to 21st November** to reinforce the importance of newborn health as a key priority area and reiterates its commitment steered at the highest level.

- The annual observance is led by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoHFW**), Government of India.
- National Newborn Week 2024 was observed from **15th to 21st November 2024**.
- The **theme** of National Newborn Week 2024 is “**Safety, Quality and Nurturing care – Birth Right of Every Newborn**”.
- India Newborn Action Plan (**INAP**) was launched in **September 2014**, for accelerating the reduction of preventable newborn deaths and still-births in India. [Click here to read more.](#)

53. When is UNESCO’s World Philosophy Day annually observed across the globe?

- 1) Third Wednesday of November
- 2) First Monday of November
- 3) Last Friday of September
- 4) Third Thursday of November
- 5) Last Sunday of October

Answer- **4) Third Thursday of November**

Explanation:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**)’s World Philosophy Day is annually observed across the globe on **the 3rd Thursday of November** to highlight the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual.

- World Philosophy Day 2024 falls on **21st November 2024**.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of philosophy, promote critical thinking, encourage global dialogue on contemporary issues by utilizing philosophical tools, highlight the value of teaching philosophy across cultures, and underline its role in addressing societal challenges through intellectual reflection.
- The 2024 World Philosophy Day focuses on “**Philosophy: bridging social gaps,**” which highlights the role of philosophy in mending the social fabric and fostering a more cohesive society.
- The term “philosophy” means, “love of wisdom.” [Click here to read more.](#)

54. When is United Nations (UN's) World Television Day (WTD) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) October 29
- 2) September 25
- 3) November 21
- 4) August 22
- 5) July 23

Answer- **3) November 21**

Explanation:

United Nations (UN's) World Television Day (WTD) is annually observed across the globe on **November 21** to acknowledge the significant role and impact of television in our daily lives.

- The day celebrates television as a symbol of communication and globalization in today's world.
- The first ever WTD was observed on **21st November 1997**.
- The 1st **World Television Forum** was held on 21st & 22nd November 1996 at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States of America(USA), to discuss the growing significance of television.
- The term "**television**" was first coined by Russian scientist **Constantin Perskyi** in 1900.
- TV was invented by a Scottish engineer, John Logie (JL) Baird, in 1924.
- India, with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), began experimental television broadcasts on 15th September 1959 in New Delhi, Delhi.
- Doordarshan is a Public broadcast terrestrial television channel run by Prasar Bharati, a board formed by the Government of India (GoI). [Click here to read more.](#)

55. When is World Fisheries Day (WFD) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) November 25
- 2) November 21
- 3) October 22
- 4) September 25
- 5) August 20

Answer- **2) November 21**

Explanation:

World Fisheries Day (WFD) is annually observed across the globe on **21st November** to highlight the importance of sustainable fisheries and the need to protect aquatic ecosystems and the livelihoods of fishing communities.

- The **first ever** WFD was observed on **21st November 1998**.
- The day highlights the critical threats to the sustainability of our marine and freshwater resources, including overfishing, habitat destruction, and other environmental challenges.
- The theme for this year is "**India Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-scale and Sustainable Fisheries.**"
- On World Fisheries Day 2024, progressive States, UTs, districts, and individuals were recognized by the Department of Fisheries (**DoF**) and the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (**MoFAH&D**) for their contributions to fisheries and aquaculture.
- India's fisheries sector is recognized as the '**sunrise sector**' to make a significant contribution to the Indian economy in the future. [Click here to read more.](#)

56. When is the World AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Awareness Week (WAAW) annually observed across the globe?

- 1) 4th to 10th November
- 2) 18th to 24th November
- 3) 11th to 17th November
- 4) 23rd to 29th November
- 5) 16th to 22nd November

Answer- **2) 18th to 24th November**

Explanation:

World AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Awareness Week (WAAW), previously known as “World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)”, is annually observed across the globe from **18th to 24th November** to create awareness and understanding of AMR.

- WAAW is an annual global campaign led by the World Health Organisation (**WHO**).
- The campaign aims to promote the best practices among the health stakeholders to reduce the spread and emergence of drug resistant infection.
- The theme for the WAAW 2024 is “**Educate. Advocate. Act now.**”
- The **first ever WAAW** was observed from 16th to 22nd November 2015.
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global public health problem that occurs when microorganisms like bacteria, fungi, viruses, and parasites become resistant to antimicrobial medicines.
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia hosted the **4th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance**.
- WHO launched the report titled “[Estimating the impact of vaccines in reducing antimicrobial resistance and antibiotic use](#)” during the webinar hosted and moderated by the WHO. The report discussed the implications and strategies to integrate vaccines into AMR containment plans.

57. When is World Heritage Week (WHW) annually observed across India?

- 1) November 12 to 18
- 2) November 4 to 10
- 3) November 19 to 25
- 4) November 21 to 27
- 5) November 1 to 7

Answer- **3) November 19 to 25**

Explanation:

World Heritage Week (WHW) is annually observed across India from **November 19 to 25** to promote the heritage and the culture of monuments and important sites for their conservation.

- WHW recognises and celebrates heritage sites that have been recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**).
- The theme of WHW 2024 is “**Discover and Experience Diversity**”.
- In India, WHW is a part of the promotion activities by the Government of India (GoI) to promote India’s unique heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.
- WHW events are annually organised by the Archaeological Survey of India (**ASI**) under the Ministry of Culture (MoC), various Museums, and other heritage-conscious organisations across India.

- UNESCO's **World Heritage Day** or [International Day for Monuments and Sites](#) is annually observed across the globe on **April 18**. [Click here to read more.](#)

58. When was the first-ever United Nations (UN's) World Conjoined Twins Day (WCTD) observed across the globe?

- 1) 24th November 2024
- 2) 31st October 2024
- 3) 26th September 2024
- 4) 18th August 2024
- 5) 29th July 2024

Answer- **1) 24th November 2024**

Explanation:

The first-ever United Nations (UN's) **World Conjoined Twins Day (WCTD)** was observed across the globe on **24th November** to raise awareness about conjoined twins, support their well-being, and promote their social inclusion.

- Conjoined fetuses are a rare form of identical twins who share a placenta and amniotic sac, occurring when the embryo splits between 13 and 15 days after conception.
- The occurrence rate is between **1 in 50,000 to 1 in 100,000 live births**. Female fetuses are more commonly affected, as the ratio of female to male is 3:1.
- **Saudi Arabia** hosted the first-ever International Conjoined Twins Conference on November 24-25, 2024, in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). [Click here to read more.](#)

59. When is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women annually observed across the globe?

- 1) November 19
- 2) November 25
- 3) October 26
- 4) September 22
- 5) August 30

Answer- **2) November 25**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** is annually observed across the globe on **25 November** to raise global awareness about the issue of violence against women and highlight the importance of efforts to prevent such violence.

- The **first-ever** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was observed on **25th November 2000**.
- The observance of this day marks the launch of the UNiTE campaign, a 16 days (25th November – 10th December) of activism against Gender-based Violence (GBV), which concludes on International Human Rights Day (10 December).
- The **2024 global theme** of the UNiTE campaign is **“Every 10 Minutes, a woman is killed. #NoExcuse. UNiTE to End Violence against Women”** to draw attention to the alarming escalation of violence against women.
- The UNiTE campaign has proclaimed the 25th of each month as “Orange Day”, a day to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls (VAWG). [Click here to read more.](#)

ENVIRONMENT

1. Match the following species according to their recent (in November' 24) place of discovery.

Species Name	Place
i) Dicliptera polymorpha	a) Western Ghats of Kerala
ii) Agasthyamalai Bambootail	b) Pune, Maharashtra
iii) Crinum andhricum	c) Northern Western Ghats
iv) Gastrodia lohitensis	d) Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh
v) Okinawicius tekdi	e) Lohit, Arunachal Pradesh

- 1) i - b; ii - e; iii - d; iv - c; v - a
- 2) i - a; ii - b; iii - d; iv - e; v - c
- 3) i - e; ii - c; iii - a; iv - b; v - d
- 4) i - d; ii - a; iii - b; iv - e; v - c
- 5) i - c; ii - a; iii - d; iv - e; v - b

Answer- 5) i - c; ii - a; iii - d; iv - e; v - b

Explanation:

Scientists have discovered a new fire resilient dual blooming species of Dicliptera in the Northern Western Ghats of India. The new species genus **Dicliptera**, has been named **Dicliptera polymorpha** to reflect its diverse morphological traits.

- A team of scientists from MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) and Christ College has discovered a new species of damselfly in the Western Ghats of Kerala, named **Melanoneura agasthyamalaica**, or the “**Agasthyamalai Bambootail**.”
- Botanists have discovered a new species of flowering plant named ‘**Crinum andhricum**’ in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh (**AP**). The species was named after Andhra Pradesh in recognition of the State where it was first found.
- A team of Indian botanists has discovered a new leafless orchid species named **Gastrodia lohitensis**, in Lohit in Arunachal Pradesh (**AR**). The new species was named after Lohit district.
- Atharva Kulkarni, a post-graduate student from Maharashtra has discovered a new jumping spider species named “**Okinawicius tekdi**” from a hill located in **Pune**, Maharashtra. The species belongs to the genus Okinawicius Prószyński, first described from India in 2016. [Click here to read more.](#)

2. Name the species that was recently (in November '24) found in the Western Ghats.

- 1) Macaca silenus
- 2) Dendrelaphis tristis
- 3) Ophiophagus Kaalinga
- 4) Xylophis stenorhynchus
- 5) Semecarpus travancoricus

Answer- 3) **Ophiophagus Kaalinga**

Explanation:

Eshwar Khandre, Cabinet Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, officially named the king cobra found in the Western Ghats as '**Ophiophagus Kaalinga**'.

