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

- 1) 2001
- 2) 2002
- 3) 2003
- 4) 2004
- 5) 2005

Answer- **3) 2003**

Explanation:

About Competition Commission of India(CCI):

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

Chairman- Ravneet Kaur

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established- 2003

79. Who is the current (as of November '24) Secretary General of China National Space Administration(CNSA)?

- 1) XU Hongliang
- 2) Li Guoping
- 3) Xu Zhanbin
- 4) Zhang Kejian
- 5) Qian Xuesen

Answer- **1) XU Hongliang**

Explanation:

About China National Space Administration(CNSA):

Administrator- Zhang Kejian

Secretary General – XU Hongliang

Headquarters- Beijing, China

80. Where is Intanki National Park located?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **4) Nagaland**

Explanation:

About Nagaland:

Chief Minister (CM)– Neiphiu Rio

Governor– La.Ganesan

National Park– Intanki National Park

81. Which country has recently (in October '24) became the 46th signatory of the Artemis Accords?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) Australia

- 3) Luxembourg
- 4) Dominican Republic
- 5) Republic of Cyprus

Answer- **5) Republic of Cyprus**

Explanation:

The **Republic of Cyprus** became the **46th** signatory of the **Artemis Accords** at a ceremony in Nicosia, Republic of Cyprus.

- The United States welcomes the Republic of Cyprus to the Artemis Accords, the latest step forward in the successful and growing partnership across a wide range of issues between our two countries.
- The Republic of Cyprus signing the Artemis Accords is a testament to the cooperation in outer space and civil space exploration and calls for best practices and norms of responsible behaviour.

82. Which city in India has ranked second in the recently (in October '24) released 15th edition of Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel" list across the world?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Puducherry, Puducherry
- 4) Panaji, Goa
- 5) Kochi, Kerala

Answer- **3) Puducherry, Puducherry**

Explanation:

Puducherry has earned a prestigious spot in the 15th edition of Lonely Planet's "**Best in Travel**" 2025 list. Puducherry is the only Indian destination to join 29 other must-visit locations worldwide in this annual roundup.

- Puducherry (formerly known as Pondicherry) is reimagining itself as a top destination for sand and surf, with an extensive project that's reclaiming the beaches that eroded into the sea.
- While Kazakhstan tops the list as the numero uno country, Toulouse bags the number one spot in the list of cities.

83. Which of the following compounds in the Earth's upper atmosphere helps to cool down the Earth?

- 1) Sulfur Dioxide
- 2) Calcium
- 3) Aluminium
- 4) Diamond Dust
- 5) Silicon

Answer- **4) Diamond Dust**

Explanation:

In order to reduce global warming, a recent study published in **Geophysical Research Letters** investigates geo-engineering, more especially the control of solar radiation. It argued that spraying millions of tonnes of **diamond dust** in the Earth's upper atmosphere every year could help cool down the Earth.

- It might appear to be a rather outlandish claim, but this is not the first time such a solution has been proposed.

84. Which state has recently (in October '24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to increase the adoption of GeM?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **2) Sikkim**

Explanation:

The Government of **Sikkim** and **Government e Marketplace** (GeM) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) in Gangtok, Sikkim to increase the adoption of public procurement portal.

- The MoU aimed at working towards increasing the adoption of GeM amongst the Government of Sikkim buyer departments for public procurement of goods and services.
- There are 3,078 Sikkim-based sellers currently onboarded on the GeM portal. Of these, 2720 are registered as micro sellers.

85. Where is the headquarters of International Solar Alliance (ISA) located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Gurugram, Haryana
- 5) Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Answer- **4) Gurugram, Haryana**

Explanation:

About International Solar Alliance (ISA):

Director General- Ashish Khanna

Headquarters - Gurugram, Haryana

Signatories- 120 countries

86. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Food Corporation of India (FCI)?

- 1) Ashok K. K. Meena
- 2) Kamala Vardhana Rao
- 3) C Viswanath
- 4) Abhishek Dev
- 5) Apurva Chandra

Answer- **1) Ashok K. K. Meena**

Explanation:

About Food Corporation of India (FCI):

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)- Ashok K. K. Meena

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1965

87. What is the capital of Saudi Arabia?

- 1) Makkah
- 2) Riyadh
- 3) Doha
- 4) Baghdad
- 5) Farasan

Answer- 2) Riyadh

Explanation:

About Saudi Arabia:

Crown Prince and Prime Minister (PM)– Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud

Capital– Riyadh

Currency– Saudi Riyal

88. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria?

- 1) Aziz Akhannouch
- 2) Mohamed al-Menfi
- 3) Nadir Larbaoui
- 4) Abdelmadjid Tebboune
- 5) Kais Saied

Answer- 4) Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Explanation:

About People's Democratic Republic of Algeria:

President- Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Capital- Algiers

Currency- Algerian Dinar

89. Where is the headquarters of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) located?

- 1) Gland, Switzerland
- 2) New York, USA
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Nairobi, Kenya
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- 1) Gland, Switzerland

Explanation:

About International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):

Director-General (DG)- Dr. Grethel Aguilar

Headquarters- Gland, Switzerland

Established– 1948

90. Colombian _____ is the currency of the Republic of Colombia.

- 1) Dinar
- 2) Riyal
- 3) Bolívar
- 4) Rupee
- 5) Peso

Answer- 5) Peso

Explanation:

About Republic of Colombia:

President- Gustavo Petro

Capital- Bogota

Currency- Colombian Peso(COP)

91. When was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) founded?

- 1) 1936
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1958
- 4) 1963
- 5) 1977

Answer- 3) 1958

Explanation:

About National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Administrator - Bill Nelson

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

Founded - 1958

92. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of United World Wrestling?

- 1) Petra Sorling
- 2) Nenad Lalovic
- 3) Dan Faber
- 4) Steve Simon
- 5) Gianni Vincenzo Infantino

Answer- 2) Nenad Lalovic

Explanation:

About United World Wrestling:

Headquarters - Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland

President - Nenad Lalovic

Members - 176 national federations

93. When was the European Society of Radiology (ESR) established?

- 1) 1996
- 2) 2002
- 3) 2003
- 4) 2005
- 5) 2008

Answer- **4) 2005**

Explanation:

About European Society of Radiology (ESR):

Chair- Carlo Catalano

President- Andrea G. Rockall

Membership- 130,316 members across 186 countries

Headquarters- Vienna, Austria

Founded- 2005

94. Which port is India's first port to introduce Green Ship Incentives through Environment Ship Index (ESI) portal?

- 1) Cochin Port, Kerala
- 2) Mumbai Port, Maharashtra
- 3) Mormugao Port, Goa
- 4) Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **3) Mormugao Port, Goa**

Explanation:

The International Association of Ports and Harbours (**IAPH**) has recognized **Mormugao Port Authority** as an incentive provider on the Environment Ship Index (**ESI**) portal, bringing it international recognition.

- This achievement highlights the port's commitment to promoting environmentally friendly practices for seagoing vessels.
- The port's incentive program, 'Harit Shrey,' launched in October 2023, offers discounts on port charges based on ESI scores, rewarding ships with higher environmental performance.

95. Which company has recently (in October '24) announced a strategic partnership with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to herald India's startup revolution?

- 1) Wipro
- 2) Cognizant
- 3) Accenture
- 4) HCLSoftware
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer- **4) HCLSoftware**

Explanation:

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) announced a strategic partnership with **HCLSoftware**, a global leader in software solutions, as a vital component of its Manufacturing Incubation Initiative, on 23rd October 2024 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

- In a bid to revolutionise India's startup manufacturing ecosystem, DPIIT is creating an environment where corporate houses play a pivotal role in incubating manufacturing startups.
- Under the Startup India initiative, DPIIT has signed over 80 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with industry stakeholders till date.

96. Which late batsman was recently (in October '24) recognized by Cricket Victoria and the St Kilda Cricket Club by renaming a heritage-listed grandstand at Melbourne's Junction Oval in his honour?

- 1) Don Bradman
- 2) Norma Johnston
- 3) Joe Solomon
- 4) Brian Booth
- 5) Shane Warne

Answer- **5) Shane Warne**

Explanation:

Cricket Victoria and the St Kilda Cricket Club have renamed one of the heritage listed grandstands at the Junction Oval in Melbourne after the late **Shane Warne** in honour of his contribution to Victoria and his club team St Kilda.

- The process of renaming the stand, which has stood since 1925, had begun well before Warne's passing in March, 2022.
- The stand was formerly named after Australian rules footballer Kevin Murray who has supported the change.

97. Which volcanic mountain has recently (in November '24) erupted in Indonesia, causing casualties and damage to villages?

- 1) Mount Merapi
- 2) Mount Sinabung
- 3) Mount Bromo
- 4) Mount Penanggungan
- 5) Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki

Answer- **5) Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki**

Explanation:

Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki, located in the southeastern part of Flores island in **Indonesia**, erupted and triggered more than a dozen earthquakes and forced authorities to evacuate several nearby villages.

- In Indonesia, at least 10 people lost their lives after a series of volcanic eruptions took place in the eastern part of the country, spewing explosive plumes of lava and ash on surrounding villages and burning down several houses.
- Indonesia's volcanoes are some of the most active in the world and have caused some of the deadliest eruptions in history. More than 20 people were killed last year when Mount Merapi erupted in Sumatra.

98. Where is Pong Dam Lake situated?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- **3) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Himachal Pradesh (HP):

Chief Minister (CM)- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla

Capital- Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)

Ramsar Sites- Pong Dam Lake, Chandra Taal, Renuka Lake

99. Who is the current (as of November '24) Secretary of Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW)?

1) Tuhin Kanta Pandey

2) Vivek Joshi

3) Ashwani Batra

4) Sanjay Kumar

5) V. Srinivas

Answer- 5) V. Srinivas

Explanation:

About Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW):

Secretary- V. Srinivas

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

100. When was the Indian Army established?

1) 1895

2) 1904

3) 1932

4) 1946

5) 1950

Answer- 1) 1895

Explanation:

About Indian Army (IA):

Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS)- General Upendra Dwivedi

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established - 1895

Motto- Seva Paramo Dharma (Service Before Self)

101. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of the United States of America (USA)?

1) Donald Trump

2) Joe Biden

3) Kamala Harris

4) Jill Stein

5) Robert Kennedy

Answer- 2) Joe Biden

Explanation:

About the United States of America (USA):

President - Joe Biden

Capital- Washington, D.C

Currency – United States Dollar (USD)

102. Indonesian _____ is the currency of Indonesia.

- 1) Rupee
- 2) Dollar
- 3) Ringgit
- 4) Baht
- 5) Rupiah

Answer- **5) Rupiah**

Explanation:

About Indonesia:

President – Prabowo Subianto

Capital – Jakarta

Currency – Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)

103. When was the Badminton World Federation (BWF) founded?

- 1) 1934
- 2) 1945
- 3) 1956
- 4) 1967
- 5) 1978

Answer- **1) 1934**

Explanation:

About Badminton World Federation (BWF)

President– Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen

Headquarters – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Founded – 1934

104. Where is the headquarters of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) located?

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

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

Explanation:

About National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

Patron-in-Chief – Justice Sanjiv Khanna (Chief Justice of India, CJI)

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1995

105. Which country's border developments are critical for India to monitor due to Pashtun nationalism and regional instability?

- 1) China
- 2) Afghanistan

- 3) Iran
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **2) Afghanistan**

Explanation:

The article, "**Why India must pay attention to the churn on Pakistan's border with Afghanistan**" highlights the geopolitical issues around Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, emphasizing why India should monitor the area closely.

- It explains that the rise of Pashtun nationalism, regional instability, and unrest in Pakistan's western provinces could impact India-Pakistan relations and regional stability.
- By understanding these dynamics, India can better anticipate the effects of these shifts on South Asia's broader geopolitical landscape.

106. Who has recently (in October '24) launched the five DHR-ICMR health research initiatives planned under the 100 days agenda in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- 5) Jagat Prakash Nadda

Answer- **5) Jagat Prakash Nadda**

Explanation:

Union Health Minister, Shri **Jagat Prakash Nadda** launched five **DHR-ICMR health research initiatives** planned under the 100 days agenda in New Delhi, Delhi. These initiatives aim to propel India to the forefront of global health research and innovation, aligning with the nation's vision of a Viksit Bharat.

- One of the key initiatives launched is the "First in the World" Challenge, inspired by the success of Chandrayaan-3.
- ICMR also launched the ICMR Data Repository, a centralized, secure, and accessible platform of high-quality datasets, ensuring data integrity and privacy.

107. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) inked an agreement with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to conduct biotechnology experiments?

- 1) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 2) National Aeronautics Space Administration
- 3) Human Space Flight Centre
- 4) Indian National Committee for Space Research
- 5) Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

Answer- **1) Indian Space Research Organisation**

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) and the Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) under the Ministry of Science and Technology have signed an agreement to design and conduct experiments that will be integrated into the upcoming Bharatiya Antariksh Station (**BAS**).

- There are 5 experiments that are underway, according to scientists, of which 2-3 biotech related projects may be included in the joint ISRO-NASA effort to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025.
- The focus will be on microgravity research, space biotechnology, space biomanufacturing, bioastronautics and space biology.

108. Who is the youngest philanthropist in the EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024?

- 1) Adar Poonawalla
- 2) Nikhil Kamath
- 3) Vivek Vakil
- 4) Nandan Nilekani
- 5) Nitin Kamath

Answer- **2) Nikhil Kamath**

Explanation:

Zerodha co-founder **Nikhil Kamath** has been listed as one of the youngest philanthropists in the EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 at **38** years. His contributions through the Rainmatter Foundation of **Rs 120 crore** place him amongst the top young philanthropists in India.

- He has joined other young philanthropists like Vivek Vakil (35) of Asian Paints and Adar Poonawalla (43) of the Viloo Poonawalla Charitable Foundation.
- Nikhil Kamath and his brother Nitin Kamath (45) are 15th on the list of those who have donated more than Rs 100 crore.

109. When is International Week of Science and Peace 2024 observed across the globe?

- 1) 3rd to 9th November
- 2) 9th to 15th November
- 3) 11th to 17th November
- 4) 20th to 26th October
- 5) 25th to 31st October

Answer- **2) 9th to 15th November**

Explanation:

International Week of Science and Peace 2024 was observed from 9th to 15th November 2024. The annual observance of the week contributes to the promotion of peace.

- The UNGA adopted resolution 43/61 in December 1988, which proclaimed the “**International Week of Science and Peace**”, to take place each year during the **week** in which **11 November falls**.
- The International Week of Science and Peace was first observed in 1986 as part of the observance of the International Year of Peace.

110. What is the capital of Vietnam?

- 1) Chişinău
- 2) Hả Long
- 3) Ho Chi Minh City
- 4) Hanoi
- 5) Vientiane

Answer- **4) Hanoi**

Explanation:

About Vietnam:

Prime Minister (**PM**)- Pham Minh Chinh

Capital- Hanoi

Currency- Vietnamese dong (VND)

111. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chairman of Central Water Commission (CWC)?

- 1) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
- 2) P. Sivakumar
- 3) Tanmay Kumar
- 4) Ghanshyam Prasad
- 5) Kushvinder Vohra

Answer- **5) Kushvinder Vohra**

Explanation:

About Central Water Commission (CWC):

Chairman- Kushvinder Vohra

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

112. Where is the headquarters of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) located?

- 1) New York, USA
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 4) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer- **3) Lausanne, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About International Hockey Federation (FIH):

President- Tayyab Ikram

Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland

Established- 1924

113. Moldovan _____ is the currency of the Republic of Moldova.

- 1) Leu
- 2) Dollar
- 3) Ruble
- 4) Hryvnia
- 5) Dirham

Answer- **1) Leu**

Explanation:

About Republic of Moldova:

President- Maia Sandu

Prime Minister (**PM**)- Dorin Recean

Capital- Chişinău

Currency- Moldovan Leu (MDL)

114. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)?

- 1) Dr. Sreedhara Panicker Somanath
- 2) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
- 3) G. Madhavan Nair
- 4) Dr K. Sivan
- 5) Dipankar Banerjee

Answer- **1) Dr. Sreedhara Panicker Somanath**

Explanation:

About Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO):

Chairman- Dr. Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Establishment- 1969

115. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(UNESCO) located?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) New York, USA
- 4) Madrid, Spain
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **2) Paris, France**

Explanation:

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

Director General(DG)- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Established- 1945

Members- 193 members and 11 Associate members

116. Which country is set to host the first International Esports Championship in 2025?

- 1) Australia
- 2) China
- 3) Hungary
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) India

Answer- **5) India**

Explanation:

Skillhub Online Games Federation (**SOGF**) and the International Esports Federation (**IESF**) announced a partnership to host the first-ever **International Esports Championship in India**. This event, named the International Esports Masters, is scheduled for March 2025 and aims to attract participants from 150 countries.

- India is emerging as an important player in the Esports arena. Esports has become a major attraction for the global sports bodies with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) planning to start an annual series and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) included it in the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games roster.

117. Which country has retained its position as a leading supplier of oil to India as of September 2024?

- 1) Iraq
- 2) Russia
- 3) China
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- 2) Russia

Explanation:

Russia retains its status as a leading supplier of oil to **India**. In April-September 2024, oil imports from Russia to India increased by 2.5% compared to last year. India is the third largest consumer of oil in the world with over 85% dependence on imports.

- India remains the largest export destination for offshore oil from Russia and buys Russian oil at discounted prices.
- Currently, Russia's share in the total volume of oil imported by India is 39%. Iraq is in second place with 18%, and Saudi Arabia is in third with 13%.
- The share of the United Arab Emirates rose to 8% from 5% in the previous year, and the share of the United States increased to 5.5% in April-September.

118. Name the first Black governor of the South African Reserve Bank, who passed away in October 2024.

- 1) Tito Mboweni
- 2) Gill Marcus
- 3) Chris Stals
- 4) Bulelwa Boqwana
- 5) Kuben Naidoo

Answer- 1) Tito Mboweni

Explanation:

South Africa's former finance and labour minister and first Black governor of South African Reserve Bank **Tito Mboweni** has died after a "short illness," at the age of 65.

- Mboweni was an anti-apartheid activist as a student who later became democratic South Africa's first labour minister from 1994 to 1999 under former President Nelson Mandela.
- He served as central bank governor between 1999 and 2009, and as finance minister from October 2018 to August 2021.

119. Who has recently (in October '24) broke the men's half marathon world record by finishing in 57 minutes and 30 seconds in Spain?

- 1) Agnes Ngetich
- 2) Jacob Kiplimo
- 3) Daniel Mateiko
- 4) Yomif Kejelcha
- 5) Isiah Kiplangat Koech

Answer- 4) Yomif Kejelcha

Explanation:

Ethiopia's **Yomif Kejelcha** broke the men's half marathon world record by finishing in 57 minutes and 30 seconds at the Medio Maraton de Valencia in Spain to shave one second off the previous mark.

- Kejelcha, who set the world indoor mile record in 2019 and is a former world championship silver medalist in the 10,000 meters, broke away from Kenyans Daniel Mateiko and Isaia Kipkoech to win the race in record time.
- The previous record was set by Uganda's Jacob Kiplimo in Lisbon in 2021.

120. Which organisation recently (in October '24) launched a new 'rating platform' to assess and rate properties based on their digital connectivity standards?

- 1) National Digital Communications Commission
- 2) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- 3) National Internet Exchange of India
- 4) International Telecommunication Union
- 5) Broadcasting Engineering Consultants India Limited

Answer- **2) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

Explanation:

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (**TRAI**) introduced a new "**Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024**" designed to evaluate properties on their digital connectivity standards.

- This framework aims to encourage property managers to prioritize strong digital infrastructure, enhancing connectivity experiences for residents and users.
- Based on the quality of digital connectivity and scores awarded, the properties will be assigned star-based ratings ranging from one star to five.