- The specific name "Kaalinga" derives from Kannada, meaning "**dark**" reflecting the snake's coloration and cultural significance in Karnataka.
- It features a blackish-brown body adorned with pale bands and a lighter creamy yellow belly. It is recognized for its impressive size, often exceeding 10 feet in length.
- Alongside *Ophiophagus kaalinga*, the other identified species include **Ophiophagus hannah** (the northern king cobra), **Ophiophagus bungarus** (the unda king cobra), and **Ophiophagus salvatana** (the Luzon king cobra).

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Which state has recently (in October '24) launched 'Sugam (Convenient) App', aimed at streamlining the online property registration process?

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **1) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

Government of **Chhattisgarh** has launched '**Sugam (Convenient) App**', aimed at streamlining the online property registration process.

- The app provides a simple and intuitive interface for users to register their properties online, making the process more accessible for citizens, especially in rural areas.
- The launch of this app eliminates the need for middlemen in property registration, allowing users to register land or homes from home.
- Sugam App integrates with **existing land records** and **revenue databases**, facilitating seamless access to vital information for both citizens and officials.

2. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) launched a 'Digital Memorial of Valour' website to digitally adorn a martyr's photo with a wreath & candle in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Indo Tibetan Border Police
- 2) Railway Protection Force
- 3) Central Reserve Police Force
- 4) Government Railway Police
- 5) Central Armed Police Force

Answer- **2) Railway Protection Force**

Explanation:

Railway Protection Force(**RPF**), a paramilitary force under Indian Railways(IR), launched a '**Digital Memorial of Valour**', a website to digitally adorn a martyr's photo with a wreath & candle, during an event held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This innovative website is part of the Martyr's Week Observance following the Police Commemoration Day on 21st October, 2024.
- This will honour the sacrifices of its courageous personnel. This digital platform will enable the citizens to pay their respects to the martyrs of the Force.

3. Name the mobile application (app) that has recently (in November '24) launched by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to support the frontline officers.

- 1) PAAT
- 2) TRACE
- 3) U-WIN
- 4) SAARTHI
- 5) NERACE

Answer- **1) PAAT**

Explanation:

Vienna(Austria) based the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) launched a **mobile application** "Personnel Alarm Assessment Tool (PAAT)" to support the frontline officers, like customs or law enforcement personnel, to assess radiation alarms triggered by people at airports, border crossings and other points of entry, and ease delays. This app is available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

- PAAT is a part of IAEA suite of science and technology tools available to support countries in implementing nuclear security measures.
- It was developed by the IAEA in collaboration with the Department of Physics, University of Sri Jayewardenepura(USJ), Sri Lanka.
- PAAT users insert data obtained from a brief interview with the person involved plus a radiation measurement.
- This tool gives a **red, yellow or green** signal and provides important and immediate support for frontline officers in the assessment of the radiation source.

4. Name the portal that was launched during the India Water Week (IWW) 2024, held from 17th to 20th September 2024 in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) Jal Shakti
- 2) e-Water
- 3) Bhū-Neer
- 4) Jal Jeevan
- 5) Himalayan Water

Answer- **3) Bhū-Neer**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Chandrakant Raghunath Patil**, Ministry of Jal Shakti (**MoJS**), digitally launched the newly developed "**Bhū-Neer**" portal during the closing ceremony of 8th edition of India Water Week (**IWW**) **2024**, held from 17th to 20th September 2024 at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The Bhū-Neer is an advanced portal for efficient groundwater regulation across the country. The portal was developed by Central Ground Water Authority (**CGWA**), under MoJS, in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (**NIC**).
- This portal will function as a **one-stop platform** for managing and regulating groundwater resources, to maintain transparency, efficiency, and sustainability in groundwater usage.

- The Bhu-Neer portal is an initiative to promote the vision of Ease of Doing Business by making ground water regulation a seamless and faceless exercise.
- Bhu-Neer portal has been developed with an aim to provide comprehensive details regarding the **legal framework** that regulates groundwater extraction and regulations at the state and national levels.
- Bhu-Neer is an advanced version of the **old NOC to Abstract Ground Water (NOCAP)** system.

5. Who has recently (in November '24) launched the official website for the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) S. Jaishankar
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Jagat Prakash Nadda

Answer- **3) S. Jaishankar**

Explanation:

Union Minister **S. Jaishankar**, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and **Mohan Charan Majhi**, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha jointly launched the official website pbdindia.gov.in for the **18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention** in New Delhi(Delhi).

- The launch of the PBD website marks the start of online registration for the PBD Convention 2025. It will provide detailed information on the biennial event.
- The 18th PBD Convention will take place from 8th to 10th January 2025 in **Bhubaneswar** (Odisha) in partnership with the Government of Odisha.
- The theme of PBD Convention for 2025 is **"Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat"**.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. Where is the headquarters of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) situated?

- 1) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

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

Explanation:

About National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP):

Chairman- Dr. Urjit Patel

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1976

2. The Government of India has increased the life insurance cover under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) scheme to up to _____ for all members of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

- 1) Rs 5 lakh
- 2) Rs 6 lakh
- 3) Rs 7 lakh
- 4) Rs 8 lakh
- 5) Rs 9 lakh

Answer- 3) Rs 7 lakh

Explanation:

The **Government of India** has announced an increase in insurance benefits for all members of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (**EPFO**) under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (**EDLI**) scheme. The enhanced scheme provides life insurance cover of up to **Rs 7 lakh** to more than 6 crore EPFO members.

- The increased coverage under the EDLI scheme will be applied retroactively from April 28, 2024.
- In 2018, the minimum insurance cover of Rs 1.5 lakh was introduced under the scheme.
- Till April 2021, the maximum benefits to the legal heir of the deceased employee was capped at Rs 6 lakh as per the criteria defined in the EDLI Scheme.

3. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI)?

- 1) Isidro Fainé
- 2) Ajay Banga
- 3) Peter Simon
- 4) Klaus Schwab
- 5) David R. Malpass

Answer- 1) Isidro Fainé

Explanation:

About the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI):

The World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI) helps savings and retail banks around the world to thrive.

President – Isidro Fainé

Managing Director – Peter Simon

Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium

Establishment in – 1924

4. Where is the headquarters of Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Manila, Philippines
- 3) Tokyo, Japan
- 4) Washington, DC, USA
- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Answer- 2) Manila, Philippines

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President- Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)

Headquarters – Manila, the Philippines

Members- 69

Established – 1966

5. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) approved the corporate agent license for Freo?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Competition Commission of India
- 4) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- 5) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Answer- 5) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Explanation:

Freo, the digital finance application has secured the Corporate Agent license from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**). With its new license, the company is expanding to include insurance products alongside its existing services like UPI, loans, savings, among others.

- The company said it is introducing a diverse range of affordable and easy-to-understand insurance products, specifically tailored for its users.

6. When was the European Investment Bank (EIB Global) established?

- 1) 1958
- 2) 1962
- 3) 1945
- 4) 1982
- 5) 1996

Answer- 1) 1958

Explanation:

About European Investment Bank (EIB Global):

President- Nadia Calvino (Spain)

Headquarters- Luxembourg

Established in- 1958

7. Which company has recently (in October '24) received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to onboard new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) users?

- 1) Walmart
- 2) Google
- 3) Naspers
- 4) One97 Communications
- 5) Resilient Innovations Private Limited

Answer- 4) One97 Communications

Explanation:

One 97 Communications, which owns brand **Paytm**, has received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) to onboard new Unified Payment Interface (UPI) users.

- This approval comes nearly nine months after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) placed an embargo on the addition of new customers.
- The permissions are subject to NPCI's procedural guidelines and agreements with Payment Service Provider (PSP) banks.

8. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the chairman of the board of Morgan Stanley?

- 1) Ted Pick
- 2) Bob Iger
- 3) Mark Parker
- 4) James Gorman
- 5) Andy Saperstein

Answer- **1) Ted Pick**

Explanation:

Morgan Stanley Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Ted Pick** will become **chairman** of the board in January 2025 by replacing his predecessor James Gorman, who has been tapped to head the board at Walt Disney.

- Gorman had said in May 2024 that he would step down at the end of the year, and Pick was expected to replace him in that role.
- Pick led the bank's institutional securities group, which includes investment banking and trading activities, and was co-president of Morgan Stanley for the last two years.

9. In which city, India's first purpose-built AI Datacenter has recently (in October '24) launched?

- 1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

RackBank launched **India's first** state-of-the-art, Purpose-Built **AI Datacenter** in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. This landmark facility, capable of housing an unprecedented 60,000 GPUs, 80MW power, positions India at the forefront of the global artificial intelligence revolution.

- The Datacenter is expected to create a variety of job opportunities and the investments more than 500 crores in phases.
- It will also serve as a hub for collaboration between academia, industry, and government, fostering an ecosystem of innovation and technological advancement.

10. Which bank has recently (in October '24) fined Rs 54 lakh by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) for failing to report suspicious transaction reports and not following due diligence under the anti-money laundering law?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Union Bank of India
- 3) Federal Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) Yes Bank

Answer- 2) Union Bank of India

Explanation:

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has imposed a fine of **Rs 54 lakh** on the **Union Bank of India** for "failing" to report suspicious transaction reports and for not undertaking due diligence under the anti-money laundering law for certain accounts at one of its branches in Mumbai.

- The federal agency issued the penalty notice under section 13 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).
- A "comprehensive review" of the Bank's operations uncovered certain "irregularities" related to KYC/AML (know your customer/anti-money laundering) compliance.

11. Which company has recently (in October '24) launched a new version of Monthly Income Plan-Plus which "adheres to the RBI's updated, faster settlement guidelines for P2P lending"?

- 1) IndiaP2P
- 2) Finzy
- 3) CRED Mint
- 4) RupeeCircle
- 5) i2i Funding

Answer- 1) IndiaP2P

Explanation:

On 23rd October 2024, **IndiaP2P** launched a new version of its offering called the **Monthly Income Plan-Plus**, which "adheres to the RBI's updated, faster settlement guidelines for P2P lending."

- Months after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) tightened regulations for NBFCs-Peer to Peer Lending Platforms (NBFC-P2Ps), companies like IndiaP2P are positioning these products as medium-to-long-term credit options instead of short-term ones.
- Lenders on the platform can earn up to 18% per annum interest (net of fees) with monthly payouts, including both principal and interest.

12. Which bank has recently (in October '24) collaborated with Alliance Network India to transform India's digital payment landscape?

- 1) Yes Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) Asian Development Bank

Answer- 2) Axis Bank

Explanation:

Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, has collaborated with **Alliance Network India**, a subsidiary of OMA Emirates Group, for the aggregation of the Point of Sale (POS) system to transform the digital payment landscape in India.

- The partnership brings together Axis Bank's extensive reach along with its expertise in supporting easy transactions, and Alliance Network's innovative technologies. Together both entities aim to provide enhanced and customised solutions driving business growth for merchants.
- This joint venture is expected to transform the digital payments ecosystem for small businesses as well as local merchants and large corporations.

13. Which bank has recently (in October '24) raised Rs 5,000 crore through the issuance of long-term infrastructure bonds?

- 1) City Union Bank
- 2) Federal Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) State Bank of India

Answer- **4) Indian Bank**

Explanation:

Chennai-based public sector lender **Indian Bank** has raised **Rs 5,000 crore** through the issuance of long-term infrastructure bonds. The bank said the private placement of long-term infrastructure bonds received an overwhelming response at 3.19 times the total issue size.

- The bank received a total of 90 bids amounting to Rs 15,925 crore against the total issue size of Rs 5,000 crore (base issue of Rs 2,000 crore with a greenshoe option to retain oversubscription up to Rs 3,000 crore). It accepted bids for Rs 5,000 crore at a coupon of 7.12% per annum.
- The funds raised through these securities are exempt from the regulatory requirement of maintaining statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) and cash reserve ratio (CRR).

14. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation reached a 14-month high of ____ in October 2024 from 5.49% in September 2024.

- 1) 5.93%
- 2) 6.21%
- 3) 6.36%
- 4) 6.74%
- 5) 7.88%

Answer- **2) 6.21%**

Explanation:

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation reached a 14-month high of **6.21%** in October 2024 up from 5.49% in September 2024, indicating persistent price pressures across sectors. The data shows higher inflation in rural areas at 6.68%, compared to 5.62% in urban regions.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) aims to keep inflation within a range of 2-6%, with a medium-term target of 4%.

- The Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) recorded a significant year-on-year (Y-o-Y) inflation rate of 10.87%, driven largely by rising prices of vegetables, fruits, oils and fats. In September, food inflation stood at 9.24%.

15. Which bank / organisation has recently (in October '24) revoked authorisation to Dubai-based UAE Exchange Centre to act as a payment system operator due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) European Central Bank
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Answer- **4) Reserve Bank of India**

Explanation:

The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has revoked authorisation to Dubai-based **UAE Exchange Centre** to act as a payment system operator due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

- UAE Exchange Centre LLC (UAEEC), with a registered office in Dubai, was issued Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) for a cross border in-bound money transfer operator (customer-to-customer) as 'Overseas Principal'.
- CoA of the payment system operator has been revoked for non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

16. Where is the headquarters of the World Bank located?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Toronto, Canada
- 3) London, United Kingdom
- 4) Bonn, Germany
- 5) Washington, D.C., USA

Answer- **5) Washington, D.C., USA**

Explanation:

About World bank (WB):

President – Ajay Banga

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

Founded – 1944

17. Who is the current (as of November '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Operating Officer (CEO) of IDFC First Bank Limited?

- 1) Shanti Lal Jain
- 2) Sandeep Bakhshi
- 3) V. Vaidyanathan
- 4) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 5) Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer- **3) V. Vaidyanathan**

Explanation:

About IDFC First Bank Limited:

Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer (**MD & CEO**)-V. Vaidyanathan

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded- 2015

18. Which bank has recently (in October '24) partnered with Solex Energy to offer solar financing options for commercial, industrial, and institutional customers?

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Federal Bank
- 5) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer- **3) State Bank of India**

Explanation:

Solex Energy has partnered with **State Bank of India** (SBI) to offer solar financing options for commercial, industrial, and institutional customers. SBI will offer solar financing through loans up to **Rs 10 crore** for solar projects under its **Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme** across India.

- The collaboration aims to make solar energy accessible, affordable, and a driving force for India's renewable energy future.
- The partnership will accelerate the growth of solar energy and empower the clients and channel partners to adopt solar solutions and drive business expansion quickly.

19. Which agritech company has recently (in October '24) secured a USD 19.8 million commitment from the United States International Finance Corporation (DFC) to extend a debt facility for its agri commerce subsidiary?

- 1) Cropin
- 2) Arya.ag
- 3) DeHaat
- 4) FARM2FAM
- 5) AgroStar

Answer- **2) Arya.ag**

Explanation:

Agritech startup **Arya.ag** has secured a commitment of **USD 19.8 million** from US International Development Finance Corporation (**DFC**) to extend a debt facility for its agri commerce subsidiary Aryatech.

- It will enhance Arya.ag's ability to connect farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) with buyers across the country by providing payment security, ensuring transaction transparency, and improving access to markets.
- This funding commitment is for a period of 7 years, with amortisation beginning in the fourth year and concluding by the end of the seventh.

20. Which company has recently (in October '24) received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate an online Payment Aggregator (PA)?

- 1) Hitachi Payment Services Private Limited
- 2) Paytm Payment Services Limited
- 3) Jio Payment Solutions Limited
- 4) PayGlocal Technologies Private Limited
- 5) SBI Cards and Payment Services Private Limited

Answer- 3) Jio Payment Solutions Limited

Explanation:

Jio Payment Solutions Limited (**JPSL**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jio Financial Services (**JFS**), has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) to operate as an online Payment Aggregator (**PA**). The certificate of authorisation came effective from **28th October 2024**.

- With this authorisation, JPSL is now allowed to manage digital transactions in compliance with **Section 7** of the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007.
- A Payment Aggregator acts as an intermediary between customers and businesses. It is a third-party service provider that allows customers to make and businesses to accept payments online.

21. When was Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL) established?

- 1) 1996
- 2) 1999
- 3) 2002
- 4) 2006
- 5) 2008

Answer- 2) 1999

Explanation:

About Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL):

JFSL was originally incorporated as Reliance Strategic Investments Private Limited on July 22, 1999, under the Companies Act 1956.

Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) – Hitesh Kumar Sethia

Headquarters – Mumbai

22. When was the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) established?

- 1) 1987
- 2) 1990
- 3) 1982
- 4) 1994
- 5) 1988

Answer - 2) 1990

Explanation:

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Manoj Mittal

Headquarters – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Founded – 2 April 1990

23. Who is the current (as of November'24) MD & CEO of National Stock Exchange Limited (NSE)?

- 1) S Ravindran
- 2) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- 3) Piyush Chourasia
- 4) Tablesh Pandey
- 5) Ashishkumar Chauhan

Answer - **5) Ashishkumar Chauhan**

Explanation:

About National Stock Exchange Limited (NSE):

MD & CEO - Ashishkumar Chauhan

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established - 1992

24. Who is the current (as of November '24) Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Karnataka Bank Limited(KBL)?

- 1) Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- 2) Atul Kumar Goel
- 3) Swarup Kumar Saha
- 4) B. Ramesh Babu
- 5) Ashok Vaswani

Answer- **1) Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma**

Explanation:

About Karnataka Bank Limited(KBL):

Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO)- Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma

Headquarters- Mangaluru, Karnataka

Incorporated- 18th February 1924

Tagline- Your Family Bank Across India

25. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) launched a mobile app as well as websites in 8 additional languages to commemorate its 30 years of operations?