121. Under which act the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) was set up?

- 1) Companies Act 1956
- 2) Public Trust Act 1950
- 3) Societies Registration Act 1860
- 4) Cooperative Societies Act 1912
- 5) Indian Trusts Act, 1882

Answer- **1) Companies Act 1956**

Explanation:**About National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation(NSFDC):**

The NSFDC was established in 1989 by the Government of India(GoI) under the Companies Act 1956. It is functioning under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MOSJ&E)

Chairman & Managing Director(CMD)- Rajan Sehgal

Headquarters – New Delhi(Delhi)

122. Where is Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

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

5) Telangana

Answer- **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

About Kerala:

Chief Minister (CM)- Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor- Arif Mohammed Khan

Capital- Thiruvananthapuram

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary

123. Who is the current (as of November '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Russia?

1) Vladimir Putin

2) Denys Shmyhal

3) Petteri Orpo

4) Mikhail Mishustin

5) Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Answer- **4) Mikhail Mishustin**

Explanation:

About Russia:

Prime minister(**PM**) – Mikhail Mishustin

Capital – Moscow

Currency – Russian Ruble

124. Japanese _____ is the currency of Japan.

1) Won

2) Yen

3) Ringgit

4) Ruble

5) Renminbi

Answer- **2) Yen**

Explanation:

About Japan:

Capital- Tokyo

Currency- Japanese Yen

Prime Minister (PM)- Shigeru Ishiba

125. When was All India Radio (AIR) formed?

1) 1936

2) 1945

3) 1966

4) 1975

5) 1982

Answer- **1) 1936**

Explanation:

About All India Radio (AIR):

In 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service was transformed into AIR.

Director General(DG)– Dr Pragya Paliwal Gaur

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi.

126. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) released the “Standard Veterinary Treatment Guidelines (SVTGs)” for livestock and poultry?

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- 5) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Answer- **5) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

Explanation:

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying released the “Standard Veterinary Treatment Guidelines (SVTGs)” for livestock and poultry.

- The SVTGs have been developed in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- The guidelines are designed to guide veterinarians, animal health professionals and paraprofessionals, to deliver standardised, rational treatment for a variety of animal diseases.

127. Who has recently (in October '24) won the women’s doubles title at the WTT Feeder Cagliari 2024 table tennis tournament in Italy?

- 1) Yashaswini Ghorpade and Krittwika Roy
- 2) Yoo Siwoo and Kim Haeun
- 3) Arianna Barani and Maria Picu
- 4) Sachi Aoki and Sakura Yokoi
- 5) Sophia Klee and Franziska Schreiner

Answer- **1) Yashaswini Ghorpade and Krittwika Roy**

Explanation:

India’s **Yashaswini Ghorpade** and **Krittwika Roy** clinched the women’s doubles title at the **WTT Feeder Cagliari 2024 table tennis** tournament in Italy. The Indian duo defeated the South Korean pair of Yoo Siwoo and Kim Haeun 3-1 in the final to capture the crown.

- Earlier, the Indian table tennis players, seeded second in the tournament, beat the Italian team of Arianna Barani and Maria Picu 3-0 in the first round before downing Japan’s Sachi Aoki and Sakura Yokoi by the same scoreline in the quarter-finals.
- The duo earned its place in the final with a 3-1 win over German fourth seeds Sophia Klee and Franziska Schreiner.

128. Which country has officially designated October 25 as Khulan Conservation Day?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Mongolia
- 3) China
- 4) Siberia
- 5) Kazakhstan

Answer- **2) Mongolia**

Explanation:

Mongolia's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has officially designated **October 25** as **Khulan Conservation Day** following an initiative by the Wildlife Conservation Society (**WCS**) in Mongolia.

- The day will be celebrated every year on October 25, aiming to spotlight the Khulan as a keystone species in the Gobi-Steppe ecosystem, its critical role in maintaining ecological integrity and biodiversity.
- The Khulan or Mongolian Wild Ass (*Equus hemionus hemionus*) is a member of the Equidae family which consists of horses, donkeys and zebras. Mongolia is home to more than 80% of the global Khulan population.

129. Which state government has recently (in October '24) inaugurated the Barda Wildlife Sanctuary and Jungle Safari to boost tourism?

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

Answer- **1) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Gujarat is set to enhance its wildlife tourism with the inauguration of the **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary** and Phase-1 of the **Barda Jungle Safari**.

- Covering 192 square kilometres, it offers a unique glimpse of diverse flora and fauna, including 22 mammal species and 269 bird species.

130. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NTPC Limited?

- 1) Gurdeep Singh
- 2) Jaikumar Srinivasan
- 3) Ravindra Kumar
- 4) Sushil Kumar Sharma
- 5) Raj Kumar Chaudhary

Answer- **1) Gurdeep Singh**

Explanation:

About NTPC Ltd:

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) – Gurdeep Singh

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Founded– 1975

131. What is the capital of Bhutan?

- 1) Paro
- 2) Gelephu
- 3) Thimphu
- 4) Punakha
- 5) Kathmandu

Answer- **3) Thimphu**

Explanation:

About Bhutan:

King– HM King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk

Prime Minister– H.E. Lyonchhen DASHO Tshering Tobgay

Capital– Thimphu

Currencies– Bhutanese Ngultrum (BTN), Indian Rupee (INR)

132. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chairman of Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)?

- 1) Vivek Verma
- 2) Aditya Mishra
- 3) Suchit Singh
- 4) Madhukar Pandey
- 5) Pawan Kumar Kharbanda

Answer- **2) Aditya Mishra**

Explanation:

About Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI):

Chairman– Aditya Mishra

Founded– 2012

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

133. When was the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) founded?

- 1) 1923
- 2) 1935
- 3) 1942
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1969

Answer- **1) 1923**

Explanation:

About International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL):

INTERPOL was founded in 1923 as the International Criminal Police Commission (**ICPC**) in Vienna, Austria. In 1956, the organisation adopted the name INTERPOL, derived from “International Criminal Police Organization” (**ICPO**).

Secretary General- Valdecy Urquiza (Brazil)

President- Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Headquarters- Lyon, France

Member Countries- 196

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

- 1) Taufkirchen, Germany
- 2) Moscow, Russia
- 3) Vienna, Austria
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Manila, Philippines

Answer- **5) Manila, Philippines**

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President- Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)

Headquarters- Manila, the Philippines

Founded - 1966

Membership- 69 countries

135. South Korean _____ is the currency of South Korea.

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

Answer- **4) Won**

Explanation:

About South Korea:

President- Yoon Suk Yeol

Prime minister (PM)- Han Duck-soo

Capital- Seoul

Currency- South Korean won

136. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of Hockey India?

- 1) Dr. Dilip Kumar Tirkey
- 2) Bhola Nath Singh
- 3) Gyanendro Ningombam
- 4) Rajinder Singh
- 5) Elena Norman

Answer- **1) Dr. Dilip Kumar Tirkey**

Explanation:

About Hockey India:

Hockey India (HI) is the apex body of India which has the sole mandate to govern and conduct all activities for both men and women hockey in India.

President- Dr. Dilip Kumar Tirkey

Secretary General- Bhola Nath Singh,

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established - 1925

137. Who has recently (in November '24) appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Namibia?

- 1) Gabriel Sinimbo
- 2) Manish Gupta
- 3) Rahul Shrivastava
- 4) Sujit Ghosh
- 5) Vikram Doraiswami

Answer- **3) Rahul Shrivastava**

Explanation:

Rahul Shrivastava IFS (1999) has been appointed as the next **High Commissioner** of India to the **Republic of Namibia**. He is currently the Ambassador of India to Romania, Moldova & Albania.

- Rahul was appointed as the Ambassador of India to Venezuela. He then returned to India to serve as Joint Secretary at the SSIFS within the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He has been serving as the Ambassador of India to Romania, with concurrent accreditation to Albania and Moldova.

138. Who has recently (in October '24) launched a mobile application of FCI Grievance Redressal System (FCI GRS) for rice millers?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi
- 3) Chirag Paswan
- 4) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 5) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Answer- **2) Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New & Renewable Energy

Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi unveiled the **Mobile Application** for the FCI Grievance Redressal System (**FCI GRS**) tailored for rice millers in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This initiative is part of the Union Government's efforts to boost transparency, accountability, and stakeholder satisfaction. The application will enable rice millers to efficiently and transparently address their grievances with the FCI.
- The FCI GRS App is a component of the Government's broader strategy to utilize technology for better governance.

139. Which company has recently (in October '24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Korea's POSCO Group for the development of steel, battery materials, and renewable energy sectors in India?

- 1) Tata Group
- 2) Aditya Birla Group
- 3) Enso Group
- 4) JSW Group
- 5) Steel Authority of India

Answer- **4) JSW Group**

Explanation:

JSW Group (JSW) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with South Korea's **POSCO Group** for the development of steel, battery materials, and renewable energy in India.

- The two groups will set up an integrated steel plant in India with an initial capacity of 5 million tonnes per annum (mtpa).
- This collaboration will explore battery materials for electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy for the proposed steel plant.

140. Which Indian actor has recently (in October '24) honoured by Amitabh Bachchan with Akkineni Nageshwara Rao (ANR) National Awards 2024 in Hyderabad, Telangana?

- 1) Sridevi
- 2) Rekha
- 3) Chiranjeevi
- 4) Hema Malini
- 5) Allu Arjun

Answer- 3) Chiranjeevi

Explanation:

Amitabh Bachchan felicitated veteran actor **Chiranjeevi** with the **Akkineni Nageshwara Rao (ANR) National Award** celebrating the 100th birth anniversary of Akkineni Nageswara Rao in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- The award instituted by the Akkineni International Foundation annually honours artists for their lifetime contribution to cinema.
- The Akkineni International Foundation established the award in 2005.

141. Who is the current (as of November '24) Governor of Bihar?

- 1) Bhupendra Patel
- 2) Acharya Devvrat
- 3) Prabhat Kumar
- 4) Rajendra Arlekar
- 5) Nitish Kumar

Answer- 4) Rajendra Arlekar

Explanation:

About Bihar:

Chief minister – Nitish Kumar

Governor– Rajendra Arlekar

Capital – Patna

142. Where is the Vansda National Park located?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 2) Gujarat

Explanation:

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister(CM) – Bhupendra Patel

Governor – Acharya Devvrat

Capital – Gandhinagar

National Park(NP) – Gir National Park, Vansda National Park

143. What is the capital of Australia?

- 1) New South Wales
- 2) Melbourne
- 3) Sydney
- 4) Perth
- 5) Canberra

Answer- **5) Canberra**

Explanation:

About Australia:

Prime Minister(**PM**) – Anthony Albanese

Capital – Canberra

Currency – Australian Dollar (AUD)

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

- 1) Nairobi, Kenya
- 2) New York, USA
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **1) Nairobi, Kenya**

Explanation:

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

Executive Director- Inger Anderson

Headquarters- Nairobi, Kenya

Established- 1972

145. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of Zimbabwe?