- 1) Bombay Stock Exchange
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Indian Banks' Association
- 4) National Stock Exchange
- 5) Receivables Exchange of India Limited

Answer- **4) National Stock Exchange**

Explanation:

The **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** has launched a mobile application (**app**) as well as websites in **eight** additional languages to commemorate 30 years of operations. On 3rd November 1994, the NSE commenced trading in the stock market.

- The languages include Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu, bringing the total number of languages supported by the NSE to twelve.
- By providing investor-friendly tools, near real-time insights, and the ease of obtaining market data in their mother tongue, these programs aim to empower investors.

26. Which bank has recently (in October '24) launched the SME Turbo Loan to streamline credit access for MSMEs up to Rs 5 crore?

- 1) CSB Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Federal Bank
- 4) City Union Bank
- 5) Bandhan Bank

Answer- 1) CSB Bank

Explanation:

Private sector **CSB Bank** launched its new loan offering for SMEs – **SME Turbo Loan** to provide quick in-principle sanction for credit up to **Rs 5 crore** for MSMEs across various sectors. With the overdraft, term loan and trade facilities, the new loan facility will underwrite borrowers based on their 'digital scorecard'.

- The Turbo Loan product simplifies the way SMEs access credit, by offering instant in-principle sanction, based on a simplified credit assessment, which is unique in the market,
- To boost credit to MSME and agri borrowers, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is soon expected to launch a new Unified Lending Interface (ULI) platform for UPI-like lending based on borrower's financial and non-financial data.

27. When was the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) established?

- 1) 1936
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1952
- 4) 1963
- 5) 1982

Answer- 3) 1952

Explanation:

About Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO):

Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) – Neelam Shami Rao

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1952

28. Who is the current (as of November '24) Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank Limited?

- 1) Rajneesh Karnatak
- 2) Nidhu Saxena
- 3) Amitabh Chaudhry
- 4) Ashwani Kumar
- 5) Prashant Kumar

Answer- 5) Prashant Kumar

Explanation:

About Yes Bank Limited:

Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Prashant Kumar

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established– 2004

29. Where is the headquarters of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Dhanbad, Jharkhand
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **3) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Dilip Asbe

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded- 2008

30. Where is the headquarters of ICRA Limited located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gurugram, Haryana

Answer- **5) Gurugram, Haryana**

Explanation:

About ICRA Limited:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Ramnath Krishnan

Non-Executive Chairman- Arun Duggal

Headquarters- Gurugram, Haryana

Established- 1991

31. Which bank has recently (in November '24) raised Rs 1,500 crore through its first-ever issuance of redeemable, unsecured long-term infrastructure bonds?

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) Bank of Bandhan
- 3) Union Bank
- 4) Federal Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer- **4) Federal Bank**

Explanation:

Federal Bank announced it has raised **Rs 1,500 crore** through its first-ever issuance of redeemable, unsecured long-term infrastructure bonds. The total issue size comprised a base issue of Rs 750 crore and a greenshoe option to retain oversubscription up to Rs 750 crore.

- The fund has been raised by way of issue and allotment of the debentures on a private placement basis. The debentures will be listed on the National Stock Exchange.

32. When was IndusInd Bank established?

- 1) 1956
- 2) 1962

3) 1975

4) 1983

5) 1994

Answer- **5) 1994**

Explanation:

About IndusInd Bank:

Managing Director **(MD)** & Chief Executive Officer**(CEO)**– Sumant Kathpalia

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1994

Tagline- We make you feel richer

33. Which bank celebrated its 103rd Foundation Day on 11th November 2024?

1) Nainital Bank

2) IndusInd Bank

3) South Indian Bank

4) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

5) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer- **4) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank**

Explanation:

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) Limited celebrated its **103rd Foundation Day** in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.

- The bank was also planning to introduce Artificial intelligence (AI) and Machine Language based business rule engine in phases.
- As a part of the celebration, the bank organised blood donation camp and eye screening camp at various locations in Thoothukudi. The bank also conducted a loan mela in Thoothukudi and three other regions.

34. Which bank acted as a partner of the G20 in 2024?

1) World Bank

2) Asian Development Bank

3) European Investment Bank

4) New Development Bank

5) DBS Bank

Answer- **4) New Development Bank**

Explanation:

New Development Bank (NDB) acted as a **partner** of the **G20** in 2024 and was invited by the Brazilian presidency for the first time to participate in numerous forum events, including the leaders' summit, which indicates the growth of its international authority and position.

- However, it is still difficult to say whether the bank's participation in the G20 events will result in specific projects.

35. Who is the current (as of November '24) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited?

1) Atul Kumar Goel

2) Nikhil Mohan

- 3) Baldev Prakash
- 4) Ashok Vaswani
- 5) Swarup Kumar Saha

Answer- **3) Baldev Prakash**

Explanation:

About Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Baldev Prakash

Headquarters– Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

Founded– 1938

36. Which country first adopted the Unified Payment Interface (UPI)?

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Bhutan
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) United Arab Emirates

Answer- **2) Bhutan**

Explanation:

About Unified Payment Interface (UPI):

Unified Payment Interface (**UPI**) is a real-time payment system that enables instant and secure money transfers between bank accounts using mobile phones.

- **UPI** was officially launched on **April 11 2016** by NPCI under the guidance of RBI.
- **Bhutan** was the **first** country to adopt UPI in July 2021.
- The countries that have also adopted UPI include Singapore, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, France, Netherlands and Nepal.

37. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to begin its mutual fund operations?

- 1) Unifi Asset Management
- 2) Geode Capital Management
- 3) Brookfield Asset Management
- 4) Manulife Investment Management
- 5) Knight Vinke Asset Management

Answer- **1) Unifi Asset Management**

Explanation:

Unifi Asset Management Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Unifi Capital, has received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) to launch its mutual fund operations.

- The Indian mutual fund industry has seen significant growth, with assets under management (AUM) reaching Rs 61.16 lakh crore as of June 2024, driven by increasing retail participation and the rise of systematic investment plans (SIPs).
- As of October 2024, the firm manages assets worth Rs 27,000 crore through its portfolio management services (PMS) and alternative investment funds (AIF) platforms.

38. When was the Punjab National Bank (PNB) established?

- 1) 1852
- 2) 1894
- 3) 1927
- 4) 1943
- 5) 1996

Answer- **2) 1894**

Explanation:

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

Managing Director **(MD)** and Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)**– Atul Kumar Goel

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Tagline– The name you can Bank Upon

Established– 1894

CA STATIC GK

1. What is the revised time period of Advance Reservation Period (ARP) of the Indian Railways from November 1, 2024?

- 1) 90 days
- 2) 100 days
- 3) 150 days
- 4) 60 days
- 5) 120 days

Answer- **4) 60 days**

Explanation:

Indian Railways has cut down the Advance Reservation Period **(ARP)** from 120 days to **60 days** w.e.f. 1st November 2024; excluding the date of the journey. The Ministry of Railways has announced this change in ARP for train bookings by Indian travelers in order to promote genuine passengers.

- The 365-day ARP limit for foreign tourists remains unchanged.
- With a shorter ARP, passengers will now have better clarity in their travel plans, reducing the current 21% cancellation rate.

2. According to the BRICS Business Forum 2024 held in Moscow, Russia, the Overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the BRICS bloc is _____ of the Global GDP.

- 1) 45.5%
- 2) 37.4%
- 3) 16.7%
- 4) 29.3%
- 5) 40.2%

Answer- **2) 37.4%**

Explanation:

The **BRICS Business Forum 2024** was held in Moscow, Russia on 17th to 18th October 2024.

President of Russia, **Vladimir Putin** addressed the plenary session of the forum where he highlighted

the rising economic influence of BRICS nations, stating that the combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of BRICS nations now exceeds USD 60 trillion, surpassing that of the G7 countries.

- In 2023, the BRICS bloc now accounts for **37.4%** of global GDP, compared to the G7's 29.3%.
- The BRICS Business Forum 2024 was held, ahead of the 16th BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia from 22nd to 24th October 2024.

3. Where was the second National Lighthouse Festival in India celebrated?

- 1) Panjim, Goa
- 2) Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Trivandrum, Kerala
- 4) Puri, Odisha
- 5) Pondicherry, Puducherry

Answer- **4) Puri, Odisha**

Explanation:

The **2nd National Lighthouse Festival** was held on **19 October 2024** in Puri, Odisha. It began with '**Lighthouse Tourism Conclave 2024**' hosted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (**MoPSW**).

- The event aimed to explore the vast potential of lighthouse tourism and strategies for preserving these maritime structures, blending tourism development with heritage conservation.

4. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Digital India Corporation (DIC) and President/Chief Executive Officer (P&CEO) of the National e-Governance Division (NeGD)?

- 1) Ashish Bhargava
- 2) Akash Tripathi
- 3) Sakesh Prasad Singh
- 4) Abhishek Singh
- 5) S. Krishnan

Answer- **2) Akash Tripathi**

Explanation:

Akash Tripathi, a 1998-batch IAS officer from the Madhya Pradesh cadre has been appointed as the Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of **Digital India Corporation (DIC)** and the President/Chief Executive Officer (**P&CEO**) of the **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**.

- The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet approved the proposal by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for this dual responsibility.
- Tripathi's tenure at Digital India Corporation will be for six months or until a permanent appointment is made, whichever comes earlier.