- 1) Filipe Nyusi
- 2) Emmerson Mnangagwa
- 3) Mokgweetsi Masisi
- 4) Hakainde Hichilema
- 5) Cyril Ramaphosa

Answer- **2) Emmerson Mnangagwa**

Explanation:

About Republic of Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe):

President – Emmerson Mnangagwa

Capital – Harare

Currency – United States Dollar (USD)

146. Where is Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary situated?

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

5) Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh(AP):

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

Governor– Sayed Abdul Nazeer

Wildlife Sanctuary– Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary; Penusila Narasimhaswamy Wildlife sanctuary; Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Park– Indira Gandhi Zoological Park; Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park

147. Who had recently (in November'24) won a bronze medal in the Swiss Open 2024 Archery tournament under the men's recurve category?

1)Devanah Singh

2)Mete Gazoz

3)Alessandro Paoli

4)Atanu Das

5)Lorenzo Gubbini

Answer- **4) Atanu Das**

Explanation:

Indian archer **Atanu Das** won **bronze medal** in the men's recurve category at the **Swiss Open** Indoor Archery tournament held in Lausanne, Switzerland from 1st to 3rd November 2024. Swiss Open 2024 is the first stage of the 2025 Indoor Archery World Series.

- Atanu Das, a two-time Olympian, beat Tokyo 2020 champion Mete Gazoz of Turkiye 7-3 in the quarter-finals before losing in the semis to French archer Romain Fichet by a 4-6 scoreline to enter the bronze medal playoff.

148. Government e Marketplace (GeM) has recently (in November' 24) introduced _____ seed categories in its portal for quality distribution.

1)162

2)187

3)150

4)168

5)170

Answer- **5)170**

Explanation:

Government e Marketplace (**GeM**) has revamped & introduced **170 Seed categories** on its portal (www.gem.gov.in) to simplify access to quality agricultural & horticulture seeds.

- These categories feature nearly 8,000 seed varieties available for procurement by Central and State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and other governing bodies, facilitating the distribution of quality seeds across the country.

149. Name the author of the book titled “Friends: India’s Closest Strategic Partner”, that was recently (in November’ 24) released by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

1) Sreeram Chaulia

2) Ananth Krishnan

- 3) Vikram Sood
- 4) M.K. Ranjitsinh
- 5) Ajay Thakur

Answer- **1) Sreeram Chaulia**

Explanation:

On 2 November 2024, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar released the book titled “**Friends: India’s Closest Strategic Partner**” written by professor **Sreeram Chaulia** in New Delhi, Delhi.

- S. Jaishanka addressed the book launch and discussed the complexities of friendships in a multi-polar world.

150. Who has recently (as of Nov’24) become the Youngest Rated Chess Player in the world, at the age of 3?

- 1)Wei Yi
- 2)Anish Sarkar
- 3)Sergey Karjakin
- 4)Gukesh Dommaraju
- 5)Abhimanyu Mishra

Answer- **2) Anish Sarkar**

Explanation:

Kolkata, India based Three-year-old **Anish Sarkar** has become the Youngest Rated Chess Player in the world, achieving a FIDE rating of 1555.

- Anish's journey began with the West Bengal State Under-9 Open, where he defeated two rated players. He secured his rating by competing against older players in the Under-13 Open.

151. Who was recently (in November’ 24) presented with the 'XTIC Award 2024 for Innovation' award from IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for their Virtual Reality (VR) film 'Le Musk'?

- 1) Grace Boyle
- 2) Nora Arnezeder
- 3) A R Rahman
- 4) Gianni Giannelli
- 5) Anand Kishore

Answer - **3) A R Rahman**

Explanation:

Music Composer **AR Rahman** received the '**XTIC Award 2024 for Innovation**' from IIT Madras for directing the Virtual Reality (VR) film '**Le Musk**'.

- The eXperiential Technology Innovation Centre (XTIC), an IIT Madras centre in virtual reality and related fields, presented this award in recognition of his visionary work on the VR film.

152. According to a report by Asian Development Bank (ADB), the fiscal subsidy of India in the Oil & Gas sector has been reduced to _____ in 2023.

- 1) USD 2.8 billion
- 2) USD 3.5 billion
- 3) USD 4 billion
- 4) USD 1.7 billion
- 5) USD 3 billion

Answer - 2) **USD 3.5 billion**

Explanation:

According to a report by Asian Development Bank (ADB), India has progressively reduced its **fiscal subsidy** in the oil and gas sector by **85%** from a peak of USD 25 billion in 2013 to USD 3.5 billion by 2023.

- This was achieved through a structural approach of adjusting retail prices, tax rates, and subsidies on select petroleum products collectively.

153. Where is the Defence Space Agency (DSA) headquartered?

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Trivandrum, Kerala
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer - 4) **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

About Defence Space Agency (DSA):

Chief of Defence Staff – General Anil Chauhan

Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka

Founded– 2018

154. Haitian _____ is the currency of Haiti.

- 1) Peso
- 2) Nakfa
- 3) Gourde
- 4) Pula
- 5) Metical

Answer - 3) **Gourde**

Explanation:

About Haiti:

Prime Minister (PM)– Alix Didier Fils-Aime

Capital- Port-au-Prince

Currency- Haitian Gourde (**HTG**)

155. Who is the current (as of November'24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Chartered Institute of Quality (CQI)?

- 1) Vincent Desmond
- 2) Lord Lindsay
- 3) Rashik Parmar
- 4) Rashad Issa
- 5) Ian Mitchell

Answer - 1) **Vincent Desmond**

Explanation:

About Chartered Institute of Quality (CQI):

The Chartered Quality Institute (CQI) was formerly known as the Institute of Quality Assurance (IQA).

Chief Executive Officer(**CEO**) – Vincent Desmond
Headquarters – London, the United Kingdom(UK)
Founded – 1919

156. Who has recently (in November '24) inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, Australia?

- 1) Droupadi Murmu
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 5) Raj Nath Singh

Answer- 4) Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Explanation:

On 4th November 2024 External Affairs Minister **Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** inaugurated the new **Consulate General of India** in **Brisbane, Australia** underlining that this will contribute to strengthening India's ties with the Queensland state, promoting trade and serving the diaspora.

- On 3rd November 2024, Mr. Jaishankar landed in Australia, the first segment of his two-nation tour that will also include Singapore.
- This is India's fourth consulate in Australia in Brisbane. The rest are in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

157. Which Bird Sanctuary has recently (in October '24) experiencing a severe decline in avian diversity, with numbers dropping over 70%?

- 1) Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, Kerala
- 2) Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Ahmedabad
- 3) Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, Rajasthan
- 4) Okhla Bird Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bordoibam-Bilmukh Bird Sanctuary, Assam

Answer- 5) Bordoibam-Bilmukh Bird Sanctuary, Assam

Explanation:

Assam's **Bordoibam-Bilmukh Bird Sanctuary**, once a haven for birdlife, is now experiencing a severe decline in avian diversity, with numbers dropping over **70%**. Once home to 167 recorded bird species, recent surveys reveal a staggering decline, with only 47 species now remaining.

- Researchers have documented this drastic decline, underscoring the serious impacts of human activities on local bird populations. Their findings are published in the Journal of Threatened Taxa.
- A survey conducted in 1997 recorded 167 bird species, but this number had dropped to 133 by 2017-18.

158. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) signed a contract with Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the design, and construction of an Acoustic Research Ship (ARS)?

- 1) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
- 3) Cochin Shipyard Limited

- 4) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- 5) Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited

Answer- **2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers**

Explanation:

The Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (**NPOL**), a Kochi-based research and development laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**), has signed a contract worth **Rs 490.98 crore** with Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (**GRSE**) Limited, Kolkata for the design and construction of an Acoustic Research Ship (ARS).

- The NPOL is involved in the development of technologies for underwater surveillance systems and oceanographic research for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) applications for the Indian Navy.
- The ship will be designed as acoustically silent with minimum underwater radiated noise and this is the first time a silent class ship is being built in India.

159. Where was the G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) Ministerial Meeting held from 30th October to 1st November 2024?

- 1) Belem, Brazil
- 2) Gujarat, India
- 3) Sydney, Australia
- 4) New York City, USA
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **1) Belem, Brazil**

Explanation:

A high-level Indian Delegation, led by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr. PK Mishra, took part in G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (**DRRWG**) Ministerial Meeting from 30th October to 1st November 2024, held in **Belem, Brazil**.

- During various Ministerial sessions, P. K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, shared the progress made by the Government of India in reducing disaster risks and in upscaling disaster financing in India.
- The Principal Secretary also emphasized India's approach to disaster risk reduction, on five priorities of DRRWG.

160. Name the scheme that was recently (in October '24) launched by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to train young volunteers across India as the first respondent to disaster preparedness and response.

- 1) Sahakar Mitra Scheme
- 2) Arogya Mitra Scheme
- 3) Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme
- 4) Aapda Mitra Scheme
- 5) Sagar Mitra Scheme

Answer- **3) Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme**

Explanation:

Union Home Secretary **Govind Mohan** has launched a '**Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme**' to train 2.37 lakh young volunteers in 315 districts across India as the first respondent to disaster preparedness and

response. It was launched at the 20th formation day function of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Under this scheme, 2,37,326 young volunteers from the youth organisations such as National Cadet Corps (NCC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) and National Service Scheme (NSS) will be trained.
- Besides, 1,300 trainers will also be prepared under the up-scaling of 'Aapda Mitra Scheme' with an estimated total cost of Rs 469.53 crore.

161. When was the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) established?

- 1) 1964
- 2) 1965
- 3) 1966
- 4) 1967
- 5) 1969

Answer- **4) 1967**

Explanation:

About World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):

Director General(DG)- Daren Tang

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Founded- 1967

Member States - 193

162. Where is the headquarters of IOCL (Indian Oil Corporation Limited) located?

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

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

Explanation:

About IOCL (Indian Oil Corporation Limited):

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) also known as Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is one of the largest companies in India and is listed on the **Fortune 500**.

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)- Arvinder Singh Sahney

Headquarters- New Delhi, India

Establishment- 1964

163. Who is the current (as of November '24) Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)?

- 1) Atul Karwal
- 2) Manoj Yadava
- 3) Anish Dayal Singh
- 4) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti
- 5) Daljit Singh Chawdhary

Answer- **4) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti**

Explanation:

About Central Industrial Security Force (CISF):

CISF is an armed force of the Union established under an Act of Parliament, Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968 (50 of 1968).

Director General– Rajwinder Singh Bhatti

Established – 1969

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

164. Where is the headquarters of Fédération Internationale de Hockey(FIH) located?

- 1) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2) Nairobi, Kenya
- 3) Florida, USA
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Lausanne, Switzerland

Answer- **5) Lausanne, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH-International Hockey Federation):

President-Mohammad Tayyab Ikram

Headquarters-Lausanne, Switzerland

Established-1924

165. When was the Press Council of India(PCI) established?

- 1) 1947
- 2) 1952
- 3) 1966
- 4) 1973
- 5) 1996

Answer- **3) 1966**

Explanation:

About Press Council of India(PCI):

Chairman– Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai

Headquarters– New Delhi, Delhi

Established in – 1966

166. Which organisation stepped into its 50th year of inception on 1st November 2024?

- 1) Coal India Limited
- 2) NLC India Limited
- 3) NTPC Limited
- 4) Hindalco Industries
- 5) Reliance Power

Answer- **1) Coal India Limited**

Explanation:

Coal India Limited (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal, marked its **50th Foundation Day** at the CIL Headquarters in Kolkata. The celebration was graced by Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G.

Kishan Reddy, as the chief guest, along with Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, Secretary of the Ministry of Coal, as the guest of honour.

- This significant event not only celebrated CIL's remarkable contributions to the nation's energy sector over the past five decades but also laid the groundwork for its future initiatives and strategic direction.
- G Kishan Reddy, launched the Golden Jubilee logo and unveiled the mascot "Angara."

167. Where was the new Butterfly Park opened in November 2024?

- 1) Gir National Park, Gujarat
- 2) Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar
- 3) Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Keoladeo National Park, Rajasthan
- 5) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Arunachal Pradesh Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Water Resources, **Biyuram Waghe**, inaugurated a **Butterfly Park at Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh**. Located at the West Bank Forest Camp in Seijosa, Pakke Kessang District.

- This new park aims to enhance biodiversity conservation efforts and encourage eco-tourism in the area.
- He also launched the new Pakke Tiger Reserve website, offering accessible information on conservation, tourism, and biodiversity.

168. Which company was recently (in November '24) awarded with the special award for Innovation by the Centre for High Technology, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in Bengaluru, Karnataka?

- 1) Reliance Industries
- 2) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 3) Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 4) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 5) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited

Answer- **5) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited**

Explanation:

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (**MRPL**) was awarded with the special award for **Innovation** by the Centre for High Technology, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) in the 27th Energy Technology Meet (**ETM 2024**) which was held from 12th to 14th November 2024 in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

- This honour acknowledges its innovative work in First-Principles and Artificial Intelligence Hybrid Applications for Process Efficiency and Reliability Improvement.
- This is the 3rd consecutive year that MRPL has been recognized for its innovation in refining by the Government of India (GoI) through the Centre for High Technology, MoPNG.

169. Which of the following is under the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)?

- 1) International Monetary Fund
- 2) World Trade Organization
- 3) International Energy Agency
- 4) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- 5) International Atomic Energy Agency

Answer- **3) International Energy Agency**

Explanation:

About International Energy Agency (IEA):

The IEA, an international body under the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Executive Director (ED)- Fatih Birol

Headquarters- Paris, France

Founded- 1974

Members- 31 countries

170. Where is the headquarters of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) situated?

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

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

Explanation:

About Central Electricity Authority (CEA):

It is a statutory body established under section 3(1) of the Electricity Supply Act, 1948, now superseded by section 70 (1) of the Electricity Act 2003. It is administered by the Union Ministry of Power (MoP).

Chairman- Ghanshyam Prasad

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

171. Who is the current (as of November '24) Prime Minister of Japan?

- 1) Xi Jinping
- 2) Shigeru Ishiba
- 3) Li Qiang
- 4) Tarō Asō
- 5) Paetongtarn Shinawatra

Answer- **2) Shigeru Ishiba**

Explanation:

About Japan:

Prime Minister (**PM**)-Shigeru Ishiba

Capital- Tokyo

Currency- Japanese Yen(JPY)

172. Where is Mrugavani National Park located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

Chief Minister (CM)- N. Chandrababu Naidu

Governor- S. Abdul Nazeer

Capital- Amaravati

National Parks (NP)- Sri Venkateswara NP, Mrugavani NP

173. Who is the current (as of November '24) Secretary-General of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)?

- 1) Zurab Pololikashvili
- 2) Rebeca Grynspan
- 3) Anacláudia Rossbach
- 4) Audrey Azoulay
- 5) Natalia Gherman

Answer- **1) Zurab Pololikashvili**

Explanation:

About United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO):

Secretary-General- Zurab Pololikashvili

Headquarters- Madrid, Spain

Established- 1970

174. In which state UNESCO World Heritage Site, Konark Sun Temple is located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **1) Odisha**

Explanation:

Four replicas of the **Konark wheels**, made of sandstone, have been installed at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre and Amrit Udyan. Installation of Konark wheels aims to showcase and promote the rich heritage of the country among visitors.

- This initiative is part of the several steps being taken to introduce traditional cultural and historical elements in Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the culmination of Odishan temple architecture. It was built in the shape of a colossal chariot carrying the Sun God. The Konark wheels are symbols of India's cultural legacy.

175. Which group has recently (in October '24) honoured with the Generational Legacy Award for its significant contributions to the Indian economy?

- 1) Tata Tea Group
- 2) Finlays Tea Group
- 3) Wagh Bakri Tea Group
- 4) Gopaldhara Tea Group
- 5) Jay Shree Tea Group

Answer- 3) Wagh Bakri Tea Group

Explanation:

The **Wagh Bakri Tea Group** has been honoured with the 'Generational Legacy Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Indian Economy' by Hurun India in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- This accolade presented at the inaugural Hurun India Family Business Awards, recognizes Wagh Bakri Tea Group's significant contributions to the Indian economy and their enduring legacy in the tea industry.
- The group is expanding its influence both nationally and internationally, with products now available in over 60 countries.

176. Who has recently (in November '24) claimed dual titles at the WTT Feeder Caracas table tennis tournament in Venezuela?

- 1) Krittwika Roy
- 2) Harmeet Desai
- 3) Mudit Dani
- 4) Jorge Campos
- 5) Snehit Suravajjula

Answer- 2) Harmeet Desai

Explanation:

India's **Harmeet Desai** won the men's singles title at the **WTT Feeder Caracas 2024** table tennis tournament in Venezuela. He also bagged the mixed doubles crown at the competition with Krittwika Roy as partner.

- Earlier, they defeated China's Wang Kaibo and Liu Xinran in straight sets to reach the final.
- Desai also excelled in Men's Singles, defeating France's Joe Seyfried 3-0 in the final, following a close semifinal win over Portugal's Joao Monteiro. His success underscores India's rising prominence in international table tennis.

177. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) launched a new initiative 'First in the World Challenge' to promote the development of health technologies?

- 1) Narcotics Control Bureau
- 2) National Medical Commission
- 3) National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences
- 4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 5) Indian Council of Medical Research

Answer- 5) Indian Council of Medical Research

Explanation:

The Indian Council of Medical Research (**ICMR**) launched the new initiative, **First in the World Challenge**. This initiative encourages Indian scientists to propose innovative solutions for pressing

health issues. It aims to encourage breakthrough ideas in biomedical research that have never been attempted globally.

- This initiative was inspired by Chandrayan 3 landing on the south pole of the moon, making India the first country to do so, the ICMR launched a new initiative.

178. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in November '24) signed an agreement with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) for the development of "Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G Rural Connectivity"?

- 1) IIT Delhi
- 2) IIT Patna
- 3) IIT Roorkee
- 4) IIT Kanpur
- 5) IIT Guwahati

Answer- **3) IIT Roorkee**

Explanation:

Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**), Government of India has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (**IIT Roorkee**) for the development of "Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G Rural Connectivity".

- The agreement is signed under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.
- It aims to enable affordable broadband and mobile services, playing a significant role in bridging the digital divide across India.

179. Which legendary music producer and composer, known for collaborations with Michael Jackson's Thriller who passed away in November 2024?

- 1) George Martin
- 2) Klee Benally
- 3) Tom Smothers
- 4) Quincy Jones
- 5) Phil Spector

Answer- **4) Quincy Jones**

Explanation:

Quincy Jones, the multi-talented music titan whose vast legacy ranged from producing Michael Jackson's historic Thriller album to writing prize-winning film and television scores and collaborating with Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and hundreds of other recording artists, has passed away at 91 in November 2024.

- His scores for film and television became instantly recognizable classics. In 1967, Jones was the first Black composer to be nominated in the original song category of the Oscars, for the film "Banning".
- Jones won virtually every major entertainment award, including 28 Grammys, 2 Academy Awards and an Emmy for Roots.

180. Bangladeshi _____ is the currency of Bangladesh.

- 1) Taka
- 2) Baht
- 3) Rupee
- 4) Kyat
- 5) Ngultrum

Answer- 1) Taka

Explanation:

About Bangladesh:

Prime Minister **(PM)**– Sheikh Hasina Wazed

Capital- Dhaka

Currency- Bangladeshi Taka **(BDT)**

181. In which state Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

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

Answer- 5) Telangana

Explanation:

About Telangana:

Chief Minister (CM)– Anumula Revanth Reddy

Governor-Jishnu Dev Varma

Capital- Hyderabad

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary

182. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)?

- 1) Arun Misra
- 2) G Krishnakumar
- 3) Ghanshyam Sharma
- 4) Hemant Khatri
- 5) Pushp Kumar Joshi

Answer- 3) Ghanshyam Sharma

Explanation:

About Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL):

It is a Schedule-A, Miniratna category -1 Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the administrative control of the Ministry of Mines.

Chairman and Managing Director**(CMD)** – Ghanshyam Sharma

Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal(WB)

Incorporated – 1967

183. Which pension scheme completed its ten years on 7th November 2024?

- 1) LIC Pension Plan
- 2) Civil Servants pension
- 3) Atal Pension Yojana
- 4) National Pension System
- 5) One Rank One Pension

Answer- **5) One Rank One Pension**

Explanation:

On 7th November 2024, One Rank One Pension (**OROP**) **Scheme** completed ten years. This was a tribute to the courage and sacrifices of our veterans and ex-service personnel who dedicate their lives to protecting India.

- It is a transformative scheme implemented by the Government of India to ensure fair and equal pension payments for Ex-servicemen.
- The scheme ensures that veterans who retire at the same rank and with the same length of service receive equal pensions, regardless of their retirement date.