5. Which country has recently (in October '24) launched the 'Musaned' Platform to ensure wage protection, human rights of expat workers?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Saudi Arabia

5) Bangladesh

Answer- **4) Saudi Arabia**

Explanation:

Saudi Arabia launched the **Musaned** Digital Platform. Under this platform, foreign workers in the domestic (household) work sector can check the existing employment contracts and follow updates in a dedicated Musaned labour app.

- It will benefit at least 10 African countries and nine Asian countries including India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam, Philippines and Sri Lanka.
- The digital platform can track financial transactions between the employers and the foreign workers, thereby ensuring the employers will fulfil the contractual obligations towards the foreign workers.

6. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Liberia?

- 1) Ruchira Kamboj
- 2) Mridul Kumar
- 3) Sandeep Chakravorty
- 4) Rudra Gaurav Shreshth
- 5) Manoj Bihari Verma

Answer- **5) Manoj Bihari Verma**

Explanation:

Manoj Bihari Verma has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India** to the Republic of **Liberia**. He is currently serving as the Counsellor in the High Commission of India at Dar-es-Salaam.

- He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

7. Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda stated that India's chemical and petrochemical industry is projected to surpass _____ by 2028 in the 'India Chem-2024' event in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- 1) USD 200 billion
- 2) USD 300 billion
- 3) USD 500 billion
- 4) USD 800 billion
- 5) USD 1 trillion

Answer- **2) USD 300 billion**

Explanation:

The three-day event '**India Chem-2024**' which was inaugurated on 17th October concluded on 19th October 2024 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It is one of the largest composite events of the industry in the Asia-Pacific region and comprises an International Conference and Exhibition.

- Union Health Minister **Jagat Prakash Nadda** stated that India's chemical and petrochemical industry is projected to surpass **USD 300 billion** by 2028 and is on track to reach USD 1 trillion by 2040.
- He emphasized the importance of reducing reliance on imported feedstocks and focusing on alternative feed stocks, while also ensuring that India leads the global shift toward greener technologies.

8. Which country has hosted the Commonwealth Games 5 times?

- 1) Canada
- 2) England
- 3) Scotland
- 4) Australia
- 5) New Zealand

Answer- **4) Australia**

Explanation:

On 22nd October 2024, the Commonwealth Games Federation (**CGF**) announced that **wrestling, badminton, hockey, cricket** and **shooting**, among other major sports, have been dropped from the Commonwealth Games 2026 (**CWG 2026**). The **23rd** edition of CWG is scheduled to take place in Glasgow, Scotland from 23rd July, 2026 to 2nd August, 2026.

- **Australia** has hosted the Commonwealth Games **5 times** i.e. in 1938, 1962, 1982, 2006 and 2018.

9. Who is the current (as of November '24) Director General (DG) of Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?

- 1) Rakesh Pal
- 2) Paramesh Sivamani
- 3) Virender Singh Pathania
- 4) Krishna Swaminathan
- 5) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

Answer- **2) Paramesh Sivamani**

Explanation:

About Indian Coast Guard (ICG):

Director General (DG)- Paramesh Sivamani

Founded: 1977

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

10. Who is the current (as of November '24) Prime Minister of Singapore?

- 1) Tharman Shanmugaratnam
- 2) Lee Hsien Loong
- 3) Heng Swee Keat
- 4) Vivian Balakrishnan
- 5) Lawrence Wong

Answer- **5) Lawrence Wong**

Explanation:

About Singapore:

Capital- Singapore City

Currency- Singapore Dollar(SGD)

Prime Minister (PM)- Lawrence Wong

11. Israeli _____ is the currency of Israel.

- 1) Koruna
- 2) New Shekel
- 3) Dram

4) Nakfa

5) Lari

Answer- **2) New Shekel**

Explanation:

About Israel:

President- Isaac Herzog

Capital- Jerusalem

Currency- Israeli New Shekel

12. In which year was the International Tennis Hall of Fame established?

1) 1954

2) 1947

3) 1958

4) 1962

5) 1960

Answer- **1) 1954**

Explanation:

About International Tennis Hall of Fame

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Dan Faber

Location – Newport, Rhode Island, the United States of America(USA)

Established- 1954

13. Where is the headquarters of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) situated?

1) Sydney, Australia

2) Madrid, Spain

3) London, UK

4) Manila, Philippines

5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **3) London, UK**

Explanation:

About Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF):

President- Dame Louise Martin

Headquarters- London, the United Kingdom (UK)

Established- 1932

14. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the new President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)?

1) Brij Bhushan Agarwal

2) Ameya Prabhu

3) Rajeev Singh

4) Abhyuday Jindal

5) Sharmila Tagore

Answer- **4) Abhyuday Jindal**

Explanation:

Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director of Jindal Stainless has been named the new **President** of the **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**, taking over from Ameya Prabhu.

- Jindal aims to support initiatives that help all parts of society benefit from economic progress.

15. Which educational institute has recently (in October '24) been honoured with the prestigious FICCI "Best University of the Year – Established Category" award at the 19th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2024?

- 1) Anand Agricultural University
- 2) Dr. C.V. Raman University
- 3) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 4) Indian Institute of Teacher Education
- 5) Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Answer- 5) Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Explanation:

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (**MAHE**) has been honoured with the prestigious FICCI "**Best University of the Year - Established Category**" award at the 19th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2024. The award ceremony took place at the Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The award recognizes universities that have demonstrated outstanding performance in various domains such as academic excellence, innovative practices, faculty development, student engagement, and contributions to societal growth.

16. Name the players who have recently (in October '24) won the men's doubles title at the Almaty Open 2024 ATP 250 tennis tournament in Kazakhstan.

- 1) Arjun Kadhe and Rithvik Bollipalli
- 2) Nicolas Barrientos and Skander Mansouri
- 3) Marco Bortolotti and Patrik Niklas-Salminen
- 4) Yuki Bhambri and Albano Olivetti
- 5) Jakob Schnaitter and Mark Wallner

Answer- 1) Arjun Kadhe and Rithvik Bollipalli

Explanation:

On 20th October 2024, India's **Arjun Kadhe** and **Rithvik Bollipalli** produced a stunning comeback to win the **men's doubles title** at the **Almaty Open 2024 ATP 250 tennis tournament** in Kazakhstan.

- Kadhe and Bollipalli beat Colombia's Nicolas Barrientos and Tunisia's Skander Mansouri in a super tiebreaker to clinch their maiden ATP Tour crown both as a team and individually.
- The title was worth USD 54,780 and 250 ATP points. The runner-up team collected 150 points and USD 29,310.

17. Which country has recently (in October '24) doubled its grant to Rs 172.25 million to support education in Sri Lanka's plantation regions?

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

Answer- **1) India**

Explanation:

India has doubled its grant to **Rs 172.25 million** to support education in Sri Lanka's plantation areas for the Indian-origin Tamil community. Indian High Commission to Sri Lanka Santosh Jha and Secretary of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Education and Science and Technology J.M. Thilaka Jayasundara signed and exchanged diplomatic letters to formalise the modalities on October 18, 2024.

- This initiative will focus on improving the infrastructure as part of India's broader development partnership with Sri Lanka, which has prioritised education through various projects.
- India's support in the sector extends to school renovations, e-library setups, vocational training centres, and smart classrooms.

18. Who was recently (in October '24) appointed as the coal secretary?

- 1) Amrit Lal Meena
- 2) Umashankar
- 3) V L Kantha Rao
- 4) Tanmay Kumar
- 5) Vikram Dev Dutt

Answer- **5) Vikram Dev Dutt**

Explanation:

On 21st October 2024, **Vikram Dev Dutt** assumed charge as the coal secretary. Dutt succeeds V L Kantha Rao who currently serves as the mines secretary.

- Dutt is a 1993-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre, earlier served as the Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

19. Who has recently (in October '24) created history by becoming the first Indian artist to be featured on the cover of Billboard Canada?

- 1) Neha Dhupia
- 2) Diljit Dosanjh
- 3) Angad Bedi
- 4) Hania Aamir
- 5) Ali Aziz Sethi

Answer- **2) Diljit Dosanjh**

Explanation:

Singer-actor **Diljit Dosanjh** has created history by becoming the **first Indian artist** to be featured on the cover of **Billboard Canada**.

- The inaugural print edition of the magazine will feature Diljit's exclusive content from his Dil-Luminati tour.

20. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) is a member of which organisation?

- 1) United Nations Development Programme
- 2) United Nations Environment Programme
- 3) United Nations Forum on Forests

4) United Nations Sustainable Development Group

5) United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Answer - **4) United Nations Sustainable Development Group**

Explanation:

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

It is a member of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG).

Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for DRR- Kamal Kishore

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Established- 1999

21. Where is the Neora Valley National Park located?

1) Arunachal Pradesh

2) Punjab

3) West Bengal

4) Bihar

5) Odisha

Answer- **3) West Bengal**

Explanation:

About West Bengal:

Chief Minister (CM)- Mamata Banerjee

Governor- Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

Capital- Kolkata

National Parks (NPs)- Gorumara NP, Neora Valley NP, Sunderban NP

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

1) New York, USA

2) Munich, Germany

3) Jakarta, Indonesia

4) Gland, Switzerland

5) Paris, France

Answer- **2) Munich, Germany**

Explanation:

About International Shooting Sport Federation

President- Luciano Rossi

Headquarters - Munich, Germany

Founded -1907

23. Who is the current (as of November '24) Director General (DG) of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?

1) Nina Singh

2) Amit Shah

3) Anish Dayal Singh

4) Daljit Singh Chaudhary

5) Rahul Rasgotra

Answer- **5) Rahul Rasgotra**

Explanation:

About Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP):

Director General(DG)- Rahul Rasgotra

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 1962

Motto- Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha (Valour-Determination-Devotion to Duty)

24. In which year was the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) established?

- 1) 1998
- 2) 1992
- 3) 2000
- 4) 2001
- 5) 1999

Answer- **1) 1998**

Explanation:

About United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA):

Under-Secretary-General (USG) and High Representative(HR) for Disarmament Affairs- Izumi Nakamitsu(Japan)

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

Established - 1998

25. Who has recently (in October '24) became the first Indian woman football player to score 50 international goals?

- 1) Bala Devi
- 2) Manisha
- 3) Anju Tamang
- 4) Jyoti Chouhan
- 5) Ashalata Devi

Answer- **1) Bala Devi**

Explanation:

Bala Devi reached an exceptional milestone by becoming the **first Indian woman** to score her **50th international goal** during the match against Pakistan in the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship in Nepal.

- She is often referred to as the "**goal machine**" of Indian women's football.

26. Who has recently (in October '24) won the gold medal at the ACO World Chess Championship in Crete, Greece?

- 1) Sahaj Grover
- 2) Gurpreet Pal Singh
- 3) Karun Duggal
- 4) Ralph Ennerbach
- 5) Dibyendu Barua

Answer- **2) Gurpreet Pal Singh**

Explanation:

India's FIDE Master **Gurpreet Pal Singh** won the **gold medal** at the ACO World Chess Championship in Crete, Greece. Gurpreet is known to have coached the likes of Grandmaster and former under-10 world champion Sahaj Grover.

- The nine-round tournament gave Gurpreet seven points out of a possible nine in a highly competitive field comprising 29 countries.
- Winning his first game, Gurpreet was held to a draw by German Ralph Ennerbach but then the Indian railway employee picked up bits and pieces and ended up with five victories and four draws for his seven points.

27. In which state 'pink alarms' have been recently (in October '24) installed at the government-run district hospital and medical college for Women's Safety?

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

Answer- 1) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

In **Madhya Pradesh**, in a first of its kind of initiative, '**pink alarms**' have been installed at the government-run district hospital and medical college in Datia district, Madhya Pradesh. The issue of safety of women staff at public hospitals came to the fore recently after the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

- The alarm system was district collector Sandeep Makin's initiative.
- The pressing of an alarm will set off a siren and within five minutes the security personnel will reach the person in trouble.
- This is the first government hospital in Madhya Pradesh where this facility has been provided for women security.

28. Who will be the next chairman of the Walt Disney Co. in January 2025?

- 1) Bob Iger
- 2) Mark Parker
- 3) Andy Saperstein
- 4) James Gorman
- 5) Dan Simkowitz

Answer- 4) James Gorman

Explanation:

Walt Disney Co. named **James Gorman** as next chairman of the board and said it will appoint a new chief executive officer in early 2026.

- Gorman will step down as executive chairman of Morgan Stanley at the end 2024 and will succeed Mark Parker as chairman at Disney in January 2025.
- He had served as CEO of the Wall Street bank for 14 years and is credited with transforming the bank into a wealth management powerhouse.

29. In which state 12th edition of the Joint Military Training (JMT) exercise of Indian Air Force (IAF) and Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) commenced in October 2024?

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

Answer- 3) West Bengal

Explanation:

On 21st October 2024, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF)** commenced the 12th edition of the Joint Military Training (**JMT**) exercise at Air Force Station Kalaikunda, **West Bengal**.

- The bilateral phase of the exercise will be conducted from 13 to 21 November 2024 and is expected to generate intense collaboration between the two forces, as they engage in advanced air combat simulations, joint mission planning and debriefing sessions.
- The bilateral phase aims to enhance interoperability, sharpen combat readiness and promote the exchange of knowledge between the two Air Forces.

30. Which state has recently (in October '24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Meta to enhance citizen services?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Assam
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- 4) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Meta** to enhance citizen services. The partnership will enable communication between the government and citizens through WhatsApp, allowing seamless access to public services.

- The initiative will initially focus on sectors like education and skilling, with the potential to expand into other areas.
- Meta's generative AI will support the development of e-governance solutions to streamline processes, improve transparency, and reduce document tampering risks.

31. Which of the following countries is 'not' in the Quad Cyber Challenge to strengthen cybersecurity?

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

Answer- 2) China

Explanation:

India, the United States of America (**USA**), **Australia** and **Japan** have announced the continuation of the **Quad Cyber Challenge** for strengthening responsible cyber ecosystems, promoting public resources and raising cybersecurity awareness.

- The theme of 2024 Challenge is promoting cybersecurity education and building a strong workforce.
- In February 2023, USA, together with its Quad partners Australia, India, and Japan, launched the 'Quad Cyber Challenge' to promote responsible cyber habits across their nations, regions, and beyond.

32. Who is the current (as of November '24) Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)?

- 1) Dr. V.G. Somani
- 2) R.N. Chopra
- 3) Dr. S. Eswara Reddy
- 4) Gyanendra Nath Singh
- 5) Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi

Answer- **5) Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi**

Explanation:

About Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO):

It is the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of India. It works under the Directorate General of Health Services, MoHFW.

Drug Controller General of India (**DCGI**)- Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

33. Russian _____ is the currency of Russia.

- 1) Rupee
- 2) Pula
- 3) Dollar
- 4) Ruble
- 5) Baht

Answer- **4) Ruble**

Explanation:

About Russia:

President – Vladimir Putin

Capital – Moscow

Currency – Russian Ruble

34. Which country is the world's second biggest natural diamond producer?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Botswana
- 3) China
- 4) Namibia
- 5) South Africa

Answer- **2) Botswana**

Explanation:

About Botswana:

Botswana is the world's second biggest natural diamond producer behind Russia.

President- Duma Boko

Capital- Gaborone

Currency- Botswanan Pula

35. When was Ambuja Cements Limited (ACL) established?

- 1) 1956
- 2) 1963
- 3) 1977
- 4) 1983
- 5) 1996

Answer- **4) 1983**

Explanation:

About Ambuja Cements Limited (ACL):

Non-Executive Chairman- Gautam Adani

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established- 1983

36. Where is the headquarters of World Archery located?

- 1) Washington, D.C, USA
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **3) Lausanne, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Archery:

Headquarters - Lausanne, Switzerland

President - Dr. Ugur Erdener (Türkiye)

37. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) launched a 'Joint Call for proposals' for the development of Electric Vehicle (EV) sub-systems in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)?

- 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- 3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 4) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Heavy Industries**

Explanation:

On 21st October 2024, The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) in collaboration with the Ministry of Heavy Industries (**MHI**) launched a 'Joint Call for proposals' for the development of **electric vehicle** (EV) sub-systems.

- The Joint Call for proposals will focus on key areas of innovation, such as EV chargers and charging infrastructure, machines and drives for EV, battery and battery management system, telematics, functional safety and security, Centre for prototyping and testing for validation of EV sub-system.
- The objective of the programme is to develop the sub-systems required for an EV in the areas of electric drive-train with electric motors and drive controllers and battery management system.

38. Which state has recently (in October '24) become the first state in India to introduce Foundation Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) training for Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers in government schools?

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

Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh has become the **first state** in India to introduce Foundation Literacy and Numeracy **(FLN) training** for Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers in government schools. This initiative is led by **B. Srinivasa Rao**, IAS, State Project Director of Samagra Shiksha.

- It is expected to have a lasting impact on the National Educational Policy.
- The program involves 34,000 teachers across the state. The training is designed to align with the National Education Policy and Nipun Bharat aiming to provide quality education at the grassroots level.
- The initiative seeks to create an environment that revitalizes the education system, ensuring every student meets educational standards.

39. Who wrote the recently released (in September '24) book 'The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World'?

- 1) Toby Wilkinson
- 2) Harry Freedman
- 3) Dominic Sandbrook
- 4) William Dalrymple
- 5) John Guy

Answer- **4) William Dalrymple**

Explanation:

William Dalrymple wrote the book 'The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World'. This book was published by Bloomsbury Publishing.

- This book highlights India's oft-forgotten position as a crucial economic and civilisational hub at the heart of the ancient and early medieval history of Eurasia.

40. Who has recently (in October '24) won the Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024 in Washington, D.C., USA?

- 1) Urmila Chaudhary
- 2) Sarswati
- 3) Medha Patkar
- 4) Angellica Aribam
- 5) Gaura Devi

Answer- **1) Urmila Chaudhary**

Explanation:

Urmila Chaudhary of Nepal won the **Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024** which was presented by Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken. This award honours six civil society leaders for their exceptional courage, leadership, and commitment to advancing racial equity, justice, and human rights.

- Urmila Chaudhary is an abolitionist and labour activist who was rescued from child servitude at age 17.
- She is honoured for her dedication to advancing the rights of marginalized castes and ethnic communities in Nepal and for combating systemic racism and intersectional abuses.