184. Which state government has recently (in November '24) declared snake bite as a notifiable disease in the state?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The **Tamil Nadu** government has declared **snake bite** as a notifiable disease in the state, thus making it mandatory for all government and private hospitals to report data to it for comprehensive prevention and treatment strategies like ramping up clinical infrastructure and allocation of anti-snake venom to prevent deaths.

- Snake bite has been declared as a notifiable disease in the state under the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939.

185. Who has recently (in November '24) won the third Rohini Nayyar Prize for their outstanding contribution to rural development?

- 1) Deenanath Rajput
- 2) Medha Patkar
- 3) Anil Pradhan
- 4) Bisathi Bharath
- 5) Sethrichem Sangtam

Answer- **3) Anil Pradhan**

Explanation:

Anil Pradhan, a 28-year-old engineer from Odisha, was awarded the third **Rohini Nayyar Prize** for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development for his work in promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education among students in rural India.

- His work in STEM education and innovation has impacted over 2.5 lakh students to date.

- The award includes a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh, a citation, and a trophy.

186. Name the first-ever Miss World who has passed away in November 2024.

- 1) Kiki Hakansson
- 2) Susana Duijm
- 3) Reita Faria
- 4) Antigone Costanda
- 5) May-Louise Flodin

Answer- **1) Kiki Hakansson**

Explanation:

Kiki Hakansson, the pioneering figure who made history as the **first-ever Miss World**, has passed away at the age of 95 in California, United States of America. She was born in June 1929 in Sweden.

- She won the first Miss World title at the inaugural pageant held at the Lyceum Ballroom in London on July 29, 1951.

187. Who is the author of the book “Speaking With Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism”?

- 1) Jairam Ramesh
- 2) Sanjeev Sanyal
- 3) Amrita Shah
- 4) Ramachandra Guha
- 5) Adrian Goldsworthy

Answer- **4) Ramachandra Guha**

Explanation:

Ramachandra Guha wrote the book titled “Speaking With Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism”. This book was published by Fourth Estate.

- It explores the roots of India's environmental movement, emphasizing its connection to social justice and livelihoods.
- The book examines the contributions of ten prominent Indian thinkers who championed sustainability and rural development.

188. Where is the headquarters of the International Criminal Court (ICC) located?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Berlin, Germany
- 3) Washington, D.C, USA
- 4) Hague, Netherlands
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer- **4) Hague, Netherlands**

Explanation:

The **International Criminal Court (ICC)** investigates and, where necessary, prosecutes those accused of the most serious crimes that the world community is concerned about: crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide, and aggression. Governed by an international treaty called the **Rome Statute**.

- ICC headquarters is located at the **Hague, Netherlands** and it was established in the year **2002**. There are **125 states parties** to the Rome Statute of ICC.

- **Tomoko Akane** is the President and Rosario Salvatore Aitala is the First Vice President and Reine Alapini-Gansou is the Second Vice President of ICC.
- In November 2024, ICC issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defence minister Yoav Gallant and Hamas leader, Ibrahim Al-Masri, for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza conflict.

189. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) signed an agreement with CSIR-Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI) for development of a single broadband antenna to cover 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G bands?

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

Answer- 3) Centre for Development of Telematics

Explanation:

The Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**), the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**)'s premier telecom research and development center, has signed an agreement with CSIR-Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (**CEERI**), Pilani, to develop a "Multiport Switch with Tuneable Impedance Matching Network for a Single Broadband Antenna to Cover 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G Bands."

- This agreement is in line with the "Bharat 6G Vision," "Made in India," and the goal of an independent India.
- The project is funded under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of DoT, Government of India.

190. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chief minister of Meghalaya?

- 1) Conrad Sangma
- 2) Neiphiu Rio
- 3) Lalduhoma
- 4) Prem Singh Tamang
- 5) Pema Khandu

Answer- 1) Conrad Sangma

Explanation:

About Meghalaya:

Chief minister – Conrad Sangma

Governor – Chandrashekhar H. Vijayashankar

Capital – Shillong

191. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is appointed by the President of India?

- 1) Article 75
- 2) Article 124
- 3) Article 148
- 4) Article 163

5) Article 164

Answer- **3) Article 148**

Explanation:

About Comptroller Auditor General (CAG):

Article 148 of the Constitution of India states that the CAG is appointed by the President of India. Articles 148, 149, 150 and 151 of the Indian Constitution describe the functions and powers of CAG.

- The CAG holds office for a term of **6 years** or until the age of **65**.

Comptroller Auditor General (**CAG**)- K Sanjay Murthy

Headquarters- New Delhi

Establishment- 1858

192. Where is the headquarters of Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) located?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 3) Taufkirchen, Germany
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) California, United States of America

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

Explanation:

About Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Elon Musk

Headquarters – California, United States of America (USA)

Founded – 2002

193. Where was the Tuna Cluster being developed under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) initiative?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Sunderbans
- 3) Gulf of Mannar
- 4) Lakshadweep Islands
- 5) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Answer- **5) Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

Explanation:

The Department of Fisheries, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has notified the Development of Tuna Cluster in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands is around 6.0 lakh square km of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) rich in under-exploited sea resources, particularly Tuna and Tuna like high valued species, estimated at 60,000 metric tons.
- The initiative will help in focusing on critical investments such as organizing investor meetings to foster partnerships with tuna-fishing nations and implementing training.

194. Who has recently (in November '24) launched EEPC India's 70th year celebrations and unveiled the EEPC India logo in New Delhi?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Jitin Prasada
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Answer- 4) Piyush Goyal

Explanation:

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri **Piyush Goyal** launched **EEPC India's** 70th year celebrations and also unveiled the EEPC India logo in New Delhi. During his address he highlighted the Government's efforts to reduce compliance burdens and decriminalise laws to promote Ease of Doing Business.

- He highlighted the efforts made in the last 10 years to enhance ease of doing business (EoDB), reduce compliance burden and decriminalise various laws.
- EEPC India's goal is to reach exports of USD 300 billion in the next 5-6 years.

195. Who is the current (as of November '24) Chief of Defence Staff General of Indian Armed Forces?

- 1) Anil Chauhan
- 2) Manoj Pandey
- 3) Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- 4) Upendra Dwivedi
- 5) Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar

Answer- 1) Anil Chauhan

Explanation:

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General **Anil Chauhan** inaugurated the 2nd edition of the annual Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- It aims to engage global and Indian think tanks, corporations, public and private sector undertakings, non-profits, academicians, and research scholars focusing on India's national security, foreign policy, military history and military heritage.
- CDS also launched Project 'Shaurya Gatha', an initiative which aims to conserve and promote India's military heritage through education and tourism.

196. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) designated as a World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Reference Laboratory for Equine Piroplasmiasis?

- 1) Indian Veterinary Research Institute
- 2) ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines
- 3) National Dairy Development Board
- 4) Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- 5) National Institute of Animal Health

Answer- 2) ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines

Explanation:

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has facilitated the designation of Indian Council of Agricultural Research-

National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar (**ICAR-NRC Equine**) as a World Organisation for Animal Health (**WOAH**) **Reference Laboratory for Equine Piroplasmosis**.

- India possesses around 0.55 million Equines (horses, ponies, donkeys, mules) that play a significant role in various livelihoods and industries.
- WOAH Reference Laboratory status not only affirms India's adherence to the highest international standards in research and diagnostics but also reinforces India's contributions to global animal health.

197. Who has recently (in November '24) appointed as a new coach for javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra?

- 1) Vitezslav Vesely
- 2) Barbora Spotakova
- 3) Jan Zelezny
- 4) Klaus Bartonietz
- 5) Jakub Vadlejch

Answer- **3) Jan Zelezny**

Explanation:

Legendary **Jan Zelezny** of Czechia has been appointed as a **new coach** for India's javelin throw superstar **Neeraj Chopra** ahead of the 2025 athletics season. Jan Zelezny, a three-time Olympic and world champion and the current javelin throw world record holder, has long been Chopra's idol.

- He will join Neeraj Chopra in South Africa during a 31-day training camp in Potchefstroom starting later in November.
- According to the Czech Athletics Federation website, Neeraj Chopra will train with Zelezny for the next two years and not the entire Olympic cycle.

198. Which country is recently (in November '24) developing the "Iron Beam," a laser-based defence system designed to counter aerial threats?

- 1) Israel
- 2) China
- 3) Japan
- 4) Russia
- 5) United States of America

Answer- **1) Israel**

Explanation:

Israel's new "**Iron Beam**" laser defence system is expected to be operational within a year, significantly enhancing the country's ability to counter aerial threats.

- Developed alongside the well-known Iron Dome, the Iron Beam is designed to neutralise various aerial threats, including missiles, drones, rockets, and mortars.
- The Iron Beam utilises a high-power laser to target and disable projectiles from hundreds of metres to several kilometres away.
- This method contrasts with Israel's existing missile defence approach, which relies on radar detection and interceptor missiles.

199. When was the International Olympic Committee(IOC) established?

- 1) 1894
- 2) 1914
- 3) 1929
- 4) 1936
- 5) 1947

Answer- **1) 1894**

Explanation:

About International Olympic Committee(IOC):

President- Thomas Bach

Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland.

Establishment- 1894

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

- 1) Rebeca Grynspan
- 2) Catherine M. Russell
- 3) Inger Andersen
- 4) Anacláudia Rossbach
- 5) Audrey Azoulay

Answer- **2) Catherine M. Russell**

Explanation:

About United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):

UNICEF was established in 1946 as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). It became a permanent part of the UN in 1953 and its name was shortened to the United Nations Children's Fund.

Executive Director(**ED**)- Catherine M. Russell

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

201. Where was the first Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS) held from 5th to 6th November 2024?

- 1) Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Gurugram, Haryana
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **2) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) organised the **First Asian Buddhist Summit (ABS)** on 5th to 6th November 2024 in **New Delhi, Delhi**.

- The theme of this summit is on 'Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia'.
- The President of India, Droupadi Murmu graced the event as the Chief Guest.

202. Which Indian Institute of Technology has recently (in November '24) signed an MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to establish a Centre of Excellence for research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'?

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

Answer- 1) IIT Madras

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT Madras**) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) to establish a Centre of Excellence for research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'. The ISRO would be providing a seed funding of Rs 1.84 Crore towards establishing this centre.