41. What is the currency of Germany?

- 1) Rupee
- 2) Pound
- 3) Dollar
- 4) Krone
- 5) Euro

Answer- **5) Euro**

Explanation:

About Germany:

President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Capital – Berlin

Currency – Euro

42. When was the India Meteorological Department (IMD) established?

- 1) 1864
- 2) 1875
- 3) 1888
- 4) 1899
- 5) 1904

Answer- **2) 1875**

Explanation:

About India Meteorological Department (IMD):

Director General(DG) – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Formed – 1875

43. Who is the current (as of November '24) Prime Minister of Pakistan?

- 1) Asif Ali Zardari
- 2) Hasan Akhund
- 3) Shehbaz Sharif
- 4) Abdulla Aripov
- 5) Hibatullah Akhundzada

Answer- **3) Shehbaz Sharif**

Explanation:

About Pakistan:

Prime Minister- Shehbaz Sharif

Capital- Islamabad

Currency- Pakistani Rupee

44. Where is Kaziranga National Park situated?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Assam

Answer- **5) Assam**

Explanation:

About Assam:

Capital - Dispur

Chief Minister (**CM**)-Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor- Lakshman Prasad Acharya

National Parks (NP)-Kaziranga NP, Manas NP

45. When was National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) established?

- 1) 1946
- 2) 1958
- 3) 1963
- 4) 1975
- 5) 1982

Answer- **4) 1975**

Explanation:

About National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC):

Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**)- Gurdeep Singh

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established -1975

46. Who is the current (as of November '24) Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh?

- 1) B.D Mishra
- 2) Kiran Bedi
- 3) Manoj Sinha
- 4) Vinai Kumar Saxena

5) K. Kailashnathan

Answer- **1) B.D Mishra**

Explanation:

About Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh:

Lieutenant (Lt.) Governor– Brigadier B.D Mishra (Retired)

Wildlife Sanctuary– Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary

Airport- Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport

47. Where is the Maitri Baag Zoological Park located?

1) Maharashtra

2) Haryana

3) Chhattisgarh

4) Assam

5) Bihar

Answer- **3) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

About Chhattisgarh:

Governor– Ramen Deka

Chief Minister (CM)– Vishnu Deo Sai

Zoological Parks– Nandanvan Jungle Safari (Naya Raipur), Maitri Baag Zoological Park

48. Which country has recently (in October '24) agreed to extend the existing bilateral agreement with India on 'Joint Military Training-Army' for the next five years?

1) Kazakhstan

2) Singapore

3) United Kingdom

4) Bangladesh

5) United States of America

Answer- **2) Singapore**

Explanation:

On 22nd October 2024, **India** and **Singapore** agreed to extend the existing bilateral agreement on '**Joint Military Training-Army**' for the next five years and also look at co-development and co-production of defence equipment during the **6th India-Singapore Defence Ministerial Dialogue** in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This meeting was co-chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Minister of Defence of Singapore Dr Ng Eng Hen.
- Both countries agreed to strengthen industry relations, including investigating cooperation in specialized fields like automation and artificial intelligence.

49. Which ministry launched the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana initiative?

1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

2) Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

3) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

4) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

5) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Answer- 2) Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

Explanation:

A significant transformation occurred in India's healthcare landscape with the launch of the "**Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana**" (PMBJP) by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.

- This initiative aims to provide high-quality generic medicines at affordable prices, making essential healthcare accessible to all citizens. PMBJP is dedicated to improving health outcomes and promoting health equity across India.
- The PMBJP offers an extensive product basket that includes 2047 medicines and 300 surgical devices, catering to various therapeutic groups.
- It reached a significant milestone, with Janaushadhi medicines worth Rs. 1,000 crore sold in the year 2024-25 till 20th October 2024.

50. Who has recently (in November '24) assumed charge as the Defence Secretary?

- 1) Alka Upadhyaya
- 2) Asheesh Joshi
- 3) Giridhar Aramane
- 4) Amardeep Singh Bhatia
- 5) Rajesh Kumar Singh

Answer- 5) Rajesh Kumar Singh

Explanation:

Rajesh Kumar Singh, a 1989-batch IAS officer from Kerala cadre assumed charge as the **Defence Secretary** succeeding Giridhar Aramane.

- He was holding the charge of Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Earlier he was a secretary in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

51. Which organisation has celebrated its Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Gujarat on 22nd October 2024?

- 1) National Horticulture Board
- 2) National Dairy Development Board
- 3) Animal Welfare Board of India
- 4) National Fisheries Development Board
- 5) National Tiger Conservation Authority

Answer- 2) National Dairy Development Board

Explanation:

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri **Amit Shah** inaugurated several farmer welfare schemes worth **Rs 300 crore** during the **National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) diamond jubilee** celebration along with the commemoration of birth anniversary of Shri Tribhuvandas Patel in Anand, Gujarat.

- He stated that the Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) for the recently launched White Revolution 2.0 have been released.
- Over the past 60 years, NDDB has empowered and organised the cooperative sector, farmers, as well as mothers and sisters, contributing significantly to their upliftment and development.

52. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) signed MoUs with six institutions including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) dedicated to the empowerment of Divyangjan?

- 1) National Association for the Blind
- 2) National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation
- 3) National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
- 4) National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology
- 5) National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities

Answer- 5) National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities

Explanation:

The National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (**NIEPVD**), Dehradun signed important Memoranda of Understanding (**MoUs**) with **six institutions**, including non-governmental organisations (NGOs) dedicated to the empowerment of **Divyangjan**.

- This partnership is a crucial step towards enhancing the capabilities and welfare of Divyangjan by ensuring access to essential resources and support.
- The partnership would focus on modern technology, artificial intelligence, psychological support, protection against online fraud, ease of access to technology, utilization of modern teaching-learning materials, and technical training for teachers working in special education.

53. Which state has recently (in October '24) celebrated World Gibbon Day?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Assam
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Haryana

Answer- 2) Assam

Explanation:

World Gibbon Day is being celebrated in Tinsukia district, Assam on 24th October 2024. The two-day event was organised by the state government in association with various civil society organisations at Barekuri village.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mann Ki Baat highlighted the unique relationship between the local people and Hoolock Gibbons at Barekuri village.
- Barekuri village sought to limelight for the conservation of Hoolock Gibbons as well as for the point of view of tourism.

54. When was the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) established?

- 1) 1945
- 2) 1953
- 3) 1972
- 4) 1960
- 5) 1998

Answer- 1) 1945

Explanation:

About United Nations Development Programme (UNDP):

Administrator- Achim Steiner

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

Established- 1945

55. Who is the current (as of November '24) Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- 1) Audrey Azoulay
- 2) Ibrahim Thiaw
- 3) QU Dongyu
- 4) Inger Anderson
- 5) Aarti Holla-Maini

Answer- 4) Inger Anderson

Explanation:

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

Executive Director- Inger Anderson

Headquarters- Nairobi, Kenya

Established- 1972

56. Where is Nagarhole National Park located?

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

Answer- 2) Karnataka

Explanation:

About Karnataka:

Chief Minister (CM)- Siddaramaiah

Governor- Thawar Chand Gehlot

National Parks (NP)- Nagarhole NP (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Kudremukh National Park

57. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)?

- 1) Joanna Kerr
- 2) Dr. Grethel Aguilar
- 3) Razan Al Mubarak
- 4) Susanne Lucas
- 5) Carter Roberts

Answer- 3) Razan Al Mubarak

Explanation:

About International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):

President - Razan Al Mubarak

Headquarters - Gland, Switzerland

Founded - 1948

58. Where is the headquarters of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO) located?

- 1) Bonn, Germany
- 2) Montreal, Canada
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) New York, USA
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- **5) Paris, France**

Explanation:

About Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO):

Executive Secretary– Vidar Helgesen

Member States– 150

Headquarters– Paris, France

Established in– 1960

59. Which stadium has been recently (in October '24) taken on a 30-year lease by the Bihar Cricket Association (BCA)?

- 1) Rajgir International Cricket Stadium
- 2) Nishan Singh Stadium
- 3) Moin-ul-Haq Stadium
- 4) Nehru Smarak Stadium
- 5) Urja Stadium

Answer- **3) Moin-ul-Haq Stadium**

Explanation:

The **Bihar** government and the **Bihar Cricket Association** (BCA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) which grants the BCA a **30-year lease** on the on **Moin-ul-Haq Stadium** which sets the stage for the redevelopment of the stadium which is set to transform it into a state of art, international-standard sporting complex.

- It will be renovated with the financial support from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- BCA will pay only Rs 1 per year for the first seven years, and afterward, it will share 50% of the profits with the Bihar government after deducting expenses and taxes.

60. When is the 200th anniversary of Kittur Vijayotsava celebrated?

- 1) 21st October 2024
- 2) 23rd October 2024
- 3) 26th October 2024
- 4) 1st November 2024
- 5) 3rd November 2024

Answer- **2) 23rd October 2024**

Explanation:

On 23rd October 2024, the **200th anniversary** of **Kittur Vijayotsava** was celebrated and a commemorative Postage stamp was released at the historic Kittur Rani Channamma Stage, Kittur Fort Premises.