- This Centre will act as a nodal centre for spacecraft and launch vehicle-related thermal management research activities of ISRO.

203. Which anniversary has been recently (in November '24) celebrated with the release of commemorative stamp in honor of the Vadtal Temple?

- 1) 100th
- 2) 150th
- 3) 175th
- 4) 200th
- 5) 250th

Answer- 4) 200th

Explanation:

To commemorate the **200th anniversary** of **Vadtal Temple**, a special stamp was released to honor its pivotal role in the Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya. The temple serves as the spiritual capital of the Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya.

- The temple is built in a lotus shape, symbolizing the spirit of harmony among all religions. It includes depictions of past avatars of gods and goddesses.
- The stamp symbolizes Vadtal's rich heritage and its significant impact on the lives of countless devotees, providing a sanctuary for worship and a source of inspiration.

204. Which programme has recently (in November '24) launched by Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs Manohar Lal in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) EV as a Service
- 2) Drone as a Service
- 3) Solar as a Service
- 4) Green Energy as a Service
- 5) Software as a Service

Answer- 1) EV as a Service

Explanation:

Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs Shri **Manohar Lal** launched 'EV as a Service' programme of Convergence Energy Services Limited (**CESL**), a subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi, Delhi.

- EV as a Service model aims to boost e-mobility in government offices; to deploy 5,000 E-Cars in government departments over the next two years.
- Union Minister flags off EV rally comprising vehicles in multiple segments, calls to action on adopting clean mobility alternatives to reduce emissions.

205. Who has been recently (in November '24) re-elected as President of World Sailing?

- 1) Tomasz Chamera
- 2) Li Quanhai
- 3) Ozlem Akdurak
- 4) Daniel Belcher
- 5) Beatriz Gonzalez Luna

Answer- **2) Li Quanhai**

Explanation:

Li Quanhai was re-elected as the **President of World Sailing** for a new four-year term at the organisation's Annual General Meeting (**AGM**), continuing as the only Chinese president of an Olympic International Sports Federation.

- Li emphasised that World Sailing will prioritise environmental protection efforts to safeguard oceans and promote the sustainable and healthy growth of the sport.

206. The Department of Posts has recently (in November '24) issued a commemorative stamp to honor _____, whose life and teachings have influenced countless people.

- 1) Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev
- 2) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- 3) Paramahansa Yogananda
- 4) Mata Amritanandamayi
- 5) Ambalal Muljibhai Patel

Answer- **5) Ambalal Muljibhai Patel**

Explanation:

The Department of Posts issued a commemorative stamp to honor the extraordinary spiritual teacher **Ambalal Muljibhai Patel** also known as Dada Bhagwan, whose life and teachings have influenced countless people all over the world.

- The stamp was released during the 117th Janma Jayanti of Pujya Dada Bhagwan on 10th November 2024 in Vadodara, Gujarat.

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

- 1) 1963
- 2) 1956
- 3) 1945
- 4) 1932
- 5) 1919

Answer- **4) 1932**

Explanation:

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

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

Motto- Touch the sky with Glory

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Established - October 8, 1932

208. Who is the current (as of November '24) Director-General (DG) of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)?

- 1) Cindy H. McCain
- 2) Qu Dongyu
- 3) Alvaro Lario
- 4) Apurva Chandra
- 5) Ashok K. K. Meena

Answer- **2) Qu Dongyu**

Explanation:

About Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO):

It is one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN), to make international efforts to combat hunger and to achieve food security for all.

Director-General (DG)- Qu Dongyu

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Established- 1945

209. What is the capital of Uzbekistan?

- 1) Tashkent
- 2) Ashgabat
- 3) Dushanbe
- 4) Bishkek
- 5) Astana

Answer- **1) Tashkent**

Explanation:

About Uzbekistan:

Prime Minister (PM)- Abdulla Nigmatovich Aripov

President- Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Capital- Tashkent

Currency- Uzbekistani Som (UZS)

210. Which facility was inaugurated by Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, AOC-in-C Central Air Command at Air Force Station Agra, Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) C-295 Full Motion Simulator
- 2) Su-30MKI Flight Simulator
- 3) C-130 Hercules Simulator
- 4) Rafale Combat Simulator
- 5) MiG-29 Flight Simulator

Answer- **1) C-295 Full Motion Simulator**

Explanation:

Air Marshal **Ashutosh Dixit**, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) Central Air Command inaugurated the Indian Air Force **C-295 Full Motion Simulator (FMS)** facility at Air Force Station Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

- The simulator enables the pilots to train in a near realistic environment by simulating various missions like tactical shift, paradropping, paratrooping, medical evacuation and disaster relief.
- This facility will significantly enhance the operational capability of the C-295 fleet.

211. Who has recently (in November '24) inaugurated three schemes worth Rs 13.78 crore to enhance infrastructure, drinking water supply, and improve road connectivity in Uttarakhand?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Raksha Nikhil Khadse
- 4) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- 5) Pushkar Singh Dhami

Answer- **5) Pushkar Singh Dhami**

Explanation:

Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand inaugurated **three schemes** worth **Rs 13.78 crore** at Panna Lal Bhalla Stadium, Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

- The schemes aim to enhance infrastructure, drinking water supply, and improve road connectivity in Uttarakhand.
- These are aimed at improving the quality of life and boosting economic development in rural areas.

212. Name China's first commercial uncrewed spaceplane that was recently (in November '24) unveiled at the Zhuhai Air Show, Zhuhai, China.

- 1) Sun Shine
- 2) Sky Dragon
- 3) Starwing
- 4) Dream Chaser
- 5) Space Shuttle

Answer- **2) Sky Dragon**

Explanation:

China's state-owned aerospace company, AVIC, revealed the nation's first commercial uncrewed spaceplane, **Haoloong-1** or "**Sky Dragon**," at the Zhuhai Air Show, Zhuhai, China.

- This cutting-edge spaceplane, still in development, is designed to supply the Chinese space station, aiming to reduce the costs of sending cargo into orbit.
- Although the spaceplane is still in development, the company said that it could further reduce the cost of taking cargo out of the earth's atmosphere.

213. Name the former Indian polo player and Arjuna Awardee who had passed away in November 2024.

- 1) Fathima Nidha Shihabuddin
- 2) Utpalendu Chakrabarty

3) Harinder Singh Sodhi

4) Andrei Drăghici

5) Nari Hira

Answer- **3) Harinder Singh Sodhi**

Explanation:

Harinder Singh Sodhi, former Indian polo player and **Arjuna Awardee** had passed away at the age of 86 in New Delhi, Delhi.

- During his peak, he achieved a handicap of plus-five. Popular in polo circles as 'Billy' Sodhi.
- He was the manager of the Indian equestrian team during the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

214. Who is the author of the book 'Maa-Mother' that was recently (in November '24) released by Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal?

1) Anita Nair

2) Sudha Murty

3) Shashi Deshpande

4) Prayaag Akbar

5) Dr Davendra Kumar Dhodawat

Answer- **5) Dr Davendra Kumar Dhodawat**

Explanation:

On 12th November 2024, Law and Justice Minister **Arjun Ram Meghwal** released a book titled '**Maa-Mother**' in New Delhi, in the presence of Kerala Governor, Arif Mohammed Khan and West Bengal Governor Dr C.V Anand Bose.

- The book is written by **Dr Davendra Kumar Dhodawat**, Additional Secretary to the Governor of Kerala.
- The book includes an illustration of motherhood in the form of poems that are written in Hindi and English. It also delves into the untold story of the love and affection of mothers.

215. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) located?

1) Dhaka, Bangladesh

2) Tokyo, Japan

3) Bangkok, Thailand

4) Kathmandu, Nepal

5) Beijing, China

Answer- **3) Bangkok, Thailand**

Explanation:

About United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP):

It is one of the 5 regional commissions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**).

Executive Secretary- Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

Headquarters- Bangkok, Thailand

Established- 1947

216. Who is the current (as of November '24) Prime Minister of Armenia?

1) Nikol Pashinyan

2) Ali Asadov

- 3) Irakli Kobakhidze
- 4) Brice Oligui Nguema
- 5) Vahagn Khachaturyan

Answer- **1) Nikol Pashinyan**

Explanation:

About Armenia:

Prime minister (**PM**)- Nikol Pashinyan

President- Vahagn Khachaturyan

Capital- Yerevan

Currency- Armenian Dram (AMD)

217. What is the capital of Gabon?

- 1) Franceville
- 2) Mounana
- 3) Gamba
- 4) Libreville
- 5) Bitam

Answer- **4) Libreville**

Explanation:

About Gabon:

President- Brice Oligui Nguema (Interim)

Capital- Libreville

Currency- Central African CFA franc

218. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) organised India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 Curtain Raiser?

- 1) CSIR Indian Institute of Petroleum
- 2) CSIR-Central Building Research Institute
- 3) CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology
- 4) CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute
- 5) CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research

Answer- **5) CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research**

Explanation:

The India International Science Festival (**IISF**) **2024 Curtain Raiser** will be held from November 30 to December 3, 2024, at IIT Guwahati. It was organized by **CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research** (NIScPR) marking the beginning of this mega science festival.

- IISF 2024 aims to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, encourage innovation, and showcase India's scientific prowess.

219. Who was recently (in November '24) appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)?

- 1) Kapil Dev
- 2) Amandeep Johl
- 3) Anirban Lahiri
- 4) Jeev Milkha Singh

5) Uttam Singh Mundy

Answer- **2) Amandeep Johl**

Explanation:

Amandeep Johl has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of the Professional Golf Tour of India (**PGTI**) from January 2025.

- Johl replaces Uttam Singh Mundy, who has essayed a key role in the organisation since its inception.

220. Who has virtually inaugurated the Centenary Celebrations of the Bose-Einstein Statistics postulation at the S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences in November 2024?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- 4) Bhupender Yadav
- 5) Dr. Jitendra Singh

Answer- **5) Dr. Jitendra Singh**

Explanation:

In a major celebration for India's scientific community, **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, virtually inaugurated the Centenary Celebrations of the Bose-Einstein Statistics postulation at the S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences.

- This prestigious event marks **100 years** of Indian physicist **Satyendra Nath Bose's** contributions to quantum mechanics, which transformed modern physics and laid the groundwork for today's quantum technology.

221. Which country has recently (in November '24) celebrated 75 years of diplomatic relations with India?

- 1) China
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Singapore

Answer- **3) Philippines**

Explanation:

As **India** and the **Philippines** celebrated **75 years** of diplomatic relations, the Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**) unveiled a special **logo** to commemorate the milestone.