- This grand event commemorated Rani Channamma's glorious victory on 23rd October 1824 against British rule.
- The Department of Posts presents a commemorative postage stamp celebrating the valor and legacy of Rani Channamma.

61. Which city has recently (in October '24) awarded the "Award of Excellence in Urban Transport" under the category "City with Best Record of Public Involvement in Transport" by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

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

Answer- **1) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC) has been awarded the "**Award of Excellence in Urban Transport**" under the category "City with Best Record of Public Involvement in Transport" by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**) at the Mahatma Gandhi Mandir Convention Center in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- This recognition by the Government of India acknowledges BMTTC's commitment to ensuring citizen safety and promoting an environment-friendly transport system.
- The award is a testament to BMTTC's efforts to engage the public and implement innovative solutions in urban transport.

62. According to the National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-5, 2019-21), over _____ of children in India, aged 6-23 months do not receive the World Health Organisation (WHO)-suggested dietary diversity.

- 1) 56%
- 2) 63%
- 3) 77%
- 4) 82%
- 5) 85%

Answer- **3) 77%**

Explanation:

About **77%** of children in India aged **6-23 months** lack diversity in diet as suggested by the World Health Organisation (**WHO**), with the country's central region showing the highest prevalence of minimum dietary failure, National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-5, 2019-21) has found.

- The states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh reported the highest levels of inadequate diversity in children's diets -- all above 80%. While Sikkim and Meghalaya were the only two to report an under-50% prevalence.
- This lack of diversity, which includes a balanced intake of breastmilk, eggs, legumes, fruits, and vegetables, is a major concern for child nutrition across India.

63. Who has been recently (in October '24) appointed as the new Commonwealth Secretary-General (SG), Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)?

- 1) Patricia Scotland
- 2) Kamallesh Sharma
- 3) Don McKinnon
- 4) Shridath Ramphal
- 5) Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey

Answer- **5) Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey**

Explanation:

Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Foreign Minister of Ghana, was appointed as the new **Commonwealth Secretary-General (SG)**, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) on the last day of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2024) in Apia, Samoa.

- The 27th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (**CHOGM 2024**) or the Meeting of the Heads of Government of the Commonwealth of Nations was held in **Apia, Samoa** from 24th to 26th October 2024.
- Botchwey takes over from **Patricia Scotland** (Dominica), who has held the position since 2016.
- Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey has been serving as the Foreign Minister of Ghana since 2017.

64. What is the capital of Spain?

- 1) Madrid
- 2) Almería
- 3) Granada
- 4) Terrassa
- 5) Barcelona

Answer- **1) Madrid**

Explanation:

About Spain:

Prime Minister (**PM**) – Pedro Sánchez

Capital – Madrid

Currency – Euro

65. Who is the current (as of November '24) Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF)?

- 1) Vikas Kumar
- 2) Satish Kumar
- 3) Manoj Yadava
- 4) Sanjay Kumar Jain
- 5) Anil Kumar Lahoti

Answer- **3) Manoj Yadava**

Explanation:

About Railways Protection Force (RPF):

It is the armed force which works under the MoR. It was established as a statutory body under the RPF Act, 1957, to protect the security and property of railway passengers and areas.

Director General (**DG**)- Manoj Yadava

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

66. When was the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) founded?

- 1) 1911
- 2) 1914
- 3) 1919
- 4) 1925
- 5) 1929

Answer- 1) 1911

Explanation:

About Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA):

It was previously known as the Empire Parliamentary Association.

Secretary-General – Stephen Twigg

Headquarters – London, the United Kingdom(UK)

Founded – 1911

67. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- 1) Asif Ali Zardari
- 2) Shehbaz Sharif
- 3) Mohammed bin Salman
- 4) Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- 5) Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Answer- 4) Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Explanation:

About United Arab Emirates (UAE):

President: Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Prime minister (PM): Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Currency: UAE Dirham(AED)

68. Fijian _____ is the currency of the Republic of Fiji.

- 1) Rupee
- 2) Dollar
- 3) Riyal
- 4) Shilling
- 5) Dirham

Answer- 2) Dollar

Explanation:

About Republic of Fiji:

Current President– Ratu Wiliame M. Katonivere

(Note – Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu to be the new president of Fiji in the mid of November 2024)

Prime minister (PM)- Sitiveni Rabuka

Capital-Suva

Currency-Fijian Dollar (FJD)

69. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) located?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 3) Nairobi, Kenya
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer- 3) Nairobi, Kenya

Explanation:

About the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

Executive Director– Inger Andersen

Headquarters – Nairobi, Kenya

Established – 1972

70. Name the India's first endangered bird species birthed through artificial insemination.

- 1) Green Avadavat
- 2) Forest Owlet
- 3) Indian Vulture
- 4) Himalayan Monal
- 5) Great Indian Bustard

Answer- 5) Great Indian Bustard

Explanation:

The birth of a **Great Indian Bustard (GIB)** chick by **artificial insemination** at the National GIB Conservation Breeding Centre in Sudasari, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan is the first-ever in India. It has infused new hope among conservationists working to save this critically endangered bird from extinction.

- The centre has been collecting GIB eggs from various locations in the Rajasthan desert for safe hatching and breeding, besides efforts at mating within a captive population of some 45 birds housed at its premises.
- The aim is to build a founder population from which a new generation of GIB can be released into the wild habitat over the years.

71. Which Artificial Intelligence (AI) company has recently (in October '24) launched its speech-to-speech Large Language Model (LLM) which can handle over 10 million voice interactions daily?

- 1) PolyAI
- 2) Meta
- 3) OpenAI
- 4) Gnani.ai
- 5) Apple

Answer- 4) Gnani.ai

Explanation:

On 24th October 2024, **Gnani.ai** launched its speech-to-speech large language model (LLM) which can handle over 10 million voice interactions daily.

- The LLM model is powered by the NVIDIA AI-accelerated computing platform, which includes NVIDIA AI Enterprise software for the development and deployment of generative AI applications.

- The Gnani.ai model will transform the customer engagement and operational efficiency for over 150 leading enterprises across India and the United States.

72. Which company has recently (in October '24) merged with Diliigent Power Private Limited (DPPL)?

- 1) Power Integrations
- 2) DB Power Limited
- 3) Infineon Technologies
- 4) Lattice Semiconductor
- 5) Decore Thermal Power Private Limited

Answer- **2) DB Power Limited**

Explanation:

On 29th October 2024, CCI has approved the proposed combination inter alia envisages the merger of Diliigent Power Private Limited (**DPPL**) into DB Power Limited (**DBPL**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of DPPL, and the reorganisation of Decore Thermal Power Private Limited (**DTPPL**) pursuant to the buyback of certain securities.

- DBPL has established 1200 MegaWatt (MW) Coal-based Power Plant in the state of Chhattisgarh.
- DTPPL is mainly a holding company for its wholly-owned subsidiary DB (Madhya Pradesh (MP)) Limited, which currently holds a small portion of land in Singrauli district, MP.

73. Who has recently (in October '24) created history by scoring the fastest-ever century in T20I cricket?

- 1) Sanju Samson
- 2) Hazratullah Zazai
- 3) Sikandar Raza
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) Johnson Charles

Answer- **3) Sikandar Raza**

Explanation:

Sikandar Raza made history with a record-breaking century in the T20I match against Gambia. The Zimbabwean all-rounder smashed a century in 33 balls in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier Group B match, the fastest century by a Test-playing nation's player.

- He broke Rohit Sharma and David Miller's sensational record.
- Raza led his team from the front and smashed the Gambia bowlers all around the park during his unbeaten 133-run knock. His 43-ball stay in the middle was embellished with 7 fours and 15 sixes.

74. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of Switzerland?

- 1) Viola Amherd
- 2) Karin Keller-Sutter
- 3) Emmanuel Macron
- 4) Sergio Mattarella
- 5) Alexander Van der Bellen

Answer- **1) Viola Amherd**

Explanation:

About Switzerland:

President- Viola Amherd

Capital – Bern

Currency-Swiss Franc

75. Brazilian _____ is the currency of Brazil.

- 1) Rupee
- 2) Peso
- 3) Real
- 4) Dollar
- 5) Sol

Answer- 3) Real

Explanation:

About Brazil:

Capital- Brasília

Currency- Brazilian real

President- Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

76. What is the capital of Uzbekistan?

- 1) Astana
- 2) Tashkent
- 3) Bishkek
- 4) Urgench
- 5) Samarkand

Answer- 2) Tashkent

Explanation:

About Uzbekistan:

President- Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Capital- Tashkent

Currency- Uzbekistani Som

77. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) located?

- 1) Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Answer- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Explanation:

About Asian Football Confederation (AFC):

President- Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa

Headquarters- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Established- 1954

Explanation:

About Switzerland:

President- Viola Amherd

Capital – Bern

Currency-Swiss Franc

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- 1) Rupee
- 2) Peso
- 3) Real
- 4) Dollar
- 5) Sol

Answer- 3) Real

Explanation:

About Brazil:

Capital- Brasília

Currency- Brazilian real

President- Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

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Answer- 2) Tashkent

Explanation:

About Uzbekistan:

President- Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Capital- Tashkent

Currency- Uzbekistani Som

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Answer- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Explanation:

About Asian Football Confederation (AFC):

President- Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa

Headquarters- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Established- 1954