- The logo, shared by MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, symbolizes the enduring friendship, cultural exchange, and shared values between the two nations.
- The joint logo incorporates elements from the Indian and the Philippine national flags, including the Ashok Chakra and the Sun and also features national birds of both countries, the Peacock and the Eagle.

222. Where is the headquarters of the National Security Guard (NSG) located?

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra

- 4) Manesar, Gurugram
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **4) Manesar, Gurugram**

Explanation:

About National Security Guard (NSG):

Director General (DG)– Brighu Srinivasan

Headquarters– Manesar, Gurugram

Establishment– 1986

223. Who is the current (as of November '24) Prime Minister (PM) of Mali?

- 1) Assimi Goita
- 2) Nadir Larbaoui
- 3) Abdoulaye Maiga
- 4) Mohamed Muizzu
- 5) James Marape

Answer- **3) Abdoulaye Maiga**

Explanation:

About Mali:

Prime Minister (PM)– Abdoulaye Maiga

President– Assimi Goita

Capital- Bamako

Currency- West African CFA (Financial Community of Africa) Franc (**XOF**)

224. Which is the oldest and largest business organisation in India?

- 1) Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Confederation of Indian Industry
- 3) Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India
- 4) Indian Chamber of Commerce
- 5) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Answer- **5) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry**

Explanation:

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

FICCI is India's oldest and largest business organisation.

President- Harsha Vardhan Agarwal

Headquarters- New Delhi, India

Established- 1927

225. When was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) founded?

- 1) 1946
- 2) 1958
- 3) 1963
- 4) 1996
- 5) 2002

Answer- **2) 1958**

Explanation:

About National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):

Administrator– Bill Nelson

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

Founded– 1958

226. Which organisation has recently (in November '24) showcased a prestigious replica of the original handwritten Indian Constitution manuscript at the 43rd Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates?

- 1) National Book Trust
- 2) Sahitya Akademi
- 3) Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
- 4) Federation of Indian Publishers
- 5) All India Council of Technical Education

Answer- 1) National Book Trust

Explanation:

The **National Book Trust (NBT)** of India has showcased a prestigious replica of the original handwritten **Constitution of India** manuscript at the **43rd Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF)** in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

- This exhibit is part of India's extensive literary representation at the fair, which runs from November 6 to 17, 2024.
- The A3-sized replica is certified by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, ensuring high quality and clarity in its presentation.

227. Which music instrument has recently (in November '24) presented to traditional Dogra artist Gorinath by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh?

- 1) Bansuri
- 2) Sarangi
- 3) Sitar
- 4) Veena
- 5) Yash

Answer- 2) Sarangi

Explanation:

Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** presented a new "**Sarangi**" musical instrument to **Gorinath**, a noted traditional Dogra artist from Udhampur.

- Gorinath was featured in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent **Mann Ki Baat** as an artist who captivates audiences with his century-old Sarangi and shares ancient stories and songs that showcase the essence of Dogra heritage.

228. Who has been recently (in November '24) announced as the international event ambassador of the Tata Steel World 25K?

- 1) Wayne Rooney
- 2) Patrick Vieira
- 3) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 4) Sol Campbell

5) David Beckham

Answer- **4) Sol Campbell**

Explanation:

Former English Premier League star footballer **Sol Campbell** was announced as the international **event ambassador** of the **Tata Steel World 25K**, the world's first World Athletic Gold Label Race, to be held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 15th December 2024.

- Campbell is still considered one of football's most iconic and versatile defenders. Known for his immense physicality, towering presence, and remarkable football intelligence, the Arsenal star was a leader who embodied resilience and power.

229. In November 2024, TCM Sports Management (TCM) secured the exclusive commercial sponsorship rights for all Asian Cricket Council's (ACC) Asia Cup tournaments until ____.

1) 2027

2) 2029

3) 2031

4) 2033

5) 2035

Answer- **3) 2031**

Explanation:

TCM Sports Management (TCM) has secured the exclusive commercial sponsorship rights for all Asian Cricket Council's **(ACC) Asia Cup tournaments** until **2031**. This will deepen TCM's decade-long relationship with the ACC and will allow them sole rights over on-ground advertising and sponsorships for men's and women's Asia Cup tournaments.

- The sponsorship package would grant TCM title and official sponsorship rights, positioning TCM to shape the branding landscape for ACC events.
- The scope of TCM's responsibilities includes a 360-degree engagement strategy, featuring tournament anthems, mascots, trophy tours, and local initiatives to enhance fan connections.

230. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of Lithuania?

1) Gitanas Nausėda

2) Najib Mikati

3) Evika Siliņa

4) Gintautas Paluckas

5) Donald Tusk

Answer- **1) Gitanas Nausėda**

Explanation:

About Lithuania:

Prime minister **(PM)** – Gintautas Paluckas

President- Gitanas Nausėda

Capital- Vilnius

Currency- Lithuanian Litas **(LTL)**

231. When was the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) established?

1) 1861

2) 1875

3) 1886

4) 1893

5) 1900

Answer- **1) 1861**

Explanation:

About Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

Director- General (**DG**)- Yadubir Singh Rawat

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Established – 1861

232. Where has the world’s largest coral been recently (in November ‘24) discovered?

1) Great Barrier Reef, Australia

2) Solomon Islands, Pacific Ocean

3) Hawaii, United States of America

4) Maldives, Indian Ocean

5) Palawan, Philippines

Answer- **2) Solomon Islands, Pacific Ocean**

Explanation:

Scientists have found the **world’s largest coral** near the remote **Solomon Islands** in the Pacific Ocean, a gigantic organism that can be seen from space. The “mega coral” is **32 metres (105 feet) long** and **34 metres (111 feet) wide** and is believed to be about 300 years old.

- It is mainly brown but features splashes of bright yellows, blues and reds, and is covered with ripples of waves, mirroring the ocean’s surface.
- It was discovered by members of National Geographic’s Pristine Seas team – a group of scientists working on board a research vessel in the southwest Pacific Ocean in October 2024.

233. Who was recently (in November ‘24) appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federative Republic of Brazil?

1) Dinesh Bhatia

2) Manish Prabhat

3) Madan Lal Raigar

4) Gopal Baglay

5) Nilakshi Saha Sinha

Answer- **4) Dinesh Bhatia**

Explanation:

Dinesh Bhatia, an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1992 batch, has been named as India’s next Ambassador to **Brazil**.

- Bhatia is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Argentina, a position he assumed on August 21, 2019. His accreditation also extended to Uruguay and Paraguay until February 2022.
- Prior to this, he served as the Consul General of India in Toronto and as Ambassador to Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, and Liberia.

234. Which company has recently (in November '24) signed a 10-year sales and purchase agreement with ADNOC Gas for the delivery of up to 0.52 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of liquified natural gas (LNG)?

- 1) NTPC Limited
- 2) GAIL (India) Limited
- 3) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- 4) Indian Oil Corporation
- 5) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer- 2) GAIL (India) Limited

Explanation:

GAIL (India) has signed a 10-year sales and purchase agreement with **ADNOC Gas** for the delivery of up to 0.52 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of liquified natural gas (LNG), starting in 2026.

- The LNG will be delivered in six cargoes per year from ADNOC Gas' Das Island natural gas facility, which has an LNG processing capacity of 6.0 MMTPA.
- It is the third longest established LNG plant still in production globally.

235. In which port Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise (Re-PREX-24) from 12 to 14 November 2024?

- 1) Cochin Port, Kerala
- 2) Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Paradip Port, Odisha
- 4) Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 5) Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 3) Paradip Port, Odisha

Explanation:

The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** conducted a Regional Level Pollution Response **Exercise (Re-PREX-24)** at Paradip Port, Odisha from 12 to 14 November 2024. The exercise was aimed to enhance preparedness and coordination among various stakeholders in responding to oil spills and other marine pollution incidents.

- The exercise included a series of activities such as professional presentations, discussions and mock drills onboard an ICG ship at sea off Paradip.

236. Which company has recently (in November '24) acquired the world's first patent for Pinfenon (S) (R), an animal supplement made in Japan?

- 1) Scarecrow Incorporated
- 2) Morishita Jintan
- 3) Otsuka Pharmaceutical
- 4) Biholon Company Limited
- 5) Yotsuba Japan

Answer- 1) Scarecrow Incorporated

Explanation:

Scarecrow Incorporated, a Tokyo-based company involved in the research, development, and distribution of supplements for animals, has received the **world's first patent** for Pinfenon (S) (R), an animal supplement made in Japan.

- It is found to lower levels of atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) in dogs.

- The supplements approved as drugs by the Japan Patent Office are subject to technical transfer in such products as food, shampoos, and essences as new means of allowing anyone to protect small dogs from cardiac disorders.

237. Where is the headquarters of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) located?

- 1) London, United Kingdom
- 2) Montreal, Canada
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Brussels, Belgium
- 5) Bern, Switzerland

Answer- **3) Jakarta, Indonesia**

Explanation:

About Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):

Secretary-General - Kao Kim Hourn

Headquarters - Jakarta, Indonesia

Founded - August 1967

Member States- 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam)

238. Who is the current (as of November '24) President of Nepal?

- 1) Ram Chandra Poudel
- 2) Lotay Tshering
- 3) Min Aung Hlaing
- 4) Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli
- 5) Mohammed Shahabuddin

Answer- **1) Ram Chandra Poudel**

Explanation:

About Nepal:

President- Ram Chandra Poudel

Prime Minister (PM)- Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

Capital- Kathmandu

Currency- Nepalese Rupee (**NPR**)

239. Where is the headquarters of World Agriculture Forum (WAF)

- 1) Washington, DC, USA
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Bonn, Germany
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- **5) Rome, Italy**

Explanation:

About World Agriculture Forum (WAF):

Chairman- Rudy Rabbinge (The Netherlands)

Headquarters- Rome, Italy

Established- 1997

240. Uruguayan _____ is the currency of Uruguay.

- 1) Real
- 2) Peso
- 3) Ruble
- 4) Baht
- 5) Dollar

Answer- 2) Peso

Explanation:

About Uruguay:

Uruguay is South America's 2nd smallest country bordered by Brazil and Argentina and lies along the Atlantic Ocean.

President- Luis Lacalle Pou

Capital- Montevideo

Currency- Uruguayan peso (**UYU**